



Annual General Meeting of New Zealand Stand Up Paddling Inc

Saturday 22 June, 10:30am. Harcourts Cooper & Co offices, Takapuna.

Present from the NZ SUP Committee: Gavin Houghton (President), Jonathan Wood, Bryan Evans, Helen Blair (Secretary), Trevor Meiklejohn (co-opted).

Apologies: Bill Dawes

NZ SUP Members present: Rosie Houghton, Bryan Evans, Andrew Morton, Laurence Carey, Lucy Schaaf, Nikki Duke, Sharleen Griffin, Dave Corinaldi, Grace Eglinton, Ollie Puddick, Trudy Lile, Angela McKee, Graeme Taylor, Hamish Bunn, Travers Smyth, Mark Houghton, Dion McAsey, Maddie McAsey, Paul Davis, Fergus Dunlop, Sarah Ambler, Jason Clough, Marlene Jackson, Chris Dickson, James Henderson, Courtney Dos Santos, Felipe Dos Santos, Kristin Percy, Jen Cooley (via Skype)

Minutes:

Welcome:

Gavin Houghton welcomed everyone to the NZSUP AGM

Minutes of previous AGM (held on 23rd March 2018):

Motion: To approve the minutes of the minutes of the 2018 AGM

Moved for approval by ??, seconded by Jonathan Wood.

Motion carried.

President's Report presented:

Gavin Houghton delivered his report on the last years achievements, focus and activities of NZSUP. This included the New Zealand National SUP Team's performance at the ISA Worlds in China, the introduction of the new NZSUP Championship Series in 2019, safety projects and our improved social media presence.

The report (attached) talked to the strategic focus of NZSUP (engaging with New Zealand's SUP community, safety, key stakeholder relationships, NZ SUP Championships, education, funding and membership) and the importance of securing funding to enable this work to be completed.

Trevor Meiklejohn provided a report on the NZ SUP Championship Series. This was a new

approach to delivering what has been known as the SUP 'Nationals'. Rather than hold technical, distance/downwind and sprint disciplines over a single weekend, in 2019 it was agreed to trial a series approach where National Championship events took place as part of existing events. Trevor's written report reviewing this approach is attached.

In general terms it was agreed that the series approach was a success and Gavin and Trevor expressed NZ SUP's thanks to Troy and Stacey Huston (Auckland PaddleFest) for delivering the Technical Races, Mike Pirritt (Aotearoa Downwind Championships) for the downwind race and Bill Dawes (Northland Paddleboarding) for the distance and sprint races.

Asked how participant numbers compared to 2018, Trevor reported that number of participants across 2019's series of events had increased year on year from 2018's event.

Gavin introduced the topic of safety and acknowledged Bill Dawes considerable contribution in this area over a number of years. In Bill's absence, Helen Blair presented the report on safety (attached). This included NZSUP being invited to membership of the Safer Boating Forum and \$20,000 funding received from Water Safety New Zealand to create core SUP safety messages, a SUP safety course and SUP rescue course and overarching safety guidelines for clubs, SUP schools and events.

Finally, Gavin updated the meeting on NZSUP's efforts to enhance its digital presence. As a new sport, NZSUP recognises that much of the engagement with our sport takes place on Facebook and other similar digital media. Trevor Meiklejohn has contributed significantly to posting regular and varied content on our Facebook page. Asked how paddlers could help to contribute to that digital presence, Trevor asked that members and clubs either direct message content of their activities on the water or tag NZUP on their social media posts.

Treasurer's Report presented:

As Bill Dawes sent his apologies, Jonathan Wood read and delivered the Treasurer's Report (attached). The key points of the report were that NZSUP was in reasonable financial shape. The majority of financial activity in 2017/8 related to the 2018 National Championships. A slight increase in expenditure was noted as a consequence of travel to the Safer Boating Forum and other key meetings with national bodies such as NZOIA.

With a view to increasing membership and engaging with more stand up paddlers, the model of free membership has continued through 2018-9. This has been successful with membership numbers in excess of 300.

