



Annual General Meeting

Held at Paddle SA, 18 July 2019

Present

Eddie Andriessen, Meredith Blesing, Nicholas Bluhm, Rob Bowen, Ian Brunning (Chair), Peter Carter, Bernard and Frances Goble, Wayne Hooper and Libby Robertson, Ian Hume, Anne Langsford, Mark Loram, Don McDonald, Brian Slater, Kim Wooning

Apologies

Peter Duong

Minutes of the previous AGM

'That the minutes of the 2018 Annual General meeting be confirmed as circulated': P Carter, E Andriessen, carried.

Business arising from minutes

Nil

Reports

President

Appended

Vice President

Bernard Goble reported verbally, noting:

- Training sessions had been conducted by Malcolm Hamilton
- Club members had attended the ISKES event at Wilsons Promontory
- The annual Australia Day paddle would become a memorial paddle to David Mausolf
- Inland paddling had continued, with expeditions to the Riverland and the Murrumbidgee
- Polo members had been assisted to compete overseas
- Sea paddles had included paddles at Victor Harbor, Cape Jervis, Rapid Bay, Innes National Park, and Cape Jervis to Antechamber Bay
- Regular peer paddles had continued.

Secretary

Appended

Treasurer

Appended

Event Manager

Appended

Polo Representative

Anne Langsford gave a verbal report, which included:

- A summer season was held at Payneham Pool with both A and B grade teams competing
- The Australia Day interstate competition was at Mawson Lakes, and was well attended
- Open, Women's, Youth and Masters teams competed in the Australian Canoe Polo Championships. Two juniors joined a Victorian team to compete in their own age group. All teams played well, with the Masters winning the Bronze medal
- A winter season is current at the North Adelaide Aquatic Centre, with A, B and C grade teams
- A successful social competition and Come and Try weekend was held at Tintinara last October, with plans for another for later this year
- School programs have been run at Urrbrae High School, and a school holiday program at Noarlunga.

Election of Officers

President: Ian Brunning (I Brunning, M Blesing)

Vice President: Bernard Goble (B Goble, R Bowen)

Secretary: Meredith Blesing (W Hooper, I Brunning)

Treasurer: Nicki Brunning (N Brunning, I Hume)

Committee: Eddie Andriessen (E Andriessen, N Brunning), Mark Loram (I Brunning, W Hooper), Anne Langsford (A Langsford, B Goble)

The meeting approved Meredith Blesing and Mark Loram to be added to the Bank SA accounts 71295440 and 0424036370760, and Charles Walker and Peter Carter to be removed. (I Brunning, E Andriessen and I Brunning, K Wooning respectively)

General business

Wayne Hooper reported that Paddle SA was preparing to employ a Development Officer to manage courses and other activities which could feed into the club. It was intended that the position become self-funding. The two Riverland paddling businesses and the similar one in the Coorong were doing well, and were working with Paddle SA and clubs

Wayne Hooper questioned the club peer paddling policy. In discussion it was noted that the policy existed but needed better implementation beyond simple pre-launch briefing.

Legal advice from Paddle Australia was that to qualify for insurance events must be on the calendar.

A continuing problem was checking the competence of would-be participants. A suitable checklist was needed, to be adhered to.

Eddie and Meredith presented a progress report on the Trails project. The new site at <www.paddlingtrailssouthaustralia.org.au> would feature directions to launch sites, routes, etc. There would be links from tourist centres, councils, and the like. Feedback and photographs were welcomed.

President's Report

Ian Brunning

I would like to start by thanking a few of the many people who have helped me out this year. Bernard for being a great 2IC and helping me fill in the gaps with his knowledge of all things kayaking, and of course for running the very popular Sunday morning outings from Largs Bay.

I would also like to make special mention of the role Peter has played at ACC since he took the position of Secretary in 2007, not to mention his contribution to several other organisations and the world of kayaking in general. I hope he is now ready to pass over the tools of trade to his successor: here I am thinking the car aerial pointer with ping pong ball on top, the various model canoes and kayaks and so on.

Mark Loram did a great job this year helping me out in many ways but particularly with the workload of event posting now that we are in the Facebook era: we post events to the Calendar, Facebook, sometimes to the website and sometimes to Eventbrite, as well as regular emails out to the membership, so there is a lot of work involved.

