



2025 Surfing New Zealand Inc Annual General Meeting

LOCATION: Online via Microsoft Teams

DATE AND TIME: 10:00am Saturday 22nd November, 2025

MINUTES:

MEETING OPEN: 10:00am

PRESENT:

Surfing New Zealand Board and Staff

Heath Kerr – Appointed Board Member (Chair)

Jimi Higgins – Elected South Island Rep

Monique Esplin – Appointed Board Member

Alan Te Moananui – Elected Maori Representative

Matt Wood – Appointed Board Member

Ben Kennings – Chief Executive

Voting Members

North Coast Boardriders

Northland Surfing Association

Maori Bay Boardriders

Orewa Longboard Club

Whangamata Boardriders Club

Bay Boardriders Club

Papamoa Boardriders

Christian Surfers

New Plymouth Surfriders

Kaikoura Boardriders Club

North Wai Boardriders Club

South Coast Boardriders

South Island Surfing Association

Wellington Boardriders

Sumner Longboard

Point Boardriders

Ocean Beach Boardriders

Kneeboard Surfing New Zealand

Point Surf Team

Gisborne Boardriders

The Chairperson noted that 20 affiliated clubs and organisations were present at the meeting constituting a quorum of more than the required 40% of 35 affiliated under clause 22.13 of the Surfing New Zealand constitution.

Guests

Deb Bowry

Phillip Corcoran



Apologies:

Greg Townsend (Life Member)

MEETING PROCEEDINGS:

The meeting was governed by the existing Rules of Surfing New Zealand.

2024 AGM MINUTES:

Motion that the minutes of the AGM of Surfing New Zealand held online via Microsoft Teams on Saturday 23rd November 2024 are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: North Wai Boardriders **Seconded:** South Coast Boardriders **Carried:** Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

REPORTS:

- Chairperson's Report: **Heath Kerr**
- Management Report: **Ben Kennings**

FINANCE:

- Annual Financial Reports: **Ben Kennings and Heath Kerr**
- Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

Resolution: That the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 are received.

Moved: South Coast Boardriders **Seconded:** Bay Boardriders **Carried:** Carried

CURRENT APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

- Heath Kerr has one year left of his second term
- Matt Wood has two years left on his second term
- Monique Esplin has three years left of her second term

ELECTIONS

North Island Representative Nominations

- Kate Moss

General Elected Board Member Nominations

- Liv Haysom

Note: No voting required in 2025. Kate Moss and Liv Haysom have been re-elected unopposed. Nominated board members have three-year terms.



Existing elected board member terms are outlined below:

Maori Representative Elected

Alan Te Moananui (one year remaining on his second term)

South Island Representative

Jimi Higgins (one year remaining on his first term)

CLUB REMITS:

No remits were received.

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT:

Surfing New Zealand has drafted the attached constitution to meet the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

The Surfing New Zealand board moves that the presented constitution is approved by way of special resolution (66%).

Moved: South Coast Boardriders **Seconded:** North Wai Boardriders **Carried:** Carried

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

Three members were nominated for Life Membership. The membership voted on all three nominations.

Russell Ritchie

Moved: South Coast Boardriders **Seconded:** Kaikoura Boardriders **Carried:** Carried

Peter Windsor

Moved: Wellington Boardriders **Seconded:** North Wai Boardriders **Carried:** Carried

Steve Poulter

Moved: South Island Surfing Association **Seconded:** Bay Boardriders **Carried:** Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS UPDATES:

No general business received prior to the meeting.

Surfing New Zealand acknowledged that feedback on the constitution was received from Lion Rock Boardriders that was misrepresented as a remit and incorrectly distributed to stakeholders in an effort to be inclusive and transparent. We have taken this error on board and will improve how we handle and verify submissions in the future.

Discussion took place regarding the High Performance pillar of our strategic plan.

Surfing New Zealand outlined the performance pathways from the NZ Grom Series through to the NZ Surf Series, Pro Juniors, WSL Qualifying Series, on to the WSL World Tour and Olympics highlighting the New Zealand Teams representing New Zealand at ISA events.



The funding streams for high performance were outlined including support from High Performance Sport NZ for the current Olympic cycle, Sport New Zealand funding for the current cycle and the access to Olympic Solidarity funding through the New Zealand Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee.

The current position of the International Surfing Association was outlined and the limited support they receive from the International Olympic Committee through until 2028.

MEETING CLOSED: 10:59am