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Whitewater NZ AGM Minutes 2022

Meeting link:

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Meeting Opened at 8:00pm

8:00pm Welcome.

Record of Attendees. Apologies

Hamish Darling

Matthew McKnight (Canoe Slalom BOP)

Nicola Buisman

Justin Venable

Nigel Parry

Sophie Milne (Waikato Kayak Club)

Mike Dawson (Rotorua Awa Sports Club/ Canoe Slalom New Zealand)

Kev Payne (Ruahine Kayak Club)

Maraea Grant

Gabrial Vink-Wackernagel

Kazuto Kora

A Goodall (Victoria University Canoe Club)

Robin Rutter-Baumann

Simon Moseley

Niklas Pechan (Auckland University Canoe Club)

Ben Hocking

Kev England

Apologies Received:

Dylan Thompson

Josh Bahlman

Moved - Hamish Darling / Seconded - Mike Dawson

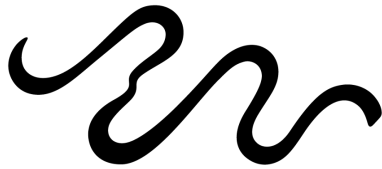
8:10pm Whitewater NZ 2021 AGM Minutes (Attached Here TBD)

Questions / Comments - None Present

Motion to accept minutes. (None Against)

Moved - Hamish Darling/ Seconded - Nicola Buisman

8:15pm Annual Report to AGM (Attached Here TBD)



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Questions / Comments.

Membership - Included the option for 10, 20 and 50 year which has been accepted by a few within our community which is great to see.

Waitaha Hydro Scheme - At this time it looks like this scheme will not go ahead. The reconsideration has been presented to the Minister but at this stage it will not be considered but this does not mean the scheme will not ever go ahead. We will await further confirmation of this decision.

Kaimanawa Access Issues - This is currently in the early stages and WWNZ is currently working to resolve this issue and will update our members in due course

Ngaruroro Decision - (Insert Kev England's Overview of decision)

Does the Board have a general consensus that you will get a staff member? (Nigel Parry)
This may not be a unanimous decision but it looks like there will be a significant majority in favour of this, we will endeavour to make this official during the first Board Meeting.

Comment (Robin) - Thank you everyone for your efforts and you for your excellent leadership Hamish. We had secretariat support in the early 90's (courtesy of sport NZ) and it really made a difference

Comment (Kev Payne) - It is noted that Kev Payne is not in agreement with the rest of the board due to the financial implications of this matter.

Motion to accept report. (None Against)

Moved - Mike Dawson / Seconded - Matt McKnight

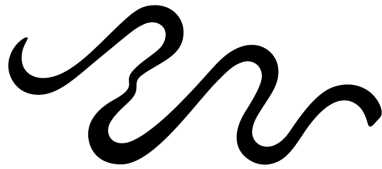
8:30pm Financial Statements (Attached Here TBD)

Questions / Comments.

Question (Hamish) - Does Charity Status make a difference to our River Guide Updates?
The River Guide is not included in this set of Financial records.

Comment (Robin) - WWNZ has had Tax Exempt Status so will not be getting anything back from what we spend but will instead allow those who donate to us to get a tax deduction from that.

Comment (Robin) - Fantastic job for your work on this Kev, this is a hard role and you have done a great job.



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Motion to accept financial statements. (None Against)

Moved - Hamish Darling / Seconded - Robin

8:40pm General business:

- Constitution Numbering
 - Due to an error in the changing of constitutions, the numbering is incorrect, we seek to amend this. See attached proposed Constitution, corrected numbering is in red.

Questions / Comments.

Motion to accept. (None Against)

Moved - Hamish Darling / Seconded - Mike Dawson

- Deletion of Clause 16.3, amendment of 16.2
 - Due to the nature of the Board, clause 16.3 no longer represents how the Board operates, we seek to delete it, and make the addition of the treasurer role to clause 16.2. See attached proposed constitution, corrections in red.

Questions / Comments.

Comment (Nigel) - It is going to be important for the new board to figure out what each person is responsible for ASAP to ensure all the relevant tasks are completed in a timely fashion. Overall it needs to not be in the constitution but needs to be prescriptive within the board environment.

Comment (Hamish) - Input model overview you would like please :)

Motion to accept. (None Against)

Moved - Hamish Darling / Seconded - Kev Payne

8:50pm Election of Officers

Nominations received:

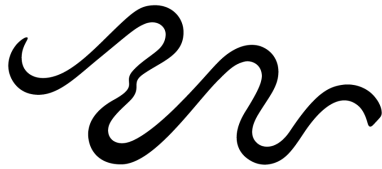
(We need to have who Nominated/ Seconded) - Nicola do you have this info?