Nicky as usual has kept the finances neat and tidy as well as helping me with membership rates and all the usual membership queries and considerations.

Thanks to Instructors Peter Carter, Malcolm Hamilton, Jim Townsend and Phil Doddridge for putting on member trips and training events through the year, and to Charlie and Eddie for putting together such a comprehensive program of river trips. Members have also stepped up to put on Peer Paddles: Bernard's regular Sunday morning paddle of course, Mark Loram and Matt Conbdon doing mid-week paddles and Shauna for a successful whale watching paddle and now a second one next weekend. The calendar has certainly been filled with events and trips most months which is most probably the only real gauge of how the Club is travelling.

Kim Wooning did a great job running another successful Clean Up Australia Day on the Onkaparinga River. Thanks to her and her team of volunteers who are really making an impact on the levels of rubbish they find year by year.

Last but not least on my list of thank yous are Wayne and Libby who through their volunteer work with Operations Flinders organised a trailer loan to get a group of ACC paddlers to Wilson's Prom for the 2018 ISKES paddling convention which was a huge success.

A reflection on the year

I think it has been a very successful year in terms of the number of trips and training sessions we've completed.

There are some great trips coming up: Jim Townsend reef and surfing, more whale watching, a Coorong trip with multiple routes to the secret Snakepit shack and as usual more river trips.

Highlights for me were the Club trip to Wilsons Prom in Victoria, the surf training days at Goolwa Beach, successfully getting the 'KORK' (Kid's Onkaparinga River Kayaking) program up and running, and the trip to Sydney to the Paddle Australia strategy weekend which gave me a good insight into the workings of the national governing body.

This year saw the passing of Dave Mausolf who I'm sure is still in our thoughts as we paddle the locations he so often took us to, his well attended memorial service showed the place he held in the local paddling community.

There are currently some changes under way at the national level with our membership system. The short summary is the new system is looking great and will be a big improvement on our current system and much easier for volunteers to manage. It will also give us better and more flexible ways to communicate with our members and potential new members.

I am not sure where community recreation clubs like ours will end up, as I see the same pattern repeating in most local sports clubs: lower member numbers and the difficult task of attracting new volunteers. There is an opportunity to tap into the new trend of 'no commitment participation', i.e. MeetUp groups,. We could in all likelihood take over the running of at least one of the existing groups if we wanted to. With 300+ registered members (although I imagine only 10% would be

active paddlers), but do we as a Club want the additional workload of working through these casual paddlers, trying to find the ones who would be keen enough to join a club and buy the right gear? And in reality do we have the volunteer manpower this would take? There is certainly a market to offer these recreational paddlers a regular program of organised events, with safety and training included, and make a good profit for the Club, but perhaps this is a task better left to the State body?

My personal view is that most community clubs should consider paying their volunteers or face a slow and gradual decline. This doesn't have to be a payment of dollars, but can start with benefits in kind. The most obvious one is free membership: if a club has to rely on the revenue from membership sales to committee members as well then it is in dire straits, so a budget should include the cost of providing these memberships free of charge to serving Committee members. There are most probably other in-kind benefits that could be offered, but also potentially down the tracks honoraria might become more commonplace. My visit to a once-active table tennis club last night (average age of the members gathered around the teapot after finishing early was around 70, and only nine or so diehard active players) makes me more certain there has to be a mindset change to make volunteering more appealing to the current generation.

Secretary's Report

Peter Carter

Many of the administrative tasks normally undertaken by a secretary, such as maintaining membership records, are covered elsewhere in Adelaide Canoe Club, and with social meetings no longer being minuted, preparation of minutes has also declined.

Correspondence in the past year has been infrequent, mainly the magazines to which we subscribe, *Ocean Paddler* and *Paddler Magazine*. I have let the *Paddler Magazine* subscription lapse, since few members have been interested, and much of its content has been superficial. I will stop the free subscription to the German magazine, *Seekajak*. There has been occasional advertising material, most of it by email, and usually irrelevant, e.g. for trophies or uniforms, plus a couple of letters from the State Member for Lee.

We now have the beginnings of a regular magazine, as has been done in the past, but the new one is electronic, unlike the printed journals of the past. Members are encouraged to contribute.

Event Manager's Report

Mark Loram

The ACC website continues to be updated and the Calendar maintained in conjunction with the Facebook Events management feature.

