

SUP VIC INC 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES

November 28, 2020

Chelsea Yacht Club, 4:50pm

Attending: Karen Aarsman, Liz Ahern, David Brown, Janine Dudley, Alan Fairlie, Helen Fler, Duncan Gosling, Susan Griska, Ange Henry, Sam Hodder, Leanne Jack, Peter Jackson, Elowyn Leonard, Craig Macaulay, Cheyne Mitchell, Simon Murphy, Christine Netterfield, Grae Newland, Rob Payne, Will Purcell, Damien Quinlan, Alison Randall, George Thomas.

Apologies: Mark Thomson, Dan Gaitz

Quorum achieved: 23 members in attendance.

Meeting Commenced: 4:35pm

Meeting Chaired by George Thomas (President)

AGENDA

- **Welcome** George Thomas
- **Minutes Of Previous (2019) AGM** George Thomas
Minutes confirmed and accepted
Moved: Damien Quinlan Seconded: Simon Murphy **Passed**
- **Annual Report** George Thomas
Presented by President, George Thomas.
As presented – attached.
- **Financial Report** Simon Murphy
Presented by Treasurer, Simon Murphy.
As distributed and presented – attached.
- **Election of Officers and Committee**
In accordance with Rule 50(2), the Chair (President) declared all committee positions vacant.

President:

Nominations: (With Alan Mew in the Chair for this part of the proceedings only)

George Thomas. Nominated by Elowyn Leonard, Seconded by Pete Jackson

Elected unopposed

The newly re-elected President, George Thomas, took over the Chair.

VICE President:

Nominations: **Cheyne Mitchell**

Nominated by Duncan Gosling, Seconded by Damien Quinlan

Elected unopposed.

Secretary:

Nominations: **Mark Thomson**

Nominated by George Thomas, Seconded by Janine Dudley

Elected unopposed.

Treasurer:

Nominations: **Sam Hodder**

Nominated by Janine Dudley, Seconded by Simon Murphy

Elected unopposed.

Ordinary Members of the Committee:

Nominations for a maximum of 6 Ordinary Member positions:

Simon Murphy: Nominated by Janine Dudley, Seconded by Alison Randall

Rob Payne: Nominated by Simon Murphy, Seconded by Helen Fleer

Janine Dudley: Nominated by Alison Randall, Seconded by Elowyn Leonard

All Ordinary Committee Members elected unopposed.

• **Confirmation or Variation of Annual Membership Fees** George Thomas

George Thomas put it to the members that the previous committee was recommending that the Annual Membership Fees remain unchanged for the new financial year, as the Club's finances are healthy and buoyant. It was agreed by attending members that the annual fee will remain unchanged for another year (2019/2020) as follows:

- \$50 individual
- \$100 family
- \$25 student, not part of a family membership

• **Other Business**

- **2020 SUP Vic Awards – as presented earlier immediately prior to the commencement of the AGM.**

PERPETUAL TROPHIES:

- **Great Melbourne Paddle Champions**

Criteria: *Open category GMP race winners:*

- The female winner of this award for this year is **TIGA GILBERT**
- The male winner of this award for this year is **DANY LECLERC**

- **Port Phillip Cup Champions**

Criteria: *Long Course race winners:*

- The female winner of this award for this year is **TIGA GILBERT**
- The male winner of this award for this year is **DAVE WARNER**

Criteria: *Short Course race winners:*

- The female winner of this award for this year is **VANESSA MOLLARD**

- **Surf 'Frother' Award**

Criteria: *Addictive & contagious passion for SUP surfing, competes in at least one SUP Vic Surf Comp, 'froths' when talking about SUP surfing.*

- The winner of this award for this year is **SAM HODDER**

- **Club SUP Surf Champions**

Criteria: *Awarded to the female and male SUP surfer who has achieved the highest accumulated points across all SUP Vic surf events for the year - modelling the club championship points under Surfing Australia rule book.*

- **Female SUP Surf Club Champion**

The winner of this award for this year is **LEANNE JACK**

- **Male SUP Surf Club Champion**

The winner of this award for this year is **CHRIS CLARKE**

- **Downwind Daze Fastest 1km Split**

Criteria: *Fastest paddler over 1km over all Downwind Daze events throughout the year:*

- The winner of this award for this year is **PETE JACKSON**

- **'Heart And Soul' Award**

Criteria: The person who 'gives his all' for the Club over the course of the year on all levels – paddling, volunteering and generally being available and active for the betterment of the Club.

