
AOCRA NQ BRANCH
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT

Whitsunday Wanderers Resort, 336 Shute Harbour Rd, Airlie Beach

Saturday 28th July 2007

MEETING COMMENCED AT 6.06 p.m.

NQ ZONE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

T. BROWN	President (Chair)
S. O'HARA	Vice President
M. LYNES	Treasurer
T. MOOHIN	Secretary
L. PAGE	Committee (Registrar)
M. BARSBY	Committee
D. THOROUGHGOOD	Committee

CLUB DELEGATES PRESENT:

Tuki Brown	Cairns	Leigh Page	Cairns
Gordon Salway	Capricorn Coast	Brian Fisher	Capricorn Coast
Erika Kelly	Hamilton Island	Debra Childs	Hamilton Island
Karen MacClure	Hekili	Lisa Ahrens	Hekili
Dave Menso	Magnetic Island	Leela Hancox	Magnetic Island
Darrell Thoroughgood	Malanuka	Brett Gaia	Mission Beach
David Norton	Mission Beach	Trish Cornish	Outrigger Whitsunday
Glen Bray	Outrigger Whit	Sarah Bradley	Sunset Bay
Michelle Lynes	Sunset Bay	Simon Harris	Rockhampton
Michael Barsby	Rockhampton	Ken Wiltshire	Townsville
Alex Lewis	Townsville		

PROXIES HELD:

Arafura	Appointed	Tuki Brown
Cardwell	Appointed	Michelle Lynes
Coconuts	Appointed	Brett Gaia
Coconuts	Appointed	David Norton
Coral Sea	Appointed	Brett Gaia
Coral Sea	Appointed	David Norton
Port Douglas	Appointed	Karen MacClure
Port Douglas	Appointed	Lisa Ahrens

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jacqi Green	Outrigger Whit		Trish Johnston	Sunset Bay
Paul Ahrens	Cairns Beaches		Lynette Nolan	Hekili

APOLOGIES: Karen Bruce, Brian Medhurst

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING HELD FRIDAY 18th AUGUST 2006

MOVED: S O'Hara

SECONDED: T Johnston

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous general meeting.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RE-INTRODUCTION OF OC1/OC2 EVENT TO OC6 SEASON

- Tuki (Cairns) put forward a proposal that OC1/OC2's be included in the OC6 season for 2008. Motion suspended for further discussion.
- Erica (Hamilton Island) stated that participation has dropped off this year.
- Trish (Out Whit) stated that OC1's were dropped to allow increased distances for OC6 races.
- Sarah (SSB) stated that Rocky regatta was very well run, with good spectator support with the shorter marathons.
- Trish (Out Whit) raised the issue of support boat numbers required due to the new rules.
- Trish Johnston (SSB) raised the issue of possible problems with race recording if all competitors are in 1 race.
- Tuki stated that eliminating medals for these races may be a way to save money for host club – general discussion that most paddlers wanted medals.
- Lisa (Hekili) and Mick (Rocky) stated that Mission Beach and Rocky held successful branch regattas this year with OC1's incorporated

MOVED: T. Brown

SECONDED: M. Barsby

That OC1 and OC2 events be included in normal Grand Prix regattas for 2008, as 1 mens and 1 women's race.

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

2. START & FINISH DATES FOR 2008 SEASON

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- Tuki (Cairns) stated that their club would like season to start later (March) and finish past Hammo.
 - Erica (Hammo) stated they would like to finish the season at Hammo, and start before Christmas.
 - Trish (Outrigger Whit) stated that yes there are stingers, and yes it is hot, but they would like season to finish at Hammo and start earlier. Perhaps clubs hosting regattas at beginning of season put forward a couple of dates in case of adverse weather.
 - Sarah (SSB) stated that they would like 5 regattas before Hammo, and don't want to see a regatta 8 weeks after Hammo. Perhaps one 4 weeks after Hammo, and then another 4 weeks after that.
 - Tuki stated that in the past there have been problems with attendance for regattas after Hammo.
 - Brett (Mission Beach) stated that they are not interested in hosting a regatta in Feb or March. If in July or August they will put up their hand. Lot of wasted work if regatta is rained out. Best weather for them is after Hammo.
 - Lisa (Hekili) stated that no-one has money to travel at beginning of year after Xmas.
 - Trish (Out Whit) stated that it's difficult to get to Hammo, but we still do it.
 - Tuki suggested having 3 combined regattas a year held in the Mackay-Townsville area. Make 4 regional zones for the remaining regattas with no medals and presentations.
 - General concensus was not keen on Tuki's idea.
 - Trish (Out Whit) asked which clubs have difficulty traveling south – Cairns, Port Douglas and Hekili. She stated why don't we have an option of being able to drop regattas (points). Too cold after Hammo and interest drops.
 - Tania suggested a couple of minutes for delegates to discuss the options raised.
 - After break, Tuki raised option of 4 best regattas count for points, have all combined regattas. Total 7 regattas – Feb to Aug. 4 in the Mky-T'ville area, 1 south, 2 north.
 - Discussion was held regarding the AGM – Leela (Magnetic Is) stated it would have to be held up north or via webcam.
 - Tania raised she would like to see 2 regattas each for the north and south. The following was moved.

