

AJSBA AGM 2022 AUGstt 6th 2022

Meeting started at 6:15

In Attendance

Justin Belcowski
Kylie Ellmers
Paul Leven
Grant Busby
Roslyn krouskos
Matt Tyler
Andrew Gordon
Tracy bennet
Luca sandrin
Carla Mcclenan
Adam Mourad
Adam Gibbson
Steph Ku
Jim Kawasaki
Billy Briggs
Mike krouskos
Dean krouskos
Julie Williams

Attending via Zoom

Bruce Foster
Craig Milne
Jake barker
Deb barker
Ross Moore
John Sloane
Alex youings
Guy Greenland
Daz Keal

Welcome by Justin Belczowski

Last years minutes Billy Briggs 1st Ana's mike second it

Presidents report

After the 20/21 ago nominations to carry on with the Ajsba committee were non existent I decided to stay on and try keep the Ajsba afloat through covid not knowing what was ahead

Obviously covid has been a big factor in all events across Australia making it really tough to organise events that include social gathering and adhering to social distance laws imposed by the government.

In this time we have taken a proactive approach at addressing a lot issues that have been swept under the table in the past, safety being our no1 priority and ways to make the sport more professional moving ahead with the times

2020/2021 had many hurdles to overcome as covid affected each state differently including lock downs and closing of borders with affected travel

It was time to reinvigorate our sport and by doing so we allied ourselves with the ijsba and apba (UIM) this happening we have implemented some changes to rider conduct on and off the water, some disagree with this but it is the way the sport is moving including with the ijsba, they too are implementing rider conduct policies themselves in line with other organisations around the world.

The new online registration system is working fantastic it has eliminated a lot of paperwork for Both the Ajsba and the club affiliates

Nationals has been a task on its own Ajsba has approached clubs multiple times offering them hosting opportunities but unfortunately with the unknown aspects of covid this made it hard to commit to everyone

The last 6 months the Ajsba has worked tiredly with government authorities to try and give a nationals back to its members and recently we were able to share this news via social media

Me myself is determined to ensure nationals in march happens and give back to the members after missing out for the last three years. Reminding those the success committee has only bee in power for the last 2 years

Financially the Ajsba is the best it has been in many years with battling through cover and now its time to let the members enjoy it

I would like to thank all those behind me have supported me my exec committee my family and friends

Secretary report

Let me just start by saying that I have been on this committee for over 2 years now and due to covid this is the first time we have been able to get all the executive in the same state let alone the same room. To this time last year we were all in lock down and stuck in our houses. And now we have had all 4 states to come out of lock down and get almost a full season of racing done. Mind you some of those were still with the Baird ears locked and with races having to be postponed. It was another hard year for racing but I think we can all say we were excited now life is starting to get back a new normal.

We currently have had 341 members through the year this year, yet we are currently sitting at 193 that are still current but that is due to it being the off season, we should get most of them back again during the season.

I have been working closely with the clubs again to ensure their events run smoothly and i try to take as much pressure as I can off them by helping to ensure that all members are up to date with their licensing. And even help on the morning of most events by being available to chase up anything they need help with while they are filling in all the paperwork at check in on event days

I have received race returns from most of the clubs though QLD have not sent any through from there last few events. I need all the clubs to know that is extremely important that we get these back and that all incidents are reported to the AJSBAm minor or major For our insurance. It might not lead to anything but it still needs to be documented and as the AJSBA hold the insurance policy we need these for every incident even a cut finger, like nsw have had.

An analyse our ajsba Facebook posts for last financial year the AJSBA do try to share all the content they can find to get the message of our sport to our followers and to help support sand promote the sport to all. Especially our clubs

Total posts 2021/22 fy on ajsba Facebook

Qpwc 29
Ajsba 14
NSWPWC 14
Jettin Vic 8
Jsw 3
Int'l 3
Bailey Cunningham 2
Kylie Ellmers 2
Ozpw 1
Mike King 1
Jayden Richardson 1
Tom Aiken 1
Sebouh Bahadourian 1

So as I am now stepping into a supporting role moving forward I would like to say how much I have enjoyed being the secretary and working with this great bunch of people and how much I enjoy working with the whole jet ski community.

Treasurer's Report 2021/2022 season

The 2021/2022 season was the second season that the current AJSBA Executive committee has been in place, again the season was far from ideal with Covid-19 restrictions still causing havoc, this past season the clubs still managed to put on local events to the benefit of all members which is fantastic but with continual uncertainty around state borders going deep into the 2021/22 season the AJSBA could still not confidently hold a 2022 Nationals during the season.

The Nationals are obviously the highlight event for all members and it is extremely disappointing that again this year there was no Nationals which means there has been no Nationals for 2020, 2021 & 2022, the reasons are varied but the members can be assured the AJSBA Exec were working very hard on many different avenues to hold a Nationals with no luck, we are not alone with this situation with many sporting associations around Australia still having events cancelled this year. Personally I feel this as hard as anyone, I'm not getting any younger and would have loved the opportunity to attempt to defend again.

