



Fairfield Canoe Club

THE ESPLANADE FAIRFIELD, VICTORIA, 3078

Affiliated with the Victorian Amateur Canoe Association

NEWSLETTER.

7.9.1983

Dear Member,

The last Annual shareholders' meeting was attended by nineteen people which is a bit disappointing as we usually have almost a full house. It is important that all members attend in future as policy decisions for the clubs management are usually discussed at these meetings and as a consequence are of direct concern to all shareholders.

At the meeting two directors retired namely- A Kerekes and J. Waters. The committee of management wishes to express their sincere thanks to the two directors for their service and hard work that they performed for the club.

Nomination for new directors were called and three nominees stood for election to the two positions. They were :-

M. Mills
A. Marshall
T. Yorkshire.

The result of the vote elected M. Mills and T. Yorkshire.

A recent directors meeting distributed the portfolios of directors as follows:-

M. Mills - Chairman
Z. Szigetti - Vice Chairman
J. Alia - Secretary
A. Northey - Treasurer
T. Yorkshire - Commodore

A. Kerekes will remain club delegate to the V.A.C.A Race committee.

The club also lost the services of Fay Kerekes in the ladies committee. Again we like to thank Fay for all the effort she put in getting this committee operational and in making it a financial success.

Points Arising from the Meeting:

1. A copy of the Commodore's report is enclosed in this Newsletter.
2. It was felt that attendance at working bees was disappointing and completely inadequate if we are to see the completion of the club in the near future.

A motion moved by K. Chandler was passed unanimously that attendance to at least 5 working bees per year was compulsory. A fine of \$40.00 per working bee is to be imposed for non attendance.

A new roster is enclosed in this Newsletter.

If people rostered cannot attend on that day, they should contact J. Alia and make alternate arrangements.

A working bee will constitute a full days work that is attendance from 9 a.m to 4 p.m.

As we may all know the building programme has ground to a virtual halt, this being due to :-

1. Lack of money to purchase materials.
2. Lack of labour at working bee (main reason).
3. Complaints by residents resulting in modifications to plans and permits.

The new committee is keen to revitalise the spirit that was apparant at the beginning of the project and it is hoped that it will show the way to achieve the end goal of completing the building.

Underlined is a plan that the Directors feel must be adhered to by ALL members if they wish to see the satisfactory completion of the building.

Stage one of the building programme is the completion of the boat storage area to a secure lock up stage, this will also entail the construction and laying of the first floor. In order to achieve this goal it will be necessary to use the funds raised by the ladies committee of the club without whose efforts this would not have been possible.

The money would only purchase materials and all labour and equipment will have to be supplied by the members.

So as from Sunday, 11th April, the committee requires that all members notified by mail to make themselves available to attend working bees as listed.

However if any member feels he is unable to attend at working bees the fine imposed will be gratefully accepted as a donation to the fund.

Regardless of the limited financial resources of the club we still have sufficient materials on hand to complete the building to a lock up stage.

The following is a list of work that can be done without any further expenditure in order of priority.

1. finish Wall cladding, road end to 2nd floor level.
2. Secure rear end of building (river end) including door.
3. Construction of boat racks.
4. Down pipes and drainage to river.
5. Paint galvanised ends.

A special task force will be formed for the construction of the 1st floor as soon as the building materials become available on site. -

We expect that the above work be complete by the end of September.

BUT I REMIND YOU THAT THIS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF YOU WORK AT IT.

The present committee of management feels that if the above arrangements are not satisfactory then the shareholders' should hold a special shareholders' meeting at which time the present Directors will retire and a new board of management can be elected.

As we are the premier club of Victoria it is to every members advantage to see the successfull completion of the building which will be a credit to canoeing not only in Victoria but Australia.

All members should be proud of their clubs achievements up to date and it would be a sad day if this enthusiasm was allowed to wane or disappear after all the effort that has been applied up to date.

We also take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the members that have supported the working bee up to this date and we hope for their continuing support even though they may feel frustrated and let down by their fellow members.

By the time you recieve this letter the committee will have shown the initiative by themselves working at the 1st working bee after the formation of the new committee, listed below is the new roster, please ensure that your presence is felt, if not be prepared to dig deep in your pocket.

We remain your obedient servants in canoe-ing.

M. Mills.
Z. Szigetti.
J. Alia.
A. Northey
J. Yorkshire.



JOE ALIA.
SECRETARY:



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WORKING BEE ROSTER:

GROUP A.

B.

C.

D.

J. ALIA ✓
M. MILLS
P. MILLS ✓
T. OHMAN
I. FARMER
J. MAYNE
H. HITZLER
G. MURRELL
F. LAMBERT ✓
P. MAHLER
A. MARSHALL
R. SVAMBORYS
M. KUNA

Z. SZIGETTI
K. CHANDLER
R. BROWN
M. BUCK
P. DUNAI
M. ERSKIN
J. WATERS
L. MOSER
P. MOSER
D. MOSER
M. LOFTUS-HILL
D. ROSS
C. CARMICHAEL

A. NORTHEY
A. KEREKES
P. HEADLAN
T. YORKSHIRE
D. LEWIS
T. MEEK
R. BROWN
D. COOL
M. ERSKIN
R. WOLF

F. RESSETTO
B. WAKIM
G. WAKIM
J. KUSZELL
J. COLLINS
C. HUGHES
E. DAVIDSON
R. WILLIS
D. CREWES
J. SMITH
M. WORICH
J & C. BURKE

NOTE: The first named person in each group is the group leader.

GROUP REQUIRED:

DATE:	11. 9. 83	SUN	A.
	17. 9. 83	SAT	B.
	18. 9. 83	SUN	A & C.
	24. 9. 83		D & B.
	25. 9. 83		A & C.

It will be noted that more than one group will be required at a given time on some days. Each group will be involved in a different task.

Attendance is essential.

Group leaders will note that it is their responsibility to ensure and confirm attendances.

Start time 9,00am to 4 p.m.

Tools and equipment will be notified by the group leader.



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COMMODORES REPORT

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING 16th AUGUST, 1983.

The club has had mixed success this season. The L.D. season although well represented and competed in by members of the club we did not win the trophy.

The sprint season on the other had was very successful and pleasing, not only in the fact that we took out the double by winning the A.C.I. and Kirwin Cup, but in the efforts and perseverance that the team members made in competing.

Although many people seemed interested in touring nothing was really done about it, perhaps with a little more thought and effort something can be done in this area.

Club outings also had mixed success. The function at One St. Vincent's Place was very well attended and enjoyed by all those who went, but on the other hand the Potters Cottage outing was disappointing in the number of people who attended, but was enjoyed by those who did. The barbeques that were held were enjoyed by those who attended, and it is interesting to note that they are by in large the same people who attend each time, it can only be because they enjoy themselves.

The working bees just like the proposed cookbook has turned out to be a flop and it would appear to be for the same reason, lack of interest. Hardly anyone, save a dedicated few have been good enough to put in a few hours work every six weeks to get the job done. Although the club is successful now, would it be in the same position or would it even survive if the dedicated few decide that they also have done enough; and will there be anyone to take their place if they leave or will the club sink back into nothingness.

As I have stated before the importance of club participation it is vital for the survival of this club. This means active membership, club spirit and involvement, if we don't try, we are nothing.

John Waters
Commodore