President: Hamish Darling + Matt McKnight (as co-presidents) (All Agreed)

Vice-President: Dr Justin Venable (JV) (All Agreed)

Treasurer: Kev Payne (All Agreed)

Board: Nicola Busiman, Josh Bahlman, Gabriel Vink-Wackernagel, Mike Dawson, Maraea Grant. (All Agreed)



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9:05pm Nominations for Patron:

The 2021 WWNZ Board would like to honour the massive contribution that Nigel Parry continues to make to our work. He has been an invaluable asset in issues such as the West Coast Reclassification work, Kaimanawa access issues, MBIE's proposed changes to Health and Safety legislation to name a select few.

We would also like to see that the Patron role aids this and future Boards continue their momentum, not losing key relationships and key learnings made by prior boards. It is our vision that the patron can steer the board towards longer term relationships and achievements than would be possible with 12 month Board positions.

Hugh Canard, also Whitewater New Zealand's patron, will remain with the patron title, and sit alongside all prior patrons on the Whitewater New Zealand Patron Council.

Questions / Comments.

Motion to accept. (None Against)

Moved - Hamish Darling/ Seconded - Justin Venable

Nigel Accepted the Role

9:10pm Paddler of the Year Award – nominations:

Shannon Mast nominated by Justin Venable/ Mick Hopkinson and Hamish Darling.

Shannon Mast (aka Daniel, Moisty, or Mzungu Mchafu, amongst other nefarious handles) is a *quiet phenomenon*. Aussie born, but a true river gypsy by nature, he may have suffered some low-grade hypoxic brain injury as a grom from long hold-downs in the heavy swell of the South Australian coast. Regardless, he has a remarkable ability to not seem to need to breathe very often in violent churning waters - a valuable skill as a kayaker, or perhaps he's just part amphibian.

Shannon is a humble visionary - contemplating (and achieving) adventure possibilities where others overlook or dismiss as too hard. He is consistently redefining and reapplying novel or fusion techniques to realise next-generation objectives. Take the mighty Tuke gorges descent for example - bringing canyoning skills and technical portaging principles to the most committed of river gorge environments requires confidence in your team, exceptional problem solving abilities, a penchant for masochism, and overzealous faith in the frictional coefficient of sticky rubber river shoes on slimy wet rocks.



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Shannon is a committed lifelong hungry dirtbagger, eschewing comfort and instead focusing on bold missions - both on major overseas expeditions to some of the most remote corners out there, and also widely here in our own amazing backyard. He is capable, safe, selfless, and not afraid to suffer in the name of a good adventure - but always with a smile.

He is full of wry, self-deprecating, (flat and) dry humour; fluent in many languages, or at least exceptionally talented in communication with pointing and smiling in a pinch. People can sense his good nature and often want to help - so he's generally quite useful to have on a team when you are many days of difficult travel from civilization, low on food and facing an uncertain outcome. Mainly because he's pretty skinny and easy to steal food from. He stays cool and does not panic when it all looks very grim (trust me, I've experienced very grim with Moisty), he mostly just sleeps and laconically smiles his way out of trouble.

Shannon is very supportive and generous in sharing his skills and passion with future kayakers - a NZ Kayak School instructor for several years, now part-time tutor at Tai Poutini Polytechnic, and has mentored several keen young boaters to become some of the best kayakers out there. Shannon is inherently kind, always on lookout for the wellbeing of all in the group, regardless of ability. He is community-minded, having organised the Nevis Bluff Freeride event this past year.

Oh yeah, he's also had a heck of a last 12 months - along with the incredibly capable and perpetually cheerful team of Rata, Phil, Greg and Sam - who successfully probed Churn Gorge on Burke, Tuke gorges, and the crown jewel of NZ kayaking - Waitaha source to sea. He's also previously helped rally the first crews into ultra-classic first descents of Upper West Waikaia, Boundary Creek, Kakapo River, probing big waterfalls in Fiordland and the foreboding and powerful Windhover Gorge on the Waitaha, amongst others.

The future is chocker full of many other marginal, yet spectacular pioneering / exploratory objectives for Shannon and his team. Just don't be surprised by his niche choice of music on the way to the put-in.

It is my honour and privilege to nominate Shannon Mast for Paddler of the Year.

Motion to Award Shannon Mast - Paddler of the Year 2022. (All Agreed)

General Business

We received no other notified business by 13/8/22 so as per the constitution there may be discussion of additional matters in general business (but may not be voted on without unanimous agreement of the AGM attendees)



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Comment (Nigel) - Thank you to the previous board, Hamish has done a great job stepping up the the President's role and congratulations to the rest of the Board for increased membership and impact in the community

Comment (Kev England) - It has been incredibly heartening to see how well the board has done when I stepped out of the role and look forward to seeing the work you do this year.

Meeting Closed: 9:21pm