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Australian Professional Snowsport Instructors Inc.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Australian Professional Snowsport Instructors Inc. (APSI) held on June 8 2016 in the Kosciusko Room, Thredbo, New South Wales to commence at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

President Mark Dixon.

Attendance

See attached attendance list.

Secretary

Minutes recorded by Alexia Colville.

Meeting Opened

The President, Mark Dixon, stated that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 5:15 p.m. on 8 June 2016.

Apologies

An apology from Rebecca Rae was recorded.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mark Dixon moved that the minutes of the AGM 2015 have been read and accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. The motion was seconded by Tina Burford. Motion carried.

Business arising

At the 2015 AGM Grant Elliot proposed that life members be awarded a plaque or certificate. The chair advised that certificates and pins have been ordered for life members.

President's Report

The President provided members with updates on the following topics:

Interski 2015

Thanked team members, sponsors and supporters and noted how well APSI was received at Interski.

Financial standing

Association is in good financial stead; the treasurer will elaborate further in the financial report.

Sodergren Scholarships

2016 scholarships were awarded to Ali McKenzie, Jon Steel and Trevor Greenwood.
Partial scholarships awarded to Emma Christiansen and Alexandra Parsons.

Interschools Scholarship

APSI will offer level one scholarship to interschool participants, with one to be awarded in NSW and one in VIC.

App

APSI is still working on developing the non-members subscription based app for sale. In the meantime, associate member fee has been lowered to make the app more accessible for non-active members.

Training in Japan

Good participation and almost 10% of revenue coming from activities in Japan.

ISIA

The President updated the membership on France, Italy and Austria leaving ISIA and other developments that threaten the viability of the organisation. ISIA is considered important to the APSI. APSI is developing relationships and working with other English speaking countries to clarify events and to help sustain the ISIA. Towards this end the APSI also seeks stronger representation on the ISIA board. In the short term APSI is sending a letter to ISIA. Members voiced concern about the value of APSI maintaining membership to ISIA.

Election of Board of Management

The chair requested that the current office holders, Mark Dixon (President), Nigel Mills (Snowsport Director's Representative) and Michal Bierzynski (Resort's Representative) stand down and thanked them for their service.

Snowsport Director's Representative

Adam Hosie was nominated by Tim Stuart and seconded by Natasha Murray.
Adam was elected by a unanimous vote.

Resort's Representative

A volunteer was called for from each resort to act as the APSI representative in their resort.

The following members volunteered:

Hotham – Kylie Dwyer

Thredbo – Max Cook

Perisher – Michal Bierzynski

Falls Creek – Michaela Patton

Buller – Dive Burton

Michal Bierzynski was nominated by the resort's representatives to act as their representative on the board. Michal was elected by a unanimous vote.

President

Mark Dixon was nominated by Ross Taylor and seconded by Guy Dale.

Ant Hill was nominated by Tim Gale and seconded by Scott Birrell.

Ross McLeod was nominated by Chris Allen and seconded by Jarrah O'Brien.

All nominees accepted the nomination and addressed the membership.

A silent vote was held and Ant Hill was elected by a majority vote.

The duties of Chair of the AGM were taken over by Ant Hill as incoming President.

Appointment of the auditor

Ant Hill moved that the audited accounts for the period of January to December 2015, as submitted to the AGM by the Board of Management be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Deborah Meehan and passed unanimously.

Presentation of Financial Report

The treasurer presented the financial report.

See attached presentation.

Adoption of Accounts

Ant Hill moved that that the audited accounts for the period of January to December 2015, as submitted to the AGM by the Board of Management be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Michal Bierczynski and passed unanimously.

Life Memberships

Presented by Andrew Rae.

The following members were presented life memberships to the association:

- Nigel Mills
- Chris Allen
- Ant Hill

Other Business

No special business was submitted to the board for inclusion on the Agenda. The chair opened the floor to members.

ISIA

Paul Lorenz asks about APSI involvement with ISIA, benefit of APSI maintaining membership with ISIA and why pursuing a position on the ISIA board is important to APSI.

Andrew answers on behalf of the board:

- it is important for us to maintain membership and voting rights to ISIA as we have a lot of members working overseas
- the ISIA stamp may not help APSI members get visas but it international recognition is still a good value add to our association
- it is easier for APSI to stay a member of ISIA than it would be to re-join if we left

AGM Voting Procedure

Ross Taylor requests that APSI implement an online voting system for APSI members that are unable to attend the AGM each June.

Evergreen Ski School

Tom Langtry states that he is concerned that APSI is still planning to run training in Hakuba in 2016/17 when Evergreen have not yet paid their invoice from 2015/16.

Andrew answers on behalf of the board; discussions with Evergreen regarding training next season have ceased until all debts are paid.

Angela Dunstone

Deborah Meehan reviews the current situation with recovering the debt owed from Angela Dunstone. Members question the process and possible next steps and likelihood of success. Members and board discuss pros and cons of continuing to pursue Angela for debt owed.

Deborah moves that the APSI write off the Angela Dunstone debt and not pursue any further recovery strategies. The motion is seconded by Richard Hocking. Not carried.

Ant Hill moves that the board be authorised to spend up to \$1500 to continue to pursue the recovery of debt from Angela Dunstone. The motion is seconded by Dan Monaghan and carried by a majority vote.

Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the chair declared the meeting closed at 6:47 p.m.

President
Anthony Hill
09/06/2016

Treasurer
Deborah Meehan
09/06/2016