



Kiama Downs SLSC Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sunday 30th July, 2017

Meeting commenced: 1:06pm

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Present:

Josh Douglas	Max Gunning	Jan Horspool	Steve Guy	Tamara Sutton
Brett Schweitzer	Martine Gunning	Gary Trudgett	Trina Jensen	Jillian Noad
Kaitlin Isabella	Rod Parker	Ryan Parker	Holly Case	Scott Case
Sarah Cook	Hana Singleton	Dawn Calvert	Jake Cleal-Cook	Lisa Hourigan
Anthony Hourigan	Lee Singleton			

Apologies: Ken Horspool, Bob Sinclair, Noelene Sinclair, Bob Willetts, Jay Kruse-Parker, Amanda Trudgett, Naida Guy, Glenn Daniels, Sarah Daniels

Previous minutes: tabled, minutes accepted. – Holly Case, Max Gunning

Annual Report: presented to meeting. Report accepted.

Brett thanked all members for the season.

Josh and Skip thanked Brett for his 7 years consecutive presidency.

Election of office bearers:

All positions were declared vacant and the meeting handed over to Life Member, Josh Douglas to conduct elections.

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Nominator	Accepted
President	Steven Guy	Brett Schweitzer	Max Gunning	Steven Guy
Vice President	Brett Schweitzer	Steven Guy	Jan Horspool	Brett Schweitzer
Secretary	Tamara Sutton	Steven Guy	Holly Case	Tamara Sutton
Treasurer	Jan Horspool	Holly Case	Max Gunning	Jan Horspool
Club Captain	Josh Douglas	Scott Case	Max Gunning	Josh Douglas
Vice Club Captain	Jake Cleal-Cook	Brett Schweitzer	Max Gunning	Jake Cleal-Cook
Registrar	Holly Case	Scott Case	Martine Gunning	Holly Case
Training Officer	Trina Jensen	Steven Guy	Holly Case	Trina Jensen
IRB Captain	Nathan Foster	Steven Guy	Brett Schweitzer	Nathan Foster
IRB Vice Captain	Steve Strong	Steven Guy	Brett Schweitzer	Steve Strong
Radio Officer	Jan Horspool	Trina Jensen	Holly Case	Jan Horspool
First Aid	Max Gunning	Martine Gunning	Gary Trudgett	Max Gunning
JAC	Scott Case	Holly Case	Martine Gunning	Ratified – JAC AGM
Junior Club Captain	Jake Cleal-Cook	Sarah Cook	Max Gunning	Jake Cleal-Cook
Publicity Officer	Naida Guy	Steven Guy	Josh Douglas	Naida Guy
Gear Steward	Rod Parker	Scott Case	Max Gunning	Rod Parker

Hall Hire	Josh Douglas	Holly Case	Max Gunning	Josh Douglas
Uniform Officer	Martine Gunning	Holly Case	Rod Parker	Martine Gunning
Safety Officer	Jillian Noad	Steven Guy	Holly Case	Jillian Noad
Welfare Officer	Kaitlin Isabella	Steven Guy	Tamara Sutton	Kaitlin Isabella
Member Services	Naida Guy	Steven Guy	Holly Case	Naida Guy
Member Protection Information Officer	Brett Schweitzer	Trina Jensen	Martine Gunning	Brett Schweitzer
Bar Manager	Josh Douglas	Max Gunning	Scott Case	Josh Douglas
Website Officer	Dawn Calvert	Gary Trudgett	Martine Gunning	Dawn Calvert
Fundraising	No Nominations			
Delegates to Branch	Current committee			
Solicitor	Lewis and Mc Kinnon			
Auditor	Waldie & Co			
Public Officer	Josh Douglas	Holly Case	Brett Schweitzer	Josh Douglas

General Business:

Budgets

Jan to use information from planning meeting to create budget. This will be presented at the next general meeting.

Affiliation

It was agreed that we affiliate with South Coast Branch and Surf Lifesaving NSW for the 2017/2018 season.

Registration

100% patrol attendees and all committee members to have membership paid for, for upcoming season.

