



Annual General Meeting
South Port SLSC, South Australia
Saturday 20 July 2013 at 10:00am

Present	Bert Hunt–Moruya, Rod Costa–Torquay, Angus Boot–South Port, Gavin Cragg–South Port, Brian Johns-South Port, Richard Olesinski-South Port, Robert Mooney-Port Elliot, Michael McDermott-North Narrabeen, Carolyn Denton-Brighton, Don Alexander-South Port, Steve Matters-Grange, Stephen Blewett-Torquay, Don Cotterill-Northcliffe, Philippa Lowe-Woonona, Laura Grier-South Port, John Devitt-South Port, Trish McDermott-North Narrabeen, Rae Lawson-Henley, Jamie Butterfield-Henley, Chris Tapscott-Port Elliot, Kevin Watkins-Brighton, Trevor Mulvihill-Henley, Nathan Perry-Mona Vale, Vanessa Knox-McKay-South Curl Curl, Elton McKay-South Curl Curl
Apologies	James McLaughlin, Brian Millman, Graeme Knox Steve Gray, Malcolm O'Brien, Andrew Foley, Michael King, Scott Tannahill, Matt Smith, Hugh Mogel, Peter Hickey, George Godfrey, Scarlett Blewett.
1. To confirm and adopt the minutes of the 2012 annual general meeting as circulated	Trish McDermontt spoke re the item in General Business regarding provision of TV at the Open and confirmed that this actually happened Moved: Trish McDermott Seconded: Stephen Blewett CARRIED
2. To deal with business arising out of the previous minutes	No business arising
3. To deal with any relevant correspondence	<u>Inwards</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Wright re his resignation <u>Outwards</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Wright re Helmets • Rick Wright re Video of Finish Lines • Steve Swayne re loss of wife Carol • Peter Selten requesting a wish list from top end clubs • Glen Seaton re Tugun’s support during Aussie Champs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mona Vale re selection for Australian crews vs New Zealand • Condolence letter to Chris Branson's family <p>Bert elaborated on the correspondence re the helmets, line videos on the finish lines and the Mona Vale letter re the New Zealand selection event.</p>
<p>4. Presentation of Annual Report President-Bert Hunt</p>	<p>This season we witnessed the benefit of our involvement with SLSA under the dual role of the ASRL/Surf Boat Committee (SBC). For the first time ever, we were able to influence where we raced at Nationals and had a big say in the actual timetable for our racing. We also secured, in consultation with SLSA, our own 1 hour Television show specifically devoted to surfboat racing from the Championship. This is all very positive and we must acknowledge the cooperation we have had in the ongoing development of our working relationship with Rick Wright and the team at SLSA.</p> <p>I don't believe I have ever seen a period with so many top competitive crews in the two Open divisions, especially in the men. All season we witnessed very close racing at each of our key events and that is a credit to all concerned. Racing was also very tight in the other divisions, but a worrying trend is the drop off in numbers now not attending some State and National Championship events. Overall the ASRL signed up 550 crews for the season, but the entry numbers at the Australian Titles was in the order of 330 crews. The drop off is showing up in the Open Men, and some age divisions, so something to work on into the future.</p> <p>We took the lead this season and provided every member with a floatation vest. At first some weren't sure about them, but as the season wore on most appreciated having been provided the opportunity to be afforded some protection. The decision to wear the float pads was made by the competitors from event to event, but if required, the vest was available and the safety message was being reinforced.</p> <p>We have continued to work with each of our Sponsors in the development of the sport. Peter Hickey of HSM has continued to develop this sponsors' list and the complete list of all sponsors can be found in the Marketing Report as part of this Annual Report. Peter is a tireless worker for the ASRL in the marketing and promotion of the sport, so on everyone's behalf, we thank him.</p> <p>Our relationship with Navy and DFR continues to flourish. Our two key contacts in the respective organisation are LCDR Don Hogarth at Navy and Elizabeth Mutimer at DFR, and both are absolute delights to work with. It is really special to have the sponsor's representatives working so closely with us to produce the best possible outcomes.</p> <p>The Navy Series in all States has again been well received. From all the feedback we have, crews are really appreciating the opportunities it provides. It is also clear that when the various State rowing groups are heavily involved in the running of boat events, crews seem to like the outcomes. One of the</p>

things we can and must improve on, is our understanding of the power of the media. Some areas do it well and some not as well, but when we see the results of our media exposure as presented in the marketing report, it has again been a staggering result for surfboats. What we will find this year is that the media company promoting the Navy sponsorship will be wanting to promote more of the human involvement and interest angles. Crews winning races are one thing, but until we engage the public with the human faces of the sport, we will always struggle to break into the main stream. This all means that we need to become more involved, we need to open up more on providing the interesting stories.

