



WCAA Annual General Meeting – 2024 / 2025 update

Meeting #31 held 30.06.25 on Zoom -<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86942906128?pwd=43RWNfZYGjT5H9vAxRNY9KKI3abxpy.1>

Meeting commenced 19:33 and was chaired and conducted by David Owen

The meeting was recorded on the Zoom platform, for full details see the recording. These minutes were recorded by David Owen and reflect the structure only.

Present: - refer Zoom meeting recording

Apologies:

Nic Bez VIC, Simon Lee SA, Jason Morris VIC

- President Address (Jim Kariotis)
 - 24/25 - Activity wrap
 - Nationals – Planning for BSYC
- State Reps reports (3 Min update each) – Clockwise from WA
 - Laurie Huck WA
 - Josh Green QLD
 - Pete Doolan NSW
 - Mark Simpson ACT
 - Ash Daff VIC
 - Simon Lee SA
- Secretary report – membership no's and club spot and insurance
- Treasurer Report – P&L report 2024 / 2025
- Vice President report
- IWCA update – Greg Johns
- 2025 / 2026 – Committee
- Closing remarks (Greg Johns)
- Q&A

President's Report – Jim

- Activity Wrap- Nationals (Toronto)
- Website Update
- Sponsors and supporters
- 50/50 ethos
- Fostering talents of members to support class advancement
- Class Incorporation
- Regional / International activities
 - NZ interdominion.
 - Fiji
 - French / Italians / Euro's / Worlds
- Nationals – planning for BSYC

State Reps reports :

- Laurie Huck WA
- Josh Green / Matt Willams QLD
- Pete Doolan NSW
- Mark Simpson ACT
- Ash Daff VIC
- Simon Lee SA

Secretary's report

- **Membership No's**
332 for 24/25 (steady against 23/24 (330 Members))
- **Clubspot** - Continues to be utilised as the Class's portal
 - Memberships
 - Event management (entry's)
- **Insurance (TPL insurance as part of the membership Pack)**
 - AWA – slight increase in insurance for future year however absorbed in the annual membership package (\$75 as per last year)
 - 310 took up the TPL insurance option

Treasurer's Report



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Financial Statement

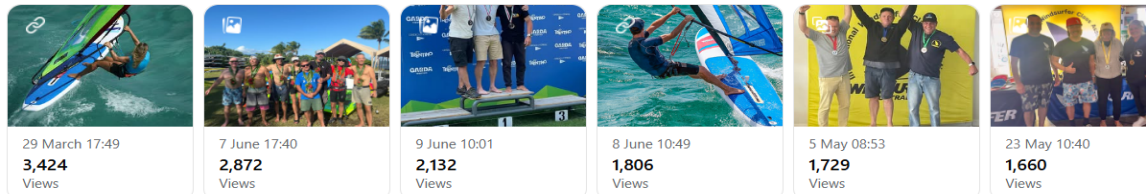
Financial (Member) Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Starts	1-Jul-19	1-Jul-20	1-Jul-21	1-Jul-22	1-Jul-23	1-Jul-24
Ends	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-22	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-24	22-Jun-24
Starting Cash at bank - 1 July	\$ 12,833	\$ 21,237	\$ 27,515	43,018	53,384	64,642
Income	\$ 50,363	\$ 46,345	\$ 64,337	\$ 77,179	\$ 80,646	\$ 86,753
Membership (net of cc fees)	\$ 16,146	\$ 16,686	\$ 18,090	\$ 18,468	\$ 20,827	\$ 17,818
Events incl merch sales	\$ 25,007	\$ 29,659	\$ 37,347	\$ 58,211	\$ 46,319	\$ 65,534
Fundraising	\$ 8,710	\$ -	\$ 8,400	\$ -	\$ 9,500	\$ -
Grants	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 4,000	\$ 500
2025/26 income						2901
Expenses	\$ 41,959	\$ 40,066	\$ 49,416	\$ 66,814	\$ 69,387	\$ 80,755
Insurance/WNSW fee	\$ 4,630	\$ 5,240	\$ 5,900	\$ 6,409	\$ 7,624	\$ 6,300
Membership packs	\$ 1,647	\$ 1,703	\$ 2,596	\$ 2,757	\$ 2,898	\$ 2,595
Events	\$ 23,403	\$ 18,831	\$ 29,369	\$ 47,542	\$ 41,567	\$ 59,693
Insurance 2023/2024	\$ -	\$ 8,842	\$ 740	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,565
Youth Scholarship	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 750	\$ -
Fundraising	\$ 4,860	\$ -	\$ 2,673	\$ -	\$ 3,968	\$ -
Promotion/Branding/Flags/Bouys/Anchors	\$ 3,127	\$ 2,263	\$ 4,783	\$ 6,664	\$ 10,547	\$ 3,912
Admin/Web/Stripe/Clubspot/CC/Smug	\$ 1,672	\$ 1,568	\$ 1,735	\$ 1,822	\$ 1,913	\$ 1,570
Bank Fees	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 8,404	\$ 6,279	\$ 14,921	\$ 10,365	\$ 11,259	Note 5,998
Cash Balance - 30-Jun	\$ 21,237	\$ 27,515	\$ 43,018	\$ 53,384	\$ 64,642	\$ 70,641
Movement +/-	\$ 8,404	\$ 6,279	\$ 15,503	\$ 10,365	\$ 11,259	\$ 5,998
Current Bank Balance						
Members - 30-Jun	299	309	335	349	361	310

