



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DWSA HELD AT THOR AIRPORT HOTEL
NORWAY, SUNDAY 21st JULY 2021**

Meeting commenced 16:15hrs

Attendance

Noel Dix, Glen Sidman, Belinda Sidman, Jason Sleep, Sam Sleep, Will Kelly, Jason Hills, Scott Wintle, Ian Sleep.

Apologies

Sharon Paterson, John Fisher

Note

AGM was held on the Worlds Hotel 2019 to take advantage of the fact that most DWSA members were present.

2018 minutes were accepted by Jason Sleep seconded by Belinda Sidman. There was no business arising from the minutes.

State Reports

Noel provided a verbal overview of State Reports from NSW, Vic, Qld and WA. There was no activity in the ACT, NT, Tasmania or SA.

Correspondence

Nil

Directors Reports

Verbal Reports were provided by all Executive Directors. provided a verbal overview of State Reports from NSW, Vic, Qld and WA. See minute item under WAWA.

Worlds 2021

At the World Disabled Water Ski Disabled Council Meeting held on 24th July, Australia were afforded the rights to host the 2021 Worlds subject to being confirmed no later than 31st December 2019.

(Footnote: This was confirmed to the Disabled Council and IWWF on 5th November with the host site being the Bridgewater Water Ski Club, Victoria, during February 2021. Jason is Chair of the Local Organising Committee)

Committee Structure

Following discussion, it was agreed that, as DWSA is primary concerned with competition, that the Executive Committee should be elected from those members who are active in this arena. Accordingly, the committee was elected for 12 months as follows:

Chairman:	Glen Sidman
Executive Director/Social Media:	Noel Dix
Secretary:	Belinda Sidman
Treasurer:	Ian Sleep
Coaching Director:	Jason Sleep
Web Master/Graphics:	Scott Wintle

State Representatives

State Representatives were confirmed as follows:

QLD:	Scott Wintle
NSW:	Sharon Paterson
VIC:	Jason Sleep
SA: Vacant	Peter Franks (by default)
WA:	Tania McCarthney
TAS: Vacant	Damian Causby (by default)
NT: Vacant	Craig McGlew (as fallback)
ACT:	Noel Dix

Note: Northern QLD - Chris Becket from Townsville is running come n try days, Glen will contact Chris to inform him we will assist where possible anyone interested in skiing.

General Business

Financial Delegations

As an interim measure the following delegations are to apply:

Routine Expenditure (subs, etc)	Treasurer	Up to \$500
Portfolio Expenditure (by Directors)		Up to \$250
All expenditure above \$250		Committee to approve

Funding to Officials at World Championships

DWSA to adopt the Policy that officials receive an equal share of a capped amount \$2,000, other that when held in Australia when the allocated share is not to exceed the actual cost of travel.

Expense items for Skiers and Official Support Staff at World Championships

- Air Fares: DWSA
- Accommodation: DWSA
- Training Sets: Members
- Entry Fees: DWSA
- Uniforms: DWSA (blazers remain the property of DWSA unless paid in full by member.)
- Meals: Members
- Fund Raising: Each skier to raise \$2,000 as a contribution to funding attendance at a World Championships.

Team Dinner: DWSA to fund one team dinner at a world championship event.

WAWA Matters

A brief snap shop resultant from a recent WAWA Board Meeting.

- The Australian Sports Commission will require WAWA to adopt the company structures onto states and divisions.
- WAWA will be bringing in a model of core funding expenditure
- WAWA Board Members will have a phone conference then we will piggy back ideas.
- DWSA isn't an incorporated company structure
- Tournament is an example of Board and State Reps.
- Future Divisional Executive may have to include two state reps and two WAWA reps
- Fair sport for all and fair sport for juniors is being introduced. This means no violence, no sexual advance and this includes juniors, possible disciplinary action.

Networking. Need to develop better networking with other disability groups such as the Sporting Wheelies and Disability Association Qld.

Moomba. Jason is working in with Moomba and the Melbourne City Council to have Disabled as a permanent fixture. The aim is to have it in place for 2021 and have it link to the Worlds. Some key points:

- DWSA needs to raise \$25,000
- Participation by invitation only to the best 6 - 8 disabled water skiers in the world
- Prize money 1st prize \$8,000, 2nd prize \$5,000, 3rd prize \$2,500
- Moomba will follow our 2021 worlds

Come & Try Days

Some key issues concerning Come and Try Days

- Jason Sleep doesn't want to run come n try days in Victoria as he wants to concentrate on coaching and the Worlds., but he will if no other option is available.
- Belinda and Glen Sidman have stepped down from running come n try days in NSW but Sharon Paterson and John Fisher will continue to run them.
- States need to run at least 1 come n try per year (preferably more) to qualify for participation funding.
- WA run school come n day try days

It was noted that there have no new full members over the past number of years from come and try days

AGM

We have sought advice from WAWA on what constitutes a voting member and how many voting members need to be present at an AGM. Once received we will decide on where our AGM's will be held.

Coaching Director

The Coaching Director is responsible for all skiing matters.

To be eligible for Worlds skiers:

- Must compete at states and nationals
- Rookie skiers should compete in local tournaments
- Every skier must fundraise \$2,000 every 2 years
- Must be full active WAWA members

Selection criteria to be changed to reflect the above.

Selection Committee

A criticism is that our selection committee is too skier heavy. Consequently = 4 Administrators and 1 Skiers Representative were selected as follows:

Glen Sidman (Chair)

Noel Dix

Ian Sleep

Sam Sleep

Jason Sleep

New skiers to purchase their own uniform and blazer

Blazer

Discussion took place on whether we change the blazer colour from green to blue. If we change how do we fund the new jackets. **No Decision was made.**

Blazers remain the property of DWSA, however skiers may opt to purchase their jacket at full cost. Pockets may be retained.

World Championships

A Federation (Australia) can now take 2 Rookies subject to the not exceeding the maximum allowed team size of 14. Rookies must conform to the selection criteria

Individual Category Medals

DWSA suggested to the World Disabled Council that the Worlds change the 3-medal system to 3 trophy system and bring back individual division medals with the host country to cover the costs of the individual category medals.

The proposal only received luke warm support, the major stumbling block being world champions in small categories (e.g. Claire Ellis) always winning the gold medals and the cost of providing medals in each category.

We will put it in hold and maybe give it some more thought for the 2021 Worlds Council meeting.

Noel Dix Award

It was agreed that at every Nationals a medal and/or award be given to most improved skier as determined by Glen, Jason and Noel.

Meeting closed 18:00hrs