



"Over 60 years of vigilance and service to the local community"

Bilgola Surf Life Saving Club Inc
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Minutes

71st Annual General Meeting of the Bilgola Surf Lifesaving Club Inc. held at the Clubhouse on 9th August 2019 at 11:06am

1. Present:

VIPs:

Rob Stokes, NSW Member for Pittwater
Tracey Hare-Boyd, President SLSNB
John Brogden, Patron Bilgola SLSC

Life Members

- Bob Machar
- Michael Bartlett OAM
- Dennis O'Toole

Distinguished Service Members

-Geoff Raper

Committee

- Adrian Wegryzn
- Tracey Rock
- Romilly Madew
- David Madew
- Peter Fenley
- Ian Macdonald
- Mark Parsons
- Emmanuel Freer
- Jonathan Papworth
- Karen Muxworthy

Members:

- Rob Farr
- Lucy Brogden
- Ray Burgess
- Zac Cracknell
- Simon Walsh
- Kylie Ockwell
- Geoff Raper
- Jarrah Turner
- Steve Faddy
- Mark Fitzgerald

2. Apologies:

- Marcus Blackmore, Vice Patron
- Michael Regan, Mayor-Northern Beaches Council
- Graham Foran
- Kirk Janssen
- Jim Chant
- David Lyall
- Nigel Penn
- Steve Broughton Rouse
- Edward Ockwell
- Kaz Marks
- Jean Walsh

3. Apologies from the floor

- None

4. Welcome by Peter Fenley, President Bilgola SLSC 2019/2020

- Peter opened the 71st AGM with an acknowledgment of country and welcomed all in attendance then presented his opening address, outlining the unusual season due to the Covid 19 restrictions cutting short the season by 6 weeks, the Emergency Response Service callouts to door knock for welfare checks following local power outages and responding to calls for help at Bermagui due to bush fire evacuations.
- Peter noted that the clubs 70th celebrations were a highlight of the season with thanks to David Madew and Rob Goodyear for their work in arranging the night and production of the video.
- The new Bilgola constitution adoption in Dec 19 was noted

- The strong Nippers season was highlighted with thanks given to the fantastic efforts of Karen Perry, her enthusiastic committee and the water safety crew that made it all possible
- Peter noted the efforts of the Bigola Education team and noted that at the time of lockdown there were 28 SRC candidates 1 week from assessment and 30 Bronzies 2 weeks from assessment. These will resume when the all-clear is given to recommence training.
- Peter summarised the financial performance of the club that the small recorded loss after the major purchases made and the loss of income from Covid 19 plus the large depreciation expenses was evidence of the prudent fiscal management by the current committee.
- Appreciation was expressed for our sponsors Blackmores, Channel 10 & Ray White
- Thanks was given to the outgoing President Romilly Madew for her assistance during Peter's 1st year as President as well as to the Executive and wider Committee for their efforts and support.

5. Pete Fenley took the floor to present the following award.

- 40 years – Ray Burgess

6. Adoption of Minutes from 70th AGM, 11th August 2019

Annual Report and Minutes from 2018/19 were adopted.

- Proposed – David Madew
- Seconded – Ray Burgess
- All in favour – Yes

7. Presentation and Adoption of the 71st Annual Report 2019/2020

Annual Report from 2019/2020 was presented and adopted.

- Proposed – Mark Parsons
- Seconded – Romilly Madew
- All in favour – Yes

Speakers to the report:

- Rob Stokes Acknowledged:
 - The strange times and environment for the AGM
 - His support for the annual report
 - His thanks for keeping the beach and community safe
 - The year ahead would be more complex with the requirements for protecting both members and the public from additional threat of Covid 19
 - That it would be unlikely that NSW would be locked down which meant local tourism and numbers of beach visitors would likely increase. Surf clubs would therefore need to manage the beach in a different way – whereas our focus was on keeping people in