Removal of social memberships and fees to remain the same for coming season.

Competition Entry Fees

Jan raised issue of paying for competition fees. In the previous season the club paid for all the fees rather than just state and Aussies. In the past season only some nipper families paid for the Sydney Water carnivals. It needs to be decided whether to continue to pay for Sydney Water or not.

Action: Keep track of attending competitors. If A competitor is entered and does not attend then they will be invoiced. If they do not pay then they will not be entered into any further carnivals. This disclaimer will be attached to all Nippers sign on fees.

We need to create this new policy before the start of the season.

Monthly Meeting

Skip proposed to have general meeting changed. It was suggested to have it changed to the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

First meeting of the year however will be changed to Sunday 13th August. Clean up in the morning and meeting at 4pm.

IRB Team

Last night was the Branch Awards of Excellence. A number of club members received awards:

8-10 Female Competitor – Emma Trudgett

Open Female Competitor – Kaitlin Isabella

Masters Male Competitor – Skip Guy

Facilitator of the Year – Josh Douglas

Assessor of the Year – Trina Jensen
U19 Lifesaver – Jake Cleal-Cook
Age Manager – Scott Case
Patrol Audit
Life Saver of the Year – Josh Douglas

2017 Season – IRB team won NSW Premiership – the prize is a new motor for the club. Won the NSW State Titles. Won the Australian Masters Championships. 4th at Australian Titles

Life Membership

Skip recommended that life membership process be adjusted and drafted by executive.

Josh suggested a life member committee be created to draft the new policy – contact existing life members.

Life Membership Nominations:

Jan Horspool – Nominated by Ken

Naida Guy – Nominated by Skip

Meeting closed. 2:26p m

Nomination for Life Membership – Jan Horspool

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Supporting Evidence

Jan joined the fledgling Kiama Downs Surf Lifesaving Club in about 1983 with her husband Ken and new Nipper Nicole. Her son Kane was to follow three years later.

Jan quickly became heavily involved in Nippers under the guidance of Jeff and Jenny Minter and later Phil and Debbie Johnson. Her organising skills found their way into the social side of things as well as the beach with weekends away and fund-raising (read fun-raising) activities along the way.

Jan did her Surf Rescue Certificate so that she could better assist with the surf side of the Nippers activities. Peter Duncan still jokes about the fun they had training for that award.

Her patrol activities were mostly in the role of Radio Officer which she has always taken very seriously.

Jan received the honour of Club Person of the Year for the 1996/97 season which was made extra special as her son Kane was the Junior Club Person of the Year in the same season.

In the early part of this century Jan took a break from Surf Lifesaving to pursue other interests, but came back with renewed vigour in 2008.

She started back as Radio Officer on Patrol 1, constantly annoying Mick Holz with her concerns about this or that – usually at the southern end of the beach and usually after Mick had already seen it. Reward for Mick, and the rest of the patrol of course, has come with generous supplies of slice for morning tea. Jan has always ensured that the radio spot on her patrol has been filled and since the advent of the 100% patrol award she has been a recipient 'most' years.

Jan has always had a concern for the appearance of the Club House. Quieter times on patrol will always find her cleaning something or making lists for Josh. For many years she took on the role of Hall Hire Manager, but even when not in this role she has been diligent in assisting to keep the Club tidy.

Her latest project in this regard has been the refurbishment of the front garden which after a couple of years is starting to pay dividends.

Her biggest contribution to the running of the club in later years has been in the role of Treasurer. She was first nominated (volunteered) for this role for the 2009/10 season and has held it without challenge ever since. This (largely backroom) role is extremely time consuming all year, not just in the season.

For example, just preparing the books for the auditor at the end of the year takes over a week full time. Never have the books received more than a mild 'suggestion for improvement' from the auditor.

A big part of this role has been assisting the board to make submissions for grants from government or Surf Lifesaving. The club has been extremely successful in this regard during Jan's years as Treasurer, contributing to its financial stability.