We are heading into the last season of our current agreement with Navy. We have no reason to doubt that this partnership will continue long into the future, but we must remain vigilant in providing our part of the deal. Next season we will be focusing specifically on issues such as:

- ❖ youth development - will continue with our involvement in the Southern State "Youth Stampede" this season to be held in SA;
- ❖ working closely on the need to increase age division numbers;
- ❖ coaching and sweep mentoring on a National scale, with an eye on increasing the number of available sweep/coaches;
- ❖ introduction of the Triple Crown to help bridge the gap and bring high quality into the reach of more crews;
- ❖ televising of the Triple Crown and ASRL Open;

Treasurer Don (Bristles) Alexander has again been the rock the committee swings off. After record spending last season, we are still in a strong financial position to be able to again deliver for the members. Don's diligent handling of the finances makes life so much easier for other committee members, so I thank him for this.

On behalf of all competitors I again acknowledge and thank the boat officials and water safety personnel from all over Australia for the service they provide the sport on a weekly basis. I believe everybody recognises the big challenge ahead will be to continue to find more officials as the level of competition gets tougher the demand on officials continues to increase.

Thanks again to Perry Brennan, our tireless webmaster who is always just a phone call away.

It has been a very testing year for our committee with many hurdles to overcome and a lot of tough decisions made. The ASRL has grown into a big operation and considering it is still all voluntarily run, it is a credit to the committee members, who are mostly all still actively involved with sweeping or coaching crews, that they are able to dedicate the time required. We had two midterm changeovers with Rod Costa (VIC) taking on the

	<p>secretary role on a tag from Trish McDermott and James McLaughlin (WA) very ably stepped into a VP position when John Wright felt it time to hand the baton on. To Trish & John thanks again for all your hard work on the committee.</p> <p>A special mention of thanks for the role and workload taken on by our QLD VP, Don Cotterill. Don has taken on some of the bigger projects for us this season, such as playing a leading role in working with SLSA on the Australian Titles to achieve the best result for rowers.</p> <p>Your current committee of Secretary Rod Costa (VIC), Treasurer Don Alexander (SA), Vice Presidents Don Cotterill (QLD), Stephen Blewett (VIC), Scott Tannahill (VIC), Michael King (NSW), Rick Miller (NSW) and James McLaughlin (WA) have worked hard to come up with the best outcomes in our decision making. The committee is well served by passionate people with strong ideas on the sport - and that always makes for good debate. It is a pleasure to work with people who are not afraid to tackle the issues and who stand by their opinion. Michael & Rick have both decided against standing for the coming term, so today we say thanks to them for their services and welcome to some new committee members.</p> <p>Finally I would like to thank the membership for your continuing support of myself and the direction we are heading. I am always open to listen to your thoughts and suggestions, as that is the way we keep across the issues. Working as a sport within a sport comes with some strong challenges and we mightn't always get what we want, but we have certainly made some great gains in terms of the current standing of where surfboats sit in the overall picture.</p>
<p>5. Treasurers Report and presentation of the Audited Financial Statement</p>	<p>This report covers the period 1 May 2012 to 30 April 2013.</p> <p>Our cash and cash equivalents were \$232,867 and total assets \$315,920, with our liabilities of cash in advance for sponsorship of \$190,000, we finished the year with retained earnings of \$125,920. Our income totaled \$491,895 and our expenditure \$580,634, showing a loss for the year of \$88,739.</p> <p>Over \$250,000 was spent on five new programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a safety vest for all competing members; the SurfVest fully adjustable buoyancy singlet • TV Production of our major events • Navy Launch on the Gold Coast • Southern State Youth Development • Australian Representative Teams Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test Series <p>The remainder of expenditure was in line with budget forecasts.</p> <p>We are very fortunate to have Peter Hickey working with us in servicing existing sponsors and attracting new sponsors to our sport. Without sponsors we would not be able to provide and continue to provide the programs that we have established over</p>