The society has also received the first tranche of funding from Water Safety New Zealand by November 2018.

The free membership model created some debate and suggestion of charging an annual membership fee. Gavin responded that this is something NZSUP is frequently reviewing. He also noted that NZSUP is working towards a position where it can offer value for a membership fee. Jonathan Wood added that from a sponsorship perspective, NZSUP felt that removing barriers to expanding membership at this stage was a key priority, especially in a fragmented sport without the structures of long established sports. Chris Dickson commented that NZSUP's power will be in its database of members. Attendees provided suggestions as to how that value could be created such as a T-shirt or other merchandise

(e.g. cap) in return for a membership fee. These contributions were acknowledged and noted.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved for approval by Kristin Percy, seconded by Aronsky (help!!).

Motion carried.

Appointment of President, Treasurer and Secretary:

The following appointments were made and approved

Gavin Houghton (President - unopposed)

Bill Dawes (Treasurer - unopposed)

Helen Blair (Secretary - unopposed)

Moved by Kristin Percy, seconded by Trudy Lile & Graeme Taylor.

Motion carried.

Election of the Committee:

Thanks was expressed to Bryan Evans, Nicola Maire and Nik Sams for their contributions to the NZSUP committee in 2018-9

The following members were nominated for the role Committee Members in 2019-2020:

Jonathan Wood, Steve Dunlop, Sam Loader, Jen Cooley and Trevor Meiklejohn (co-opted member).

Motion: Appointment of Jonathan Wood, Steve Dunlop, Sam Loader, Jen Cooley and Trevor Meiklejohn (co-opted member) for 2019-2020.

Moved by Mark Houghton and seconded by Bryan Evans

Motion carried.

Any further motions for consideration:

No further motions were raised.

General Business:

Gavin opened the meeting to the floor for comments, questions and concerns that those present wished to discuss or raise. The following discussions and contributions took place:

Gavin invited comment on support for the NZ SUP Team in terms of helping them train and develop as paddlers. He put this in the context of there being no announced location or date yet for the 2019 ISA SUP World Championships. This makes planning and training towards that event extremely challenging.

There were many valuable questions and contributions as part of this conversation including:

- What's happening with the 'ownership' of stand up paddling between the International Surfing Association and International Canoe Federation? Trevor updated that at a global level this matter is unresolved even in spite of arbitration. Locally in the meantime NZSUP sees itself as a collaborative organisation that will work with organisations that can help grow and develop our sport. Given international events are outside the control or influence of NZSUP, we continue to take what action we can locally to develop the sport in New Zealand.

- Challenges of funding and planning for SUP World Championships. Courtney Dos Santos suggested an ongoing, annual fundraising cycle to ensure funds for travel for the NZ team irrespective of the timing and location of the ISA Worlds and the team playing a bigger role in raising funds.
- This led to a broader discussion of selection, squads and alternative approaches to competition. In discussion Ollie Puddick, Felipe Dos Santos and Laurence Carey offered ideas about selecting an ongoing squad (as opposed to a team for a single event), supporting regional Australasian and Pacific Island competitions and using them for athlete development, and a squad coach who leads training and camps for the athletes. A coach could also provide insight to NZSUP about team selection for events when required.
- Laurence Carey mentioned that Nelson Council are interested in an event in that region and that he was seeking to understand the role of NZSUP in supporting such events. Gavin suggested that he meet with Laurence to discuss that further.
- Finally there was general suggestion about what makes for a successful SUP event including a destination that's iconic or highly attractive (irrespective of the event), creating an event experience where participants feel appreciated and the activities surrounding the race, make taking part easy for participants.

Gavin thanked the meeting for the discussion and contributions and agreed that how the NZ team is selected and managed would be an agenda item at the next NZSUP Committee meeting in July.

Date of Next AGM: NZSUP Inc's next AGM will be scheduled nearer the time between the dates of 1 December 2019 - 30 April 2020.

Meeting closed at 12 noon.