Plenty of video and photos are being loaded to Facebook as well as Trip Reports to ACC website. It is reassuring to see the interest that is being shown in Facebook posts and Events. At least three new members have commented that this is where they found information that prompted enquiries about joining the club.

A NewsEmail is now being sent to all members for ease of access and to capture members that may have not noticed ACC website or Facebook Events. All events are summarised along with information of interest to club members. Following my report, Wayne Hooper suggested contacting David Heard at Paddle SA to ask him for a summary of Paddle SA projects to include in future NewsEmails.

Treasurers Report AGM Financial Year 2018/2019



Dialling in for the AGM again – great to be here.

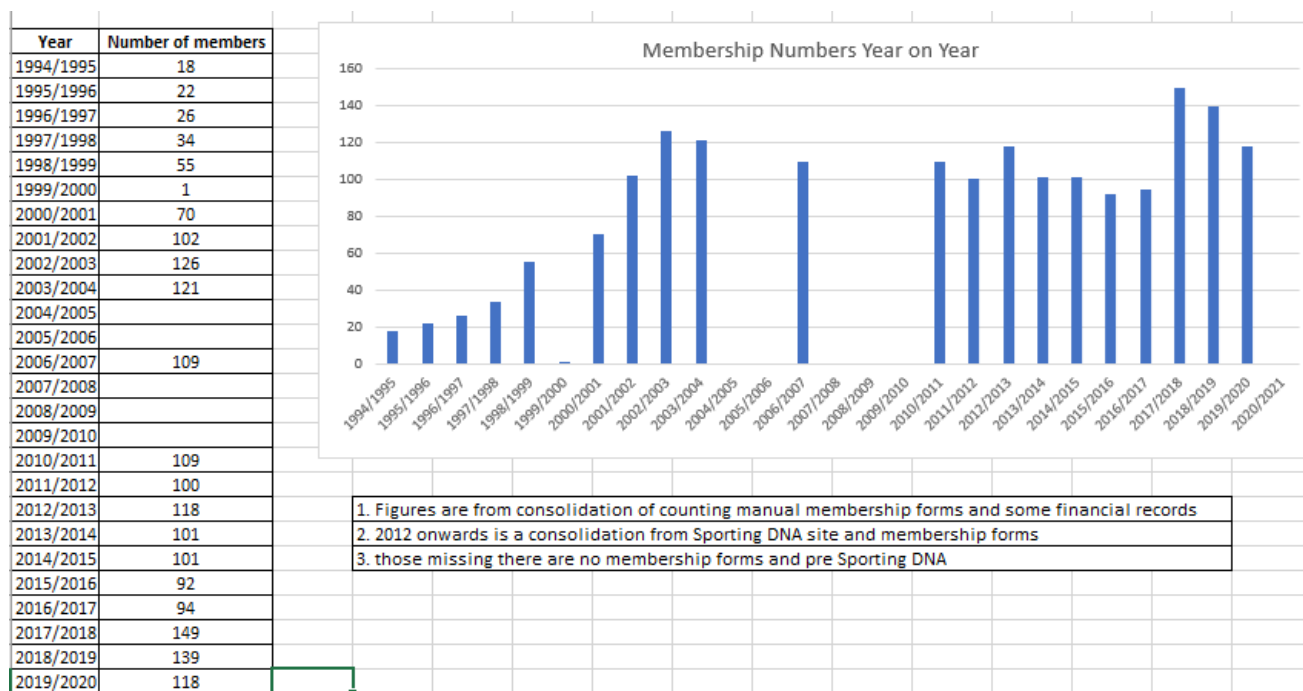
Thank you for your support in making our 2018/2019 achievements happen from a financial perspective.

We have had several wins this year in relation to the operations of the club from a back end financial perspective:

- We have continued the work and simplification of the systems and the credit card payments, Xero etc integrations are working beautifully
- Looking forward to the replacement of the Sporting DNA system with GOM which will make it all even more streamlined!

Membership Numbers

Final Membership numbers for 2018/19 = 118 down 17% from last year



Membership categories has been calculated manually for 2018 / 2019.