- The winner of this award for this year is **DUNCAN GOSLING**

- **SUP VIC CLUB CHAMPION 2020**

Criteria: Passion for SUP, Involvement in Club events, Participation across paddle disciplines, Contribution, Sportsmanship.

The winner of this award for this year is **DAVE WARNER**

ANNUAL TROPHIES

- **Pod Awards**

Criteria: Awarded to the female and male Pod member who has embraced their Pod, the Pod activities and has been a consistent performer throughout the year whilst demonstrating a team ethos.

- **Female HMB Pod Award**

The winner of this award is **ELOWYN LEONARD**

- **Male HMB Pod Award**

The winner of this award is **ROB BARTON**

- **Female West Melbourne Pod Award**

The winner of this award is **SUSAN GRISKA**

- **Male West Melbourne Pod Award**

The winner of this award is **STEPHEN FREUND**

- **Female Peninsular Pod Award**

The winner of this award is **HELEN FLEER**

- **Male Peninsular Pod Award**

The winner of this award is **GRAE NEWLAND**

- **5Km Virtual Challenge**

Criteria: Fastest paddler over 5km for submitted paddles:

- The winner of this award for this year is **WILL PURCELL**

Meeting Closed: 5:30pm

Appended... 1) President's Report, and 2) Finance Report

SUP VIC PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020

This year has been a most interesting and unusual one, the world was faced with a global pandemic which saw a change in the world we knew. As a club we had to change and evolve. We were lucky there were still some avenues for us to operate. As a club we chose to adapt and operate in some limited form. We were limited by the amount of events we could run which had a flow down effect; as such, some of our numbers were not as positive as in past years. But a lot of sporting clubs did not re-emerge from covid, so we are amongst the lucky ones.

My first thanks is to the wonderful Jacqui Thomas, who is supportive of myself, our club and our endeavours. I would like to thank my team and the pod masters who have been tireless in the work they perform and their vision for our club and our sport. I would also like to thank our many sponsors/Friends of SUP Vic, who contributed to the growth of our club and our sport. Their support is never taken for granted and is always appreciated.

What is SUP Vic?

SUP Vic is a small not-for-profit sporting club run entirely by volunteers. We all love to SUP and our club looks to provide events for our members to help them to grow and have fun as they continue their SUP journey. As a club we look to hold events from fun family days through to some more hard-core events. We believe as a club that a positive culture is everything. We want and need to have an environment where people feel safe, relaxed and able to have a great time. We understand that our members have busy lives, so we look to provide the best experiences with the minimum of fuss. As a club we love to see improvements and a challenge set and accomplished.

Who is Surfing Vic

Surfing Victoria is the body that oversees the SUP state title – surfing, technical and marathon. They are a government funded body who oversee many clubs across the state and are a subset of Surfing Australia. Next year they will be bringing the SUP Nationals back to Phillip Island. Surfing Vic is very keen to see our club and the sport of SUP grow. They are a busy organisation, but are always open to work and communicate with us. We are keen to see a greater participation from our club members at this high-profile event.

SUP Board Trailer

The committee purchased a board trailer in early 2020. This board trailer is available to members who are going to interstate events – bookings required. As numbers who participate in the SUP Nationals continues to grow, our ability to offer financial support has diminished. Use of the SUP Vic board trailer is one way that we can help our SUP Nationals' competitors out. The board trailer will of course also be of value at many of our standard club events.

Membership Numbers

Membership numbers are marginally down, which is understandable as covid had a big impact on our ability to run our events. That said, we are confident that as the world returns to a more normal place our membership numbers will also return to normal; to check if your membership is current, please head to our website

Club Paddle Tops

This year your club membership included a 'high-vis' paddling top, which was well received by members. If you have not yet received yours, please let us know. With covid impacting our finances and a good supply of tops still in stock, the committee concluded that we would not be doing an order this year. We have still good supply in all ladies sizes . We have good supply of large and small but only a few mediums size in men's. We do have a supply of club visers and Surfing Vic singlets, which we are able to distribute at events going forward.

Events Report

Virtual Events

With a lot of events cancelled due to covid, we were thankful for the invitation to join in the Australia Wide Virtual SUP events. We also ran our own 5km challenge which was well supported. One of our big achievers was Will Purcell who posted his 5km results over 50 times and he only put up results he was happy with. There monthly speed challenges as well, so there was something for all paddlers. A big thanks to Traci and her club SPSC for the invitation and to other clubs for their support of these events.

Zoom 'Coaching' Events

To keep you excited over covid times, the club was able to bring you a trilogy of Zoom events.

