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FAIRFIELD CANOE CLUB COOPERATIVE LTD
Annual General Meeting 2022-23
Approved minutes, revised from draft.

Date **Sunday 27 August 2023**
Time **4pm**
Location **Hybrid meeting: in person at FCC, & via Zoom**

1. Attendance

Directors: Foster Rossetto, Ed Tollinton (treasurer), Rowan Doyle (chair), Geoff Baird, Helen Gibney (secretary), Alasdair Morrison, Johannes Siebrand (via Zoom)

Members in person: Mark Malmberg, Wennie van Lint, Julie Perriam, Fiona Cock, Trish Rossetto, Melanie Carr, Leab Sek, Aaron Bawden, Craig Harpin, Llew Morgan, Arlene Hoeks, Gary Flanigan, Hamish Ewing, Jonathan Mayne, Thomas Ladson, Tony Ladson, Sarah Ewing, Wen Tan, Dee Andayani

Members via Zoom: Tony Payne, Marg Buck, Mike Stewardson, Marc Bellette, Helen Neill, Peter Thompson

Juniors: nil

Guests: nil

Quorum achieved: 18 members required, 32 members attended

Apologies: Mark Smith, Justin Francis, Robin Curwen-Walker, Kerry Mason, Stephen Beitz

Proxy holders: nil

2. Welcome

Rowan Doyle	Acknowledgement of country
Thomas Ladson	Sharing his experience in Europe at the World Whitewater Championships

3. Acceptance of the minutes of the 2021-22 Annual General Meeting

Final minutes available here

Motion	That the minutes of the 2021-22 AGM be accepted
Moved	Gary Flannigan
Seconded	Wennie van Lint

4. **Business arising from the minutes of the 2021-22 AGM –** held on 29 August 2022

Nil

5. **Portfolio reports** available here

a. Chair's report - Rowan
b. Treasurer's Report - Ed
c. Secretary's Report - Helen
d. Committee Reports
    i. Technical – Johannes
    ii. Communications – Rowan
    iii. History - Hamish
    iv. Membership – Alasdair
    v. Boat maintenance/Racking - Foster
    vi. Club maintenance/Capital works - Geoff
    vii. Social - Rowan
e. Paddle Victoria Delegate's report - Wennie van Lint

Questions around reports

Financial

- Is there a cash deficit? Yes – per cashflow report.
- Do we have any major potential unbudgeted expenses, especially insurance? Have budgeted for a reasonable increase in insurance but we do not know amount yet. No other major expenditure expected – building and facilities are in quite good condition.
- Are we exempt from land tax? Yes.

History Committee

- Mel Carr is assisting History committee with photography and photo processing.

Membership

- List of those who are being contacted regarding lapse of membership in case some current members can contact them? We will post names on the board in the clubroom; and Wen has offered to search the (front end) Australian Govt database – possibly find their address so we can write to them.

Racking

- Question regarding outrigger canoe donated by Jon Mayne to the club several years back – is it operational? Repairs have been made, and it is being used.

Maintenance

- Suggestion that we leave instructions in the gym to remind users of correct use of each machine. Committee to follow up on this.
- Reminder to keep doors closed if no-one is coming or going. Cat was discovered in the ladies' bathroom recently!
- Question regarding nature of relationship with neighbours. We have a good relationship with immediate neighbours upstream & downstream. Always good to be conscious of parking – stay out of garden, & do not block access.

Other

- Suggestion around 'informative paddle' – to include guided paddling tour around history of our immediate part of the river, insights into our environment, indigenous history etc.

Paddle Vic Report

- Question around what their bank balance is? $116K + $114K in 2 bank accounts – about half of their equity is in cash.

Motion That the 2022-23 portfolio reports be accepted
Moved Trish Rossetto
Seconded John Mayne

6. Retirement and Election of Directors

Directors whose term has completed: Geoff Baird & Foster Rossetto have completed 2-year terms; Johannes Siebrand was appointed to fill a casual vacancy and has completed his 1-year term; Alasdair Morrison is retiring after completing one year of his 2-year term.

This means that there are 3 x 2-year vacancies and 1 x 1-year vacancy.

Two people have been nominated/ seconded: Geoff Baird & Johannes Siebrand. As there are 4 vacancies these two are elected unopposed.

Calls from the floor for another 2 nominations, resulted in the following members introducing themselves & offering to serve as directors:

- Leab Sek
- Tony Ladson

Both were approved and elected unopposed.

Thank you to retiring directors.

The following Amendment and Note were approved at the FY24 AGM.

Amendment: The above statement 'Johannes Siebrand was appointed to fill a casual vacancy and has completed his 1-year term' is incorrect and is replaced with the statement 'Johannes Siebrand was elected to a position in the FY22 AGM. Johannes was told that he occupied a position with a 1-year term that had expired.'

Note: The statement 'Johannes Siebrand… occupied a position with a 1-year term that had expired' reflects a historical misinterpretation of the Rules. All elected terms are made on a 2-year basis, and as such there are no 1-year terms.'

a. Election of Directors

Motion	That Geoff Baird, Johannes Siebrand, Leab Sek & Tony Ladson be elected to the board.
Moved	Rowan Doyle
Seconded	Mark Malmberg

7. Appointment of Paddle Victoria delegate

Asked for nominations from the floor for the PV delegate. Role is to vote on behalf of FCC & report back to FCC.

Motion That Gary Flannigan be nominated to be FCC's Paddle Victoria delegate
Moved Arlene Hoeks
Seconded Fiona Cock

8. General Business

a. BJNL Challenge Wennie van Lint

Six hours might be ambitious, would we like to make it a 5, 4 & 3-hour event? Needs a little bit more formal organization, but good scope for a long term event.

b. Digitalise sign-out for club boat Marc Bellette

Suggestion to digitise the sign boats out, eg QR code.

Geoff has built an electronic boat system, driven by members' fob. It remembered what the last boat taken out was. Marc & Geoff to work together on implementing this.

9. Close Meeting Rowan Doyle

Meeting closed 1719hrs

Minutes signed: Date:

_____ 18 July 2025

Rowan Doyle, Chair