Jan has been an executive member of the club management committee for the last 9 years. During this time, Jan has been an integral part of the team responsible for taking the club from strength to strength. Some notable achievements which Jan has played a big role in are;

- Major ongoing club renovations (bar / upstairs toilets / elevator / new radio room including kitchenette / paint job / gardens / isolating downstairs toilets from hall hire / new front doors. Jan has either been involved in the doing work, or the behind the scenes work for all of these.
- Jan has been instrumental in ensuring the club is in a very strong financial position through sound budget development, and then tenaciously ensuring that all parties deliver on budget commitments. This has put the club in a fantastic position that has enabled members to focus on our core activities rather than cooking BBQ's and selling raffle tickets. This has also allowed us to give back to the members with things like free registration for 100% patrols, club payment for competition fees, free attendance for members at most club functions.
- The purchase of lots of new equipment / facilities to ensure that our Patrolling Members, Junior Members and Competitors have the best opportunity to perform their respective duties. For example; new nipper boards; new IRB's; well maintained and stocked club facilities.
- Encouraged club social activities.

All of these things have contributed towards positive club morale and growth in member numbers and capabilities.

Jan was awarded the Club Person of the Year award again for the 2015/16 season.

In conclusion, while it is acknowledged that Jan did have a few years away, she has never *really* been away since she first turned up at the tin shed wanting to help.

Her passion for the continued success of the club, in all its aspects, makes her an ideal candidate for Life Membership.

Nomination For Life Membership – Naida Guy

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Supporting Evidence

Naida started her career with Kiama Downs SLSC as an U6 Nipper in 1984. Every Sunday morning, she would eagerly wait to line up in her age group and do her best. Doing her best has been an ongoing theme in her involvement with KD, and 33 years later she is still doing her best for the club she feels so passionately about.

After progressing through the Nipper ranks, Naida (along with a bunch of other bright eyed and bushy tailed 15 year old's) trained for and achieved her Bronze Medallion. Quite quickly, this group (with Naida at their helm) became heavily involved in the KD IRB Racing Team.

Naida's passion for and dedication to this sport was immediate, and for the past 22 years she has spent every weekend between February and July (rain hail or shine) either competing or training so that she can represent our club to the best of her ability. As time moved on she progressed her skills in this sport to the point where she is now one of the most respected and competitive drivers in Australia "Can drive in chop". Naida regularly comes first in all of her driving races at the State level and consistently gets medals at the National level. She has been a member of the Interstate Team representing NSW every year since this level of competition began. Naida has the ability to be cool under pressure when driving and has been the anchor leg of the Mixed IRB Relay team winning Gold for KD at the last two Australian Titles. Whenever Naida wears the red black and white cap for KD, she not only represents our club to the best of her competitive ability, she also embodies (and is one of the main drivers behind) the positive and collaborative culture that our club is renowned for having with both competitors and officials throughout NSW and Australia.

Naida is passionate about the ideals of Surf Life Saving "Its all about saving lives". During her 22 year patrolling career, she has achieved 100% patrol attendance every year. Naida has logged 705 hours in SurfGuard in the past 11 years. It could be estimated that she has completed more than 1300 hours over her career.

Even childbirth could not stop Naida from carrying out her civic duty. She managed to time both of her pregnancies to fit in with IRB racing seasons. Naida's first child (Zali) completed her first full patrol five days after she was born. Naida's second child (Macey) had to wait till she was released from intensive care, and so was well into her first month of life before patrolling commenced (Macey has since made efforts to compensate for this lapse).

Naida was made a Patrol Captain very early on in her career, and aptly carried out this role until logic prevailed and she joined her husbands patrol (although anyone on Patrol 5 will probably be able to set you straight about who the real patrol captain is). Naida has a knack for making people feel at home, cared for and understanding that they have something to contribute to the SLS movement. These attributes have seen her patrol swell in numbers to the point where it has once already been split in half (to fund a new patrol), and is probably on the verge of this again.

When on the beach, Naida is always vigilant and has a keen eye for recognising when people may be in need of assistance. She also has very sound surf skills and can read and assess the prevailing conditions enabling her to give the best outcomes for the beach going public. These skills have been enhanced over her years of patrolling and also during her stints as a Council Lifeguard. Naida has on many occasions been required to assist members of the public in after hours rescues (albeit she has mandated she needs to be in the drivers seat while carrying out these duties).