A big thank you to:

Michael Booth

James Casey

Lincoln Dews

These three paddlers have competed successfully at the highest level across the globe. They are all great role models and great examples on and off the water. They are well known and respected across the paddle world, so we thank them for there time and input. Don't forget the Lincoln Dews Zoom Event in a couple of weeks: <https://www.facebook.com/events/698763411071493> We will be only emailing details out to those who have ticked the coming box and these events are not recorded.

Lincoln Dews said no one should feel intimidated or that this session is only for the elite ,he is looking forward to sharing his time with you.

The Great Melbourne Paddle 2019

This iconic club event was held in near perfect conditions at Catania Gardens beach, St Kilda pn December. We had over 40 paddlers on the water on a lap course, with a short or long course options available. History will record Tiga Gilbert and Dany Leclerc as Open Womens and Mens winners of this event.

Port Phillip Cup 2020

This was the last event the club was able to run before covid ground sporting events to a halt. This event saw a change of location to Elwood with some great feedback. The conditions on the day were challenging, but all safety procedures were in place and we were confident it could be run in a safety-first manner. Our club had our own water safety team on the water, led by Harley on his jetski - providing a lot of confidence for our lesser experienced participants.

Paddle Across the Bay

Paddle Across the Bay is not a SUP Vic event but a charity paddle to raise money for cancer. This year we had the privilege of providing water safety support for this event. Our HMB Pod team member, Duncan Gosling, had organised 14 club members who provided a visual, practical and safety aid for paddlers. There was 459 participants on the water in challenging conditions. But our members in their club tops with years of water experience did a fantastic job to help keep them safe on the water.

Things To Come

SUP Vic Calendar

The committee will be meeting and working on a new calendar of events as soon as possible – keeping in mind that the lead in for permit applications is a minimum of two months. We are excited about some potential changes and a new initiatives, including a possible flatwater winter series. The calendar will be updated on the website first and then social media.

Coach Casey Downwind Daze

The club is excited to be working with Aussie super-paddler, James Casey, on our Downwind Daze series.

James will be running a zoom session on downwind paddling skills and knowledge in the week prior to that event. There will be water safety craft on the water.

This series includes a racing and a social contingent, so it is your chance to race against some of the best in the state or just get on the water with some SUPping friends to enjoy the thrills of downwind paddling.

Entry will be online via the SUP Vic website. High-vis events tops will be part of your registration fee. <https://supvic.tidyhq.com/schedule/events/28604-coach-casey-downwind-daze-1-2021>

SUP Surfing Intermediate Sessions

We have had a lot of positive feedback on our SUP surfing intro sessions throughout 2019. We are looking to take this to the next level and run some intermediate SUP surfing 'classes'. These sessions are for all who have started SUP surfing and are looking for some hints and information to take enhance their skills and knowledge. It is possible these will be part of our SUP Surf Weekend, planned to be held in Barwon Heads in 2021. If this weekend doesn't eventuate (due to covid) we will find an alternative date for these sessions.

SUP Qualifications

Recently the committee decided that the club would be best served if some of its members were qualified SUP instructors. This brings a real confidence to our members and participants of our events. This year the club is funding one of its members to become a qualified flat water SUP instructor and we intend to continue to fund one member each year.

State SUP Events

Our friends at Surfing Vic will be hosting the State SUP Surf competition in 2021 - dates and information is listed on the Surfing Vic website. If you are looking for a spot on our state team at the National Titles, remember, the state comp is the only pathway to a representative spot for that event. Our club will be running the State Technical and Marathon events at Phillip Island around 8 weeks prior to Nationals. This will give the competitors a feel for the conditions and probable course they will encounter at the Nationals. Our club will be running these two events (with strict adherence to Surfing Australia's race rules), but Surfing Vic will finalise the State team for the Nationals based on the results. Surfing Vic have indicated that they can upgrading our Vic state team uniform, but there will be an extra charge for this. More information on this closer to Nationals.

Pod Christmas Paddles

Our pods have been traveling well this year despite the impact of covid. The Pods will be holding their traditional Christmas paddles in the weeks prior to the big day. For more details on each pod and what is happening, check out their Facebook pages. They all would love to see new crew always.

SUP Nationals

Next year the SUP National Titles will return to Phillip Island. As a club we are keen to see more Victorians compete and be part of this marquee event. SUP Vic will be supporting Surfing Vic as they run this major event. SUP Vic will again be running our social nigh, which is open to all. This is your chance to have a meal and a chat with some of the best SUP crew from around the nation. We will also be looking for a few volunteers to assist with the running of this event - more details closer to the event.

George Thomas

President, SUP Vic Inc