	<p>the past few years.</p> <p>Our President, Bert Hunt, continues to deliver outstanding leadership for surf boats in general and the committee in particular. His work output, clear thinking, communication and availability continue to amaze me, and I thank him for all his support.</p> <p>Because of the ongoing success of increasing our revenue with sponsorship and membership, the association remains in excellent financial health placing us in a strong financial position for next season.</p> <p>Stephen Blewett thanks Don Alexander re his tremendous presentation of the Annual Report.</p> <p>Kevin Watkins mentioned that we trebled last year's figure for Junior development and Coaching</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>That the 2012-2013 Financial and Audited Report be accepted.</p> <p>Moved: Don Alexander</p> <p>Seconded: Kevin Watkins</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>That the 2012-2013 Annual Report be accepted as a true and correct record.</p> <p>Moved: Kevin Watkins</p> <p>Seconded: Don Cotterill</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
<p>6. Election of Office Bearers for the 2013-2014 season</p>	<p>Bert Hunt spoke of the past Committee and their work ethic and tremendous input from all. It has been disappointing that there has been some personal attacks from a very small number of members in the lead into this election. The comments made are completely unfounded and ill informed as to the working of the committee. If re-elected in todays election this will hopefully all cease and allow the committee to continue working for the good of the sport..</p> <p>Don Alexander took the chair. Elaine Farmer, CEO SLSSA, acting as one of the scrutinizers announced the results of the electronic voting:</p> <p>Two positions were appointed without need for election:</p> <p>Secretary -Rod Costa - one nomination (two year term)</p>

	<p>Treasurer - Don Alexander - one nomination (one year term)</p> <p>President - two nominations, Bert Hunt and Peter Grant</p> <p>President - Bert Hunt – Elected (two year term)</p> <p>Vice Presidents - 8 nominations for 6 positions First three past the post three year term</p> <p>Don Cotterill - Elected (two year term)</p> <p>Grant Wilkinson – Elected (two year term)</p> <p>James McLaughlin – Elected (two year term)</p> <p>Mick Lang - Elected</p> <p>Geoff Matthews - Elected</p> <p>Stephen Blewett - Elected</p>
<p>7. Deal with any Notice of Motion(s)</p>	<p>This Motion to be treated as a Special General Meeting in line with current Constitution</p> <p>Section 9.3 (2)</p> <p>As soon as practicable after receiving the nomination for Hall of Fame membership, the secretary must refer same to the Hall of Fame Committee. The Hall of Fame Committee is consist of the ASRL President and four existing Hall of Fame members. The convener and chairman of this sub-committee will be nominated by the Committee at the AGM. All representatives on the Hall of Fame committee will be elected at the AGM of the League. The Hall of Fame Committee is to so determine the nomination by:-</p> <p>(a) voting on the application</p> <p>(b) in the event there is approval of the nomination, the Hall of Fame Committee will advise the Secretary.</p> <p>(3) As soon as practicable after the Hall of Fame committee advises the Secretary, the Secretary must:</p> <p>(a) Notify the nominee, in writing, that the Association approved or rejected the nomination (whichever is applicable), and</p> <p>(b) Enter the nominee’s name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a Hall of Fame member of the association.</p> <p>Moved: Don Alexander Seconded: John Devitt CARRIED</p> <p>Section 9.3 (2)</p> <p>As soon as practicable after receiving the nomination for Hall of Fame membership, the secretary must refer same to the Hall of Fame Committee. The Hall of Fame Committee is consist of the ASRL President and six existing Hall of Fame members. The convener and chairman of this sub-</p>

	<p>committee will be nominated by the Committee at the AGM. All representatives on the Hall of Fame committee will be elected at the AGM of the League. The Hall of Fame Committee is to so determine the nomination by:-</p> <p>(a) voting on the application</p> <p>(b) in the event there is approval of the nomination, the Hall of Fame Committee will advise the Secretary.</p> <p>(3) As soon as practicable after the Hall of Fame committee advises the Secretary, the Secretary must:</p> <p>(a) Notify the nominee, in writing, that the Association approved or rejected the nomination (whichever is applicable), and</p> <p>(b) Enter the nominee's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a Hall of Fame member of the association.</p> <p>Moved: Don Alexander Seconded: John Devitt Motion was LOST</p> <p>The necessary changes are to be made to the Constitution and Office of Fair Trading NSW advised accordingly.</p> <p>Minutes of SGM held at Coogee on the 25 May 2013 to make change to Constitution accepted</p> <p>MOVED: Michael McDermott</p> <p>SECONDED: Don Cotterill</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
<p>8. Election of Hall of Fame (HoF) committee (5 required from existing HoF members) Nominations will be accepted up until the call to ballot at the AGM</p>	<p>Nominations received from</p> <p>Kim Marsh</p> <p>Stephen Blewett</p> <p>Warren Molloy</p> <p>Rick Millar</p> <p>Robert Walsh</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>That the above five members be elected to the HOF Committee, in accordance with the current Constitution. Changes flowing from the Hof constitution made at todays meeting will take effect from the 2014 AGM</p> <p>MOVED: Stephen Blewett</p> <p>SECONDED: Kevin Watkins</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
<p>9. Setting of fees for the</p>	<p>Much discussion was held re the cost of fees for the coming</p>

