

**Fairfield Canoe Club Annual General Meeting**

**27 September 2007**

**MINUTES**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>1. Confirmation of 06/07 minutes</b>	Minutes accepted
<b>2. Business from last year's minutes</b>	Yarra pathway – at this stage there has been no substantial change to our position from last year. Bourke Rd landing – nothing has been done on this. Review of the number of directors – has not been looked at and are not considering this at this point in time. Suggested that the upstairs be further utilized – has not been done at this point.
<b>3. Chairman's report</b>	FCC achievements in 06/07: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Social events included trivia night, film night</li><li>- Coaching goes from strength to strength. There are many members who benefit from the coaching.</li><li>- Communications committee newsletter is outstanding.</li><li>- Website also gets a lot of enquiries from people about the club and lessons.</li><li>- Winter series and racing – it is great that there is so much participation. The bus has worked very well and will hopefully continue next year.</li><li>- Active board participation. Number of nominees shows a great interest in the board and the roles.</li><li>- Thanks to all those involved in the board and the sub committees.</li><li>- This is my last board commitment as I am stepping down tonight. The boards have added terrific value to the club.</li><li>-</li></ul>
<b>4. Treasurer's report</b>	Copies of the audited report already distributed. Accounts have been audited by Collins Millerty. Formally table the report by the auditors. No major asset purchases Membership renewals and new members are at 182 and there have been 13 resignations. Anticipated expenditure for the coming year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Landing</li><li>- Increasing the club fleet of boats</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Question – assets and land are undervalued. What is the reason? An official valuation was carried out last year and the land was about \$1.5m. There is no real reason to reflect this.</li></ul>

	<p>There is not going to be a takeover and the club rules state what can be done with the land. There is not a lot extra that can be done with the land. Insurance for the property has been increased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Question – in the past we have talked about allocating some funds to a rebuilding fund for the future. Are we looking to do this? In reality we are doing this with the amount that is being allocated for depreciation. However, in reality we would not rebuild this building, so the maintenance is most important. We build up the depreciation fund each year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Election of director's</b></p>	<p>Voting information and instructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Names were drawn out of a hat at the last board meeting to determine the order of names.</li> <li>- Members to put an x against three of the names on the paper. Once this is done they will be counted up. A motion will be put to the members that the three people with the most votes be elected.</li> <li>- Any people not voted in are strongly encouraged to stand again next year and also join a sub committee now.</li> </ul> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What do we do if there is a draw?: will ask the two people step outside if there is a draw and we will elect by show of hands. Proxy votes will not be counted at this stage.</li> <li>2. Which board members are not stepping down?: People not standing down are: Andrea Smith, David Bevan, Robyn Ward and Liz Jenkins</li> </ol> <p>The nominees each spoke for two minutes.</p> <p>Motions were passed that the following people be accepted as directors of the FCC: Kev Hannington Harry Brockwell Jennifer Stevens</p>
<p><b>6. Election of delegates to Canoe Victoria</b></p>	<p>The marathon committee wants one delegate from each club. Meetings are held 4 to 5 times per year to discuss what goes on at marathon events. No nominees and decision deferred.</p>
<p><b>7. Reports from FCC sub committees</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Social</b></p>	<p>Social club organizes all of the food and catering for the events and BBQs. Film night also done recently with about 70 in attendance.</p>

	<p>FCC won the trifecta at the winter series and will hold a celebration for this. Room has been organized at the Jika with drinks, food and music.</p> <p>Social committee keen to get new members, organize some social paddles and get a range of new activities organized.</p>
<b>b. ROSD</b>	<p>ROSD main role is to assist in coordinating on water activities. In the last 18 months the board has reviewed the beginner program. Coaches now volunteer their time for the Sunday morning sessions and beginner classes.</p> <p>Beginner classes are now one of the main fund raisers for the club. Thanks to the coaches and to Julie for organizing the beginner lessons.</p> <p>Continue to offer level 2 classes by negotiation.</p> <p>Encourage members to complete their level 1 qualifications.</p> <p>Members supported the race directors in what was the most successful winter series ever.</p> <p>Club conducted a very successful race this year and thanks to the volunteers.</p> <p>Canoe polo has continued to have a high profile.</p> <p>Several club members are also involved in dragon boat.</p> <p>Informal meetings organized with the BRAM committee.</p> <p>Thank you to all members of the committee.</p>
<b>c. Comms</b>	<p>Newsletter is one of the main functions and comes out four times per year.</p> <p>Thanks to communications committee for the work on the newsletter. People are asked to submit articles for this.</p> <p>E-news system is also organized by this committee.</p> <p>Webpage is a great tool and is currently being updated.</p> <p>Working on the history project and intend to have this on display shortly.</p> <p>Have worked on the club banner, produced car and boat stickers.</p> <p>Thanks to the committee.</p>
<b>d. BRAM</b>	<p>Boat maintenance has gone very well. Have a strong beginners fleet. Always trying to update the intermediate fleet.</p> <p>A lot of repairs go on behind the scenes on the boats.</p> <p>Maintenance of the club – showers have been updated with the heaters and fans. Thanks to everyone for looking after it all and keeping it clean.</p> <p>Working bee – want to set this up and have people come down for a couple of hours one day on the weekend.</p>
<b>8. General business</b>	<p>Race directors – have both done a fantastic job.</p> <p>Very excited about winning the trifecta in their first year. Have introduced the bus and accommodation system. Club has subsidized the system to an extent but it has almost broken even.</p>

Have seen a great improvement in the performance of the paddlers. Some beginners have gone on to win races and congratulations to everyone.

One of the reasons why the club did so well in the races was because of the high participation. Awards have been won by three of the members.

Suggestion for an environmental policy. The member suggesting this will be asked to write to the board on this for consideration at the next meeting.

Suggestions:

A permanent AGM date

AGM during the day on a weekend

Reminder to club members to paddle on the right side of the river and give way to those doing this.

Better care of club house – doors left open too often.

Showers left dripping and lights on.

Suggestion that coaches should be paid for their work. This is an issue that could be raised with the board for consideration.

Issue of window cleaning raised – have not been able to find a company that will clean the windows for this building.

Blinds for the windows.

Junior development – how can the issue of boat storage be addressed?

Reminder that the CV AGM is on Sunday 14 October. Email will be sent around to seek a club delegate for this meeting. Marathon special general meeting will be held following the AGM.

Motion of thanks for the two retiring board members who have both served a long period and have made a significant contribution.