Naida has a background in Nursing and these skills regularly compliment her surf skills when caring for the public and/or club members. Many times while on patrol, Naida has been called upon to triage patients from the general public. More recently Naida and the other members of the self titled "KDSLSC After Hours Medical Emergency Team" have become a necessity for club members at extra curricular activities.

Naida has a passion for gender equality in all things SLS. She has been one of the driving forces behind Female IRB competition, and was involved very early on in this aspect of racing. She is a mentor to young female drivers and is constantly looking for ways that SLS can improve on gender equality in the sport (which has come a long way since the first carnival women competed at and were given a Mars Bar in lieu of the medals the male drivers received).

Naida also plays a large role in encouraging women to gain their Bronze Medallion and then to join the patrolling ranks. Her "can do" attitude and "fun loving" approach have paid good dividends in this regard with Patrol 5 having a heavy slant towards female membership. Naida is also a great motivator of people and has recently spear headed a contingent of female masters competitors at summer carnivals.

In spite of her early views to the contrary, Naida has become a staunch believer in the virtues of the Nipper Program and has devoted countless hours of her time over the past seven years to ensuring that KD can offer the best education and experiences to our Junior members. Naida was instrumental in changing the focus of our Junior Activities program to be more aligned with the development of surf skills for the up and coming life savers of the future. She has a strong passion for teaching kids the skills they need to be able to safely negotiate the ocean in varying conditions, and to impart the knowledge, confidence and capabilities that these kids will use for the rest of their lives. Every Sunday and Thursday from September to April she dons the trade mark orange rashie and jumps into the water with kids of all ages and competencies and encourages them to do their best. This approach has been central to the recent success of the Nipper Program which has seen a drastic increase in both the number of kids and the skills of kids who participate.

Naida has a marginally competitive nature, and can infectiously instil this characteristic in other KD members. She has organised countless training sessions for nippers from our club as well as sessions with Kiama and Gerringong. Naida has transferred the learnings of what it takes to be successful from IRB competition and transposed that to our up and coming nippers.

As the Competition Coordinator, Naida plays the key role in all things competition. Not only does she coordinate clinics, she also arranges entries, facilitates team selection, ensures kids have the correct uniforms/caps/rashies, makes sure they have the right information to get them through the day and then provides positive feedback and recognition for all those who partake. Somehow in the midst of all this she still finds time to cheer on the team and officiate and/or do water safety on the day.

Naida is a big believer in fostering a supportive and fun environment for all the members of our club. In her role as Member Services Officer, she has played a big part in looking after the people who make up the KD club. She has been the “go to” girl for all accommodation for IRB carnivals for the last twenty years and for summer carnivals for the last seven. This might sound easy, but trying to coordinate large groups of people into beds / rooms / campsites can be a difficult and time consuming task.

Naida has always been active in club fundraising and social activities. Naida understands the importance of ensuring the clubs finances and the strong link these activities can have with forming the social network of the club. Naida has been heavily involved in organising trivia nights, car washes, BBQ's, Halloween nights, club functions and camping trips.

Naida has been recognised at many levels of SLS and has recently been the focus of a Competitor Profile for SLS NSW. She has also been recognised as the Kiama Downs Club Person Of The Year and the South Coast Branch Life Saver Of The Year (resulting in having her photo on the front cover of the annual magazine).

It's fair to say that almost every day of the year, Naida is in some way, shape or form working on ideas to help make the club she cares so passionately about to be a better place. There have been countless hours, and a fair store of blood, sweat and tears she has dedicated to KD. Having said that I like to think that equally she has gained some great rewards from being part of the club with many very close friends, a husband, and a great store of fantastic memories as part of the deal.

Naida has a deep seated sense of responsibility and commitment to the club she feels so passionately about, and I can confidently say, that her work is not done yet. She still has plenty of plans for the future of the club and its people to be the best we can be.