<p>2014 season</p>	<p>season.</p> <p>Bert Hunt confirmed that the Navy SurfVest Singlets were to be used for two seasons, that we still had limited stock of some sizes remaining and that we would be providing Navy Singlets only to new members for season 2013-2014.</p> <p>Philippa Lowe suggested that we should do more to assist junior rowers and suggested that we provide SurfVests for all new members.</p> <p>Those that had lost floatation vests, or needed replacements would be able to purchase new ones from SurfVest.</p> <p>New members will be provided a Navy Singlet only and would have to purchase buoyancy inserts direct from SurfVest.</p> <p>.</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>For all existing members of season 2012-2013 the cost to join the ASRL in season 2013-2014 will be \$45, no racing singlets will be provided. This fee will include entry into the ASRL Open</p> <p>For all new members of season 2012-2013 competing in the U19, U23 Men and U23 Women divisions, the cost will be \$45 and a SurfVest will be provided.</p> <p>For all new members competing in the Reserves, Open Men and Open Women divisions the cost will be \$60 and a Navy Singlet, without buoyancy inserts, will be provided.</p> <p>MOVED: Don Cotterill</p> <p>SECONDED: Michael McDermott</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
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The Meeting Closed 10:52am

Signed as a correct record 20 July 2013:



Bert Hunt

President

Open Forum

There was general discussion of the following issues:

- Follow up from May Conference at Coogee, where it was agreed that the Round Robin type system should be used at the Australian Championships the ASRL will need to take this up when we next meet SLSA.
- Triple Crown
- Don Cotterill spoke re the TC to be held this season. "The Best against the Rest" concept has been very popular from the feedback we have received to date. Crew Expression of Interest to be seeded into Round 1 is oversubscribed so a very healthy result

The three rounds will be held

Round 1 Surfers Paradise 9-10 Nov

Round 2 Anglesea 7-8 Dec

Round 3 Manly/North Steyne 25-26 Jan

- Bert Hunt spoke re the very successful May Conference. 61 Sweeps attended. Discussions held re Bronze Medallions, Survey results, Qld Boat Numbers, U19 Numbers down all over Australia. Open Boat numbers down to only 48 at Aussies.
- Bert Hunt and Kevin Watkins spoke about the Youth Stampede hopefully to be held in Robe SA on 30th November. Pool boats would be available. Crayfish and Wine. Only 3 ½ hours drive from Adelaide. Perhaps ASRL could subsidize a bus for Tasmania and Victoria from Melbourne Airport with pickups in Melbourne and then Geelong. ASRLSA are very keen to hold this event and make it work
- The Young Guns at Collaroy would still be supported by ASRL and not to be confused with the Youth Stampede as these are two separate events and both will be subsidized.
- Stephen Blewett gave a rundown re coaching accreditation
- Don Cotterill explained the concept of this year's Navy 100 Year Centenary on the Sydney Harbour in October. There would be Tall Ships, Battleships, Foreign Navies, Fireworks etc etc etc. Markson Sparks had been appointed by ASRL at no risk to to run the event on our behalf at the Sydney Opera House.
- Nathan Perry asked about the "Novice Sweep Award". This was to attract and encourage younger sweeps. All agreed we need to re instigate this award.
- Richard Olesinski spoke re the venue for the Australian Open. What does the future hold? Bert explained how we were on the move this year from Stockton but when SLSA announced that Perth was to be the venue for Aussies and after consideration, we decided to stay at Stockton. The following concept had been adopted. 2 years in NSW, 1 elsewhere. Ollie agreed we should keep this concept.

- Robert Mooney (Moose) from Port Elliot put forward an idea re “Surf Boats as rescue crafts”. Surf Boats could be added to patrols and all clubs would have one. This would encourage new participants. This to be added to the ASRL agenda.

FORUM CLOSED 12:15pm