- the flags and close together, the new requirement would be to ensure people spread out and followed social distancing requirements.
 - Standard operating procedures would need to be adapted to deal with these changes
 - A lot would be expected of surf clubs in meeting these new challenges – Bilgola is well placed to meet them
 - His thanks to the Club and Committee for their efforts in the last year
- Tracey Hare-Boyd acknowledged:
 - That she was proud of the leadership roles people at SLSNB and the clubs were performing and that there were now more active leaders
 - Her congratulations to Bilgola on their annual report and performance last year. She singled out Peter and Romilly for their performance in their roles.
- John Brogden acknowledged:
 - That the club should not be embarrassed about the small paper loss due to the revenue loss hit due to Covid 19 and that the club was heading towards a healthy profit before the lockdown occurred
 - That the beach was looking extraordinary after recent large surf which removed the sand at the south end. It was good to see how solid the foundations were.
 - The great work the club and committee had done in difficult times and how the coming year would hold different challenges with the physical threat of Covid 19 which would be followed by the mental health issues driven by the recession, job losses and family fighting to retain their houses. These people would rely on the club for support so it was important the club is there to provide this assistance
 - His thanks to the committee
- Note from Michael Regan, Mayor of Northern Beaches Council – read by Peter Fenley:

Please pass on my thanks to the Members, To the Committee and sponsors for all their work through the season. A very challenging one and looks set to be a similar start to the season ahead. I trust all are happy with Council and I thank the Councillors that actually supported the Budget again for this Financial year, (and the previous) that has allowed Council staff to get on with genuine support of the local clubs such as this one through the various upgrades, maintenance, and even new rebuilds such as Mona Vale and Long Reef. Thank you personally to those that volunteer their time to work with our staff to help provide that support. We will continue to build on that relationship.

Please be safe. Stay sane. And thank you for working with us to keep the Beaches open during the Lockdowns. Together, We were the only Branch and LGA that did this successfully and is recognised by our State MPs in particular Rob Stokes – minister for Open Space among other things – the Premier, and other MPs and Mayors across the State. Do not underestimate how big a deal that was for all of our 277,000 residents suddenly in lock down and not travelling, to have the Beach open for a swim, surf, or walk. Mental Health is a serious issue and we all collectively played our part to keep the beaches open. So thank you. We must remember, this is

just a moment in time, and it will pass. Sooner rather than later if we all stay vigilant and heed the advice from Health.

Good luck for the season ahead. Keep up the great work.

Michael Regan
Mayor

8. Presentation and Adoption of the 2019/2020 Financial Report and Auditor's Report

Questions to the report:

None

Financial and Auditor's Reports from 2019/2020 was presented and adopted.

- Proposed – Ray Burgess
- Seconded – Dave Madew
- All in favour – Yes

9. Announcement of Patrons

It was proposed that John Brogden continue as Patron and Marcus Blackmore as Vice Patron positions once again.

- All in favour – Yes

10. Appointment of Public Officer

It was proposed that outgoing Treasurer Stephen Thatcher fill the position of Public Officer.

- All in favour – Yes

11. Honorary Legal Office

It was proposed that David Peaston continue as Legal Officer

- All in favour – Yes

12. Election of Office Bearers and Management Committee Members

Peter vacated the Presidency and declared all positions vacant and handed over to John Brogden.

- President: Peter Fenley was appointed the new President unattested and took over the role of administering the appointment of the committee positions as follows:

Executive Committee	Name	
Club President	Peter Fenley	Unattested
Director of Surf Lifesaving	Adrian Wegryzn	Unattested
Director of Club Operations	Mark Parsons	Unattested
Director of Finance	Tracey Rock	Unattested
Administration Officer	Ian Macdonald	Unattested
Management Committee		
Juniors Officer	Karen Perry	Unattested
Licensee & Functions Officer	Jean Walsh	Unattested
Training Officer	Emanuel Freer	Unattested
Sponsorships Officer	Jonathan Papworth	Unattested
IRB Officer	David Madew	Unattested
Media Officer	Romilly Madew	Unattested
Surf Boat & Competition Officer	Mark Parson	Unattested
Club Facilities Officer	Mark Hooley	Unattested
Board & Ski Officer	Andrew Gough	Unattested

13. Motion to continue affiliation with the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch

Motion to affiliate with Sydney Northern Beaches:

- Proposed – Ian Macdonald
- Seconded – Adrian Wegryzn
- All in favour – Yes

14. Motions of which due notice has been received

None

15. General Business of an urgent nature

None

16. Meeting Closed

Peter declared the 2019/20 AGM closed at 11:45am

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