- 83 Full Adult Membership
- 1 Second Club Full Adult
- 2 Adult Single events
- 14 Family Members
- 4 Adult 3-month trial
- 3 Full Membership Junior
- 11 Junior Single events

Demographics Analysis of Membership

In addition, due to the Sporting DNA system we are also able to produce a demographics report which will enable to club to establish any marketing and attraction strategies

Below is also a table outlining the demographics of the club over the last 3 years where we have records to be able to review this information

Hopefully with the new system we can get some additional age brackets rather than 36 plus ☺

Membership Demographics										
						Age Range				
Year	Total members	Male	%	Female	%	<8 years old	9-12 years	13-19 years	20-35 years	36 years plus
2018 - 2019	118	75	64	43	36	1	2-Jan	9	22	83
2018 - 2019	139	99	71%	40	29%	1	2	10	21	105
2017 - 2018	149	86	57%	63	43%	1	5	20	19	104
2016-2017	94	64	68%	30	32%	1	5	9	18	60
2015-2016	92	63	68%	29	32%	1	2	8	11	70
2014-2015	No records on system prior to this time									
2013-2014	No records on system prior to this time									

Paddle SA Payments

These have all been reconciled for the end of financial year and all those who came to an event and used the Eventbrite booking system have been manually added to the Sporting DNA database and their fees accounted for with the Paddle SA final reconciliation

Bank Accounts

Main Account Bank Balance after payments as of 30/6/19 - \$3,071.11

Term Deposit Balance as of 30/6/19 - \$5,853.07

The term deposit was rolled over with an interest rate of 2.1% and the new roll over date is the 17th August 2019. The Statement for the Term Deposit has just been received and ACC received a total of \$114.39 interest in the 201/2019 Financial year.

2018/2019 Profit and Loss – PROFIT \$549.16 ☺

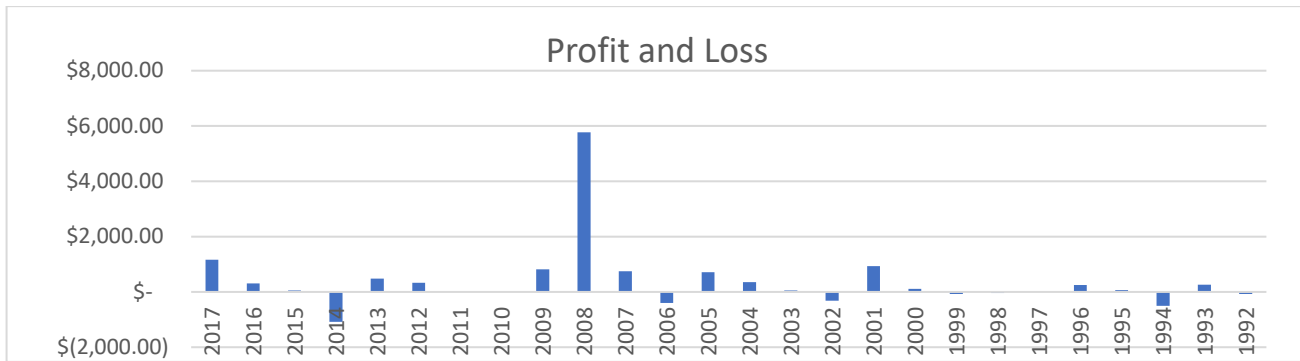
Profit and Loss

Adelaide Canoe Club

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019
Trading Income	
Interest Income	1.97
Membership Fees	4,261.38
Other Income - Boat Hire	15.00
Total Trading Income	4,278.35
Gross Profit	4,278.35
Operating Expenses	
Canoe Polo Sponsorship	900.00
Canoe SA Fees	2,463.50
Consulting & Accounting	216.44
Entertainment	89.80
General Expenses	40.45
Gifts	30.00
Volunteer Training & Development	(11.00)
Total Operating Expenses	3,729.19
Net Profit	549.16

Treasurers Report AGM Financial Year 2018/2019



**Above is the summary spreadsheet of the profit and loss of the club since 1992. There is no data available for 1997,1998, 2010 and 2011. 2008 and 2009 profit was high as Grants were received in that year. Full copies of the Profit and Loss Documents are available as previously mentioned, if anyone would like a copy please email me directly.

Any questions?

If you have any after, please feel free to email me as happy to answer any.

Thank you,

Nicky Brunning,

Treasurer, ACC