NOTE: ACTURAL SURPLUS 5998
5665 2023/24 insurance
-2901 2025/26 liability
8762 SURPLUS

Vice President's Report

- Facebook activity

Top content
based on views



Last 90 days: 29 Mar-26 Jun ▼

2,374 Total followers ⓘ

+0.4% from previous 90 days



- Learn to windsurf initiative
 - **Aim:** Support clubs to increase participation on the Windsurfer LT
 - WCAA Windsurfer Equipment Initiative: Organised a special deal through Aroona/ Windgenuity for Yacht/Sailing Clubs. Thanks to Matt & Lars from Aroona/Windgenuity!
 - **Initial Result:** Toronto Sailing Club purchased 2x Ex Charter Windsurfer LT's complete, paid for by Australian Sailing! a small first step towards growing the LT fleet at Sailing Clubs.
 - Australian Sailing National Participation- Sail Our Way Project
- 20 Hoodies ordered and posted out by Jim. - A service not done before, establishing a good level of interest from members keen to order.

IWCA update – Greg Johns

- The IWCA's World Sailing International Class status has never been finalised, this became known to me in September 2022 when the President resigned and as First VP I had to take this role and action the necessary steps to finalise the contract between WS, Cobra and the IWCA with the help of Sarah Kenny.
- After two aborted AGMs the later in December 2022 and with Harald Elfring as the only candidate for President I handed him all the correspondence that required to take this to a conclusion.
- However was not focussed on, they instead concentrated on constitutional reform especially the participation of commercially interest in the executive committee for the May 2023 AGM.
- WS had put the class on probation with a December 31st, 2023 deadline, this was extended to December 2024 and then to May 2025.

- During this period Cobra withdrew from their contract with the IWCA and there were many meetings to address the lack of co-operation with it and it's commercial partners but no meaningful progress.
- Due to this and other issues 3 of the 6 EC members resigned, the IWCA then acted for many months outside on the constitutional requirements before co-opting 3 new members without referring to the members.
- In May 2025 the WS Equipment Committee has recommended that the status be removed, this is to be confirmed by the WS EC and finally by the November General Assembly.
- There are many other failures of the IWCA some of the major ones are;
 - There has not been a completed AGM since May 2023.
 - There are no published financials.
 - Publishing the NOR for the Europeans less than 6 months from the event.
 - WS requires notification of the following years worlds in August, the NOR came out in May less than 6 months from the event and the charter board situation has not been resolved.
 - Not resolving the small sail for juniors and others despite it being raised as an issue in late 2022.
- For this reason, currently in the final stages, there is a project to launch a new international class to re-energise the class. With a new modern constitution based in the UK which is a far more robust and straight forward jurisdiction than Italy. The steering committee has the backing of Cobra, Windsurfer Europe, Aroona and a list of the best administrators of the class from all over the world.

Committee Election Results

Following an unprecedented nominations and voting period – results are:

- President: Greg Johns (two nominations – Jim Kariotis and Greg Johns)
- Vice President: TBC (Luke Meyers stepped down)
- Secretary: Dave Owen (single Nomination)
- Treasurer: Greg Johns (single Nomination)
- SA State Rep: Simon Lee (single Nomination)
- VIC State Rep: Ash Daff (single Nomination)
- QLD State Rep: Matt Williams (take over from Josh Green)
- WA State Rep: Laurie Huck (whom took over from Peter Holton and Noel Lacey in the 24/25 period)
- ACT State Rep: Mark Simpson
- NSW Reps: Peter Doolan (Scotty O'Connor)
- TAS / NT State Rep: No nominations
- WNSW Rep: Martin Stone
- IWCA Rep: currently Nill (previous rep was Peter Monkhouse whom respectfully resigned as a mark of protest)

Closing Remarks – Greg Johns

Windsurfer Class Australia - Strategic Roadmap

Governance & Structure

- Adopt a clear, democratic constitution
- Incorporate as a legal entity
- Ensure transparency in decisions and finances
- Uphold ethical leadership and fair elections

Representation & International Alignment

- Ensure strong voice at IWCA level
- Maintain rule compliance
- Support sailors attending international regattas
- Report participation data to IWCA

Growth & Participation

- Target ex-windsurfers, dinghy sailors, youth, and families
- Create pathways for juniors and women
- Run structured training and coaching programs
- Retain members through fun and social events

Community & State Support

- Provide resources and autonomy to state reps
- Tailor support to each state's needs
- Recognize and support volunteers
- Promote inclusivity and access via ClubLT

Events & Competition

- Run national series and inclusive events
- Balance course racing, slalom, freestyle, and marathon
- Grow and manage a charter board pool
- Provide event management toolkits

Marketing & Communication

- Maintain a strong national brand identity
- Produce engaging content and sailor stories
- Keep the website and member portal current
- Send regular newsletters and updates

Funding & Partnerships

- Access grants through incorporation
- Attract sponsors with tailored packages
- Facilitate legal gear resale
- Develop quality class merchandise

Fundraising & Merchandise

- Run national raffle programs with great prizes to support class activities
- Develop and sell custom Windsurfer Class Australia merchandise
- Engage fleets and clubs in fundraising initiatives
- Ensure transparent tracking and use of funds

Use of Funds

- Support sailors attending Worlds and international events
- Deliver national training camps and coaching programs
- Subsidise charter boards and junior participation
- Recognise and reward volunteers

- Improve class marketing, content, and digital platforms

Meeting closed approx. 20:39

