



## MINUTES of ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015

Concordia Club, Tempe.

1. Quorum, opening and apologies

No Quorum established therefore no business could be conducted. Delegates generally discussed items but all items requiring a vote were deferred to the next General Meeting.

Communication to Delegates was discussed and Secretary advising that Clubs can ask for communications to go directly to nominated delegate as well as Secretary. Details need to be provided.

Delegates noted the apology from the President and wished him a speedy recovery.

**Executive Present:**

Secretary: Steve Thornton

Treasurer: John Eddes

DELEGATES:	APOLOGIES:
Chatswood: Richard Thomas	Tony MacArthur - President
Branxton: Jacky McDonald	Alison Sharpe – Killara
Port Hacking: Alan Brown	Brenda Wild – Mt Sugarloaf
Epping: Ken Poole	Ballina
Nelson Bay: Steve Thornton	Bathurst
Orange City: Helen James	Blue Mountains
RSGC: Joan Dobell-Brown	Cammeray
Strathfield: Heather Smallbone	Dungog
Sutherland: John Eddes	Eastwood
Sydney: Wendy Fothergill	EDSACC
Marrickville: Roberta Flint	

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### 2. Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 7th March 2014

Corrections: Typos note in Attendance: Joan Dobell-Brown to replace Jean & 4.1 replace completion with competition. Accepted subject to alterations.

### 3. Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

#### 3.1. Notice of motion from Urunga re travel allowance for CNSW instructors.

Motion previously distributed. Steve advised that the Executive does not support the motion as the submission was not supported by any evidence. The rationale for the increase in the player reimbursement was to match this to this allowance. If this motion passed there would be a differential between the allowances again with no justification for same.

Motion to be considered and voted on at the next meeting.

#### 3.2. Tempe / HQ Future Directions working group.

Report circulated to clubs. There was general discussion. Steve advised that no feedback had been received from Clubs. Advice was sought as to if the Executive had developed a view re the future of Tempe and was asked if the recent improvements at Tempe were indicative of an intent to retain this as HQ. Steve advised there was no position of the Exec and that the improvements were long overdue.

#### 3.3. Other business

Steve advised there had been no progress with the CNSW Business Plan. He noted link to HQ matters which relates to decisions on how the organisation will operate after the proposed constitutional changes. Also links to the NSW Sport and Recreation Grant which seeks advice of reviews of the plan n submission of application for grant.

### 4. Reports and Executive Matters:

4.1. Presidents Report: noted as published in the Newsletter with the addition of a mention of the Golf Croquet Men's singles and doubles played recently.

4.2. Treasurer's Report: as circulated - expenditure as down on budget for admin and lawn maintenance. Also addition of expenditure against the National Championships for the opening dinner. Also noted \$550 donation for participation in the Bays Precinct Discovery Day.

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Roberta moved that thanks be extended to those who participated for their promotion of croquet, seconded by Heather. Agreed.

### 4.3. Committees and Officers

#### **Schools** – Jacky MacDonald

Jacky noted there are 8 members under 23 and proposed these members should have a reduced affiliation fee. Steve reported that the Executive was intending on writing to the ACA Board for the September meeting re having a packaged rate of affiliation. The suggestion is a junior structure with say \$20/\$25. Steve will liaise further with Jacky on the proposal. It was noted Clubs can make their own decisions about membership ie could choose to subsidise CNSW affiliation or reduce own rates.

#### **Facilities Management**

John reported that the \$500 donation was to be used to improve safety around Tempe – new PVC pipe purchased and mounds removed. John to put in a Facilities Maintenance request for repainting of seats and shelter sheds. John noted Council had recently spent \$45,000 on the shed replacement.

It was noted no reports had been received from any other officers/committees.

### 4.4. Matters arising from reports - Nil further

## 5. Correspondence

### 5.1. Correspondence in:

Only correspondence of note was from NSW Governor confirming patronage.

### 5.2. Correspondence out:

No significant correspondence, clarified there was advice to the Bays Precinct re insurance for the Glebe Is event. Corro also received from Molong club which has 18 members and needs mallets. John to refer them to John Compton. It was also noted there is an affiliation application from a new Club on the Camden Park Estate to be considered by the Exec.

## 6. Business arising from correspondence - there was no business arising.

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### 7. General Business

#### 7.1. Working with Children Checks

It was reported CNSW has been “affirmed” as “employer” for the purpose of working with children checks. Individuals who advise Club secretaries they have had a check should provide name, DOB and reference number. Secretary to pass on to CNSW, as the employer, to validate and record. Alison and Steve are validators. See website for full procedures.

#### 7.2. Adoption of new ACA Constitution.

Steve advised the new ACA constitution was agreed at the March AGM and took effect with the first April Board meeting. The Board is focussing on marketing and rebranding which are key elements of the strategic plan. The governance framework was discussed as relevant to the proposed changes to the CNSW Constitution.

#### 7.3. New ACA Board has met and elected Robyn Wallace as Chair.

7.4. CNSW will continue with use of ‘The Duffers Tice’ website for entering certain CNSW events. Tournament calendar has link to the Duffers Tice if being used. Heather expressed some concern that the Tice did not work well for the SW region for the Beryl Chambers. John acknowledged that the Nationals organisation overshadowed other things at that time. Office populates the Duffer’s Tice with paper entries when they are received. Not being used for the Schools tournaments or the pennants.

7.5. On-line database for club, membership and tournaments now live. Any issues being gradually resolved. Mainly positive feedback. 50% of Clubs have signed in and started registrations. Some concerns re security around request for DOB provision. Reported this information is only available to the web master and not for publication or circulation. The data will help collation of information for the annual application for a grant from the NSW Dept. of Sport and Recreation. Where members do not wish to provide DOB year of birth will suffice and then enter as 01/01/year of birth. This will allow inclusion into age cohort data.

#### 7.6. Greg Whymark appointed NDC (AC) and appointed Barb Piggott NDC (GC). Noted

### 8. Other Business

8.1. Notice of Motion from Wagga Wagga re Shirts for ACA Gold Medal Representatives. Carried over to next meeting (note motion is supported by the Executive)

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### 8.2. Proposed new constitution for CNSW including policy documents.

A notice of motion to be circulated next month e a change in the CNSW Constitution which will lead to the establishment of a board, like the ACA constitution. It is proposed it will replace the current constitution and most rules and by-laws, which will become policy documents. The motion will ask Clubs to consider the proposed changes before the August AGM. Executive members have done a series of visits to most Clubs to discuss the proposal so this should not be news. The new constitution will allow the Executive the power to operate between meetings. It should have no direct impact on the individual constitutions of individual Clubs.

Meeting closed 12.10 pm