MOVED: T. Moohin

SECONDED: T. Brown

That 2008 race schedule consist of 8 regattas, all combined, with the best 4 results for each club counting to end of season results.

Jan	South of Mky
Feb	South of Mky
March	Mky-T'ville
April	Mky-T'ville
May	Mky-T'ville

June	Hamilton Island
July	Nth of T'ville
August	Nth of T'ville

FOR: 31
AGAINST: 1

CARRIED

Discussion held allocation of dates for calendar for 2008.

It was agreed:

12/13 Jan	Rocky
9/10 Feb	Cap Coast
8/9 March	Outrigger Whitsunday
5/6 April	Sunset Bay (possibly combined with Malanuka)
3/4 May	Coral Sea Challenge (combined with a T'ville club)
19-22 June	Hamilton Cup
19 July	Mission Beach or Coconuts
16/17 August	Cairns or Hekili (+ AGM)

Clubs have until the 30th August to advise the Zone if they wish to make changes to their allocated date.

Tuki outlined that cut off for paddler registrations to be processed for the first regatta will be 22nd December due to Christmas holidays. The zone may buy a paddle or such and early registrations received will receive a raffle ticket.

3. CHANGES TO AOCRA CONSTITUTION - HEKILI

- Tuki outlined that a change to the AOCRA Constitution can only be done at the AOCRA AGM, and that Hekili wanted the zone's support to vote in favour of the inclusion of multi-coded sports clubs that want to have an outriggering division.
- Karen (Hekili) outlined the reasons that the club was wanting to change the constitution, that it was for the sport as a whole, to enable clubs greater access to funding and resources. The Hekili club will lose their training ground (Yorkey's beach) when the marina is extended. By amalgamating with the Yorkey's Boat Club, they will have access to all facilities, but will fail the AOCRA guidelines, including that of being a separate financial entity.
- Erica (Hammo) asked if it purely financial? Lisa stated no, there was a lot more to it.
- Glen (Outrigger Whit) asked if there are any negatives for us.
- Trish Johnston (AOCRA) stated the club will not own it's assets, and AOCRA's role is to support only outriggering clubs – does not want to get involved in other sporting organizations. Trish outlined that AOCRA is

currently investigating the Pacific Dragons Club to see if their constitution is within AOCRA guidelines (dragonboating & outrigger).

- Karen (Hekili) outlined that the club is contracting a solicitor to re-word the exact sections of AOCRA'S constitution that will require changing to ensure it is specific for this issue only.
- Further discussion held regarding the ownership issues of canoes, Karen (Hekili) stated if they don't have a problem with Yorkey's owning their assets, then it shouldn't be anyone else's issue.
- The following motion was put forward:

MOVED: K. MacClure

SECONDED: B Gaia

That the NQ Branch AOCRA submits to and endorses a motion for a special resolution at the 2007 AOCRA Inc AGM to amend the AOCRA Inc Constitution to allow the affiliation of multi-coded sports clubs that include an outrigger canoeing division. This motion is subject to the development of suitable, legally drafted amendments to the AOCRA Constitution and acceptance of these amendments by NQ Branch AOCRA Inc.

For 19

Against 4

Abstained 4

CARRIED

4. CHANGE TO UNIFORM RULE

MOVED: K. MacClure (For Port Douglas)

SECONDED: T Cornish

That a Supplementary Rule be passed allowing all competitors to race in a uniform that consists of the clubs registered club colours.

For Unanimous

CARRIED

5. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE NOMINATIONS

- Erica (Hammo) raised the issue of accepting late nominations. Tuki stated that as we were out of time, could the club forward a submission to the zone for consideration.

Tuki thanked all present for a very productive meeting.

Meeting closed: 7.53 p.m.