



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DWSA
HELD AT BY ZOOM IN AUSTRALIA, ON SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

Meeting commenced 10.00 hrs

Attendance: Leeza Wray, Noel Dix, Glen Sidman, Belinda Sidman, Jason Sleep, Ian Sleep, Sharon Paterson, Tania McCartney and Samantha Jane-Longmore.

Apologies: Scott Wintle

2019 minutes were accepted by Jason Sleep seconded by Glen Sidman. Business arising from the minutes. Some minor date corrections were made.

- a) DWSA Blazers. Colour to be changed to blue and remain the property of DWSA. Members have the option to buy them at cost price.
- b) Member Fund Raising. Covered under Agenda Item 9.
- c) Company Structure. An abridged version is to be developed by WAWA within a 12-month time frame.
- d) Future Divisional Executive. To await the Company Structure.
- e) Networking. A reminder to network with other disability groups and relevant industry bodies.
- f) Moomba. DWSA to continue working with Melbourne City Council and the Victorian Water Ski Association with the aim of introducing a Disabled Division by 2025, possible to align with the hosting of the 2025 World Championships.
- g) AGM Attendance. To be held annually by 30 November and attendees to consist of the Executive Members and State Representatives. Dates to be advised and circulated as early as possible.
- h) Selection Criteria. To be published for 2022 and to include a Code of Conduct.
- i) Category medals. Allowed for National, State and Local competitions.

State Reports.

- a) Noel provided a verbal overview of State Reports from ACT, Qld and Tasmania.
- b) Sharon, Jason and Tania provided a verbal overview of State Reports from NSW, Vic, Qld and WA. There was no activity in the NT nor SA.

Correspondence. Nil

Directors Reports. Verbal Reports were provided by all Executive Directors. Noel provided an overview of the status of the DWSA website.

Finance

The Treasurer presented the financial report which was accepted by all. In summary. Revenue was \$16,987, expenses were \$240, bank balance was \$48,499, IWWF Deposit held for 2025 Worlds \$7,714. total equity \$56,227.

DWSA remains in a sound financial position.

Worlds 2023. At a World Disabled Waterski Disabled Council Meeting in early 2022, due to Covid 19 potential restrictions, it was agreed that the rights to host the 2023 Worlds would be assigned to the USA, with Australia to host the Worlds in 2025. This was agreed to by the IWWF.

The Worlds are to be held at Elk Grove, California between 11th and 18th September, Planning is well on its way to select an Australian Team with a view for the Team to hold a pre worlds training week in Townsville prior to departure for the USA.

Worlds 2025. Early planning has started with Jason the Chair of the Local Organising Committee. Potential host sites are Mulwala and Bridgewater with the preferred dates late February or early March (to tie in with our possible inclusion in Moomba) or late November.

Expense items for Skiers and Official Support Staff at World Championships.

- Air Fares: DWSA (Approximately \$2,700 return, a significant rise from 2019)
- Accommodation: Members with some support from DWSA (budget of about US\$150 per twin room per night).
- Training Sets: Members
- Entry Fees: Members (budget at US\$400 per skier).
- Uniforms: Members (blazers remain the property of DWSA unless paid for in full by the member).
- Meals: Members (accommodation cot likely to include breakfast)
- Fund Raising. Each skier to raise \$3,000 as a contribution to funding attendance at a World Championships. Funds raised are to be forwarded DWSA and are to go toward airfares with any surplus to be spend on accommodation assistance.

Team Dinner: DWSA to fund one team dinner at a world's.

Election of Directors:

There being no new nominations, the following directors were re-elected for a term of two years.

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

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	Karen Stallard (by default)
NT: Vacant	Craig McGlew (as fallback)
ACT:	Noel Dix

Appointment of Female Representative

There being only one nomination, Samantha-Jane Longmore was elected to this position. Samantha also volunteered to take on the role of social media projects such as facebook, Instagram and twitter.

World Selection Criteria.

It was agreed that the 2022 selection Criteria will be published as a separate document as well as being included in the DWSA Policy Book and must include a Code of Conduct Section to be signed by all team members.

General Business

DWSA Policy Book. Noel tabled a draft Policy Book and it was agreed that this will be further developed over the next 12 months to include all key issue that impact on DWSA.

Women Come and Try Days. All active states and supported WAWA clubs were to hold at least one Women Come and Try Days.

Distribution of Participation Funding. Based on contribution to of come and try membership, the following distribution of participation funding was agreed.

NSW.	\$1,000
Victoria.	\$1,000
WA;	\$500

NQ (Chis Beckett) \$1,00

Australian Sport Foundation (ASF) Fund Raising Project. A reminder was given that a fund raising project for the 2023 Worlds had been set up through ASF, and that all donations of \$2 or greater was tax deductible. This was included in the sponsorship flyer and there was a “Donate” link in the DWSA web site.

State Representatives Role.

- Responsible for networking with State Government Bodies, normally through the Water Ski State Association.
- Organising and running Come and Try Days.

Review and Expectation of State Come and Try Days.

- To Provide support to all disabled skiers from grass roots to competition.
- Organising and running Come and Try Days.
- Organising at least one women’s Come and Try.
- Skiers who want to take it further to the competition level are to be advised to the Coaching Director (Jason Sleep).

Social Membership

Discussion took place on Social Membership. Leeza undertook to provide an update on WAWA’s approach to Social Membership.

Other Business Admitted

Annual Fund Raising. With the expanding of competitions to include Oceania and Moomba it will be asked of all team members to raise funds on an annual basis. \$3,000 in a worlds year and amount yet to be determined in an off worlds year.

Coaching Criteria

Members who are involved in coaching, from running Come and Try Days to Training Clinics must hold current Coaching, First Aid and Working with Children Certificates.

Team Selection. Potential worlds team members are to be asked to confirm their availability for selection and ability to fund raise.

Event Calendar

It was agreed that the Disabled Event Calendar on the WAWA website will be developed and adopted.

Meeting closed 1100hrs

Belinda Sidman

Secretary

Noel Dix

Executive Director