Below are some of the reasons why despite the AJSBA Exec's best efforts a Nationals did not happen:

- The Nationals are a huge financial outlay for the AJSBA, this huge outlay is then offset by money coming in at the event in the way of sponsorships and entry fees, with the chance of all this money being spent and then the event being cancelled due to border closures it was too risky financially for the AJSBA, even if money had come in from sponsors and entries we would have had to refund that money if no event was held. Over the years some Nationals have lost money and some have made money, ultimately we are responsible for making good financial decisions with the members money held in the AJSBA account

- The Nationals have to be able to be attended by all AJSBA Annual licence holders Australia wide, members are well aware of all the border closures that we have all endured but just as a reminder the WA border was closed to the rest of Australia from the 05th April 2020 to the 02nd March 2022, the last Queensland border closure had the Queensland border closed to the rest of Australia from the 23rd July 2021 to the 15th January 2022, it's very hard to plan a Nationals for all members with such uncertainty around borders

- Nationals at the level we all expect take many months of planning, ideally Nationals planning should start around June/July of the previous season and be announced by September/October of the season so all competitors have time to plan for the event. As above with the borders not being completely open until March 2022 it left no reasonable time to lock in a Nationals before the end of the financial year, we did get very close but issues

outside our control such as Council permits and available accommodation ended up stopping our ability to hold a Nationals during the 2021/22 financial year.

- There has been talk of doing two Nationals in one Financial Year to catch up, while I can understand the reasoning I do not agree with that being a suitable option, firstly due to the financial implications it is a big risk to hold two Nationals in one financial year, if either Nationals don't go well or were cancelled after expenses paid it could leave the AJSBA financials in a huge hole that may take years to recover, secondly doing a small Nationals does not benefit the prestige of the event, there would be stigma of winning the small Nationals for those victorious, and thirdly the Champions of each class deserve to hold their title for the year not just a few months.

Moving forward the location and dates for the 2023 AJSBA Nationals has already now been announced if this committee is in place, the approvals for the location allows an event to be held for the next four years, there has been some feedback on locking it in for four years, my thoughts is this is a great back up plan but not set in stone, if not used for the AJSBA Nationals I'm sure NSWPC will utilise for a state level event.

I would like to see the Nationals rotate thru each of the four racing state clubs every four years to allow each club to experience hosting the event and taking the pressure off one club year after year. In my view ideally once one club holds the Nationals they go to the bottom of the order and the following year a new club hosts when it's their turn, if for some reason a club can't host during their turn then the club under them in the order moves up to host and the original club just moves down one spot so they get the opportunity to host the following year.

This AJSBA Exec had done away with day licences and instead brought in a one time first time rider licence which has been a great success with many first time riders using the one time first time rider licence, moving forward I would like to see this one time first time rider licence stay in place at the reduced rate it currently is, but I would like to see a day licence brought back in at a more expensive fee, money paid for this day licence should not contribute towards an annual race licence, that would mean we have three types of racing licences plus an associate member licence, since moving to use TidyHQ and Stripe I believe this four tier licence structure is easily workable, it should remain that to compete at Nationals you would need a valid annual race licence, I believe the annual licence fee should remain at the reduced rate we put in place in the last 2 years including the discounts for additional family members.

We have continued to use TidyHQ and Stripe for our memberships and payments with great success; it means all payments are easily traceable. While I am treasurer I have ensured that there are no cash payments to the AJSBA under ANY circumstances which is easy with payments managed with TidyHQ and Stripe or payments being completed by direct deposits , since I started racing in 1995 there has been too many occasions when clubs or AJSBA financials have been taken advantage of mainly via cash payments and the lack of traceability of the money, this has meant clubs and the AJSBA have been left in less than ideal financial situations on occasions, I would ask all members to request bank only

payments to all clubs and the AJSBA moving forward so there is traceability of the clubs and AJSBA finances which is the members finances.

The insurance costs paid by the AJSBA continue to be our largest financial outlays, the AJSBA continue to work to control the increases of these fees by bringing our policies and procedures to the levels expected in 2022 which helps when applying for insurance, insurance is always needed for the protection of the AJSBA, clubs, the exec, volunteers and members. I would suggest keeping our current insurance club fee per event that is paid by the clubs at the same level for next season.

This years Financial Income has decreased from the previous FY, this was due to overall income from membership fees being a lot less than from the previous financial year, much of this I presume is due to the uncertainty around border closures, remaining income remained steady.

This years Financial Expenses has increased from the previous FY, the two main areas for this increase has been the increasing insurance fees and the website rebuild.

Given the issues we have all faced this year the positive is that the AJSBA has managed to grow our bank account again for the second year in a row:

- On the 01st July 2020 the bank account amount was \$13,060.57 when this Exec started
- On the 01st July 2021 the bank account amount was \$47,747.83
- On the 01st July 2022 the bank account amount was \$60,977.68

In my 2021 Treasurer report I suggested the AJSBA should aim to start each financial year with funds above \$50,000 and in a perfect world to aim to get the account to the \$80,000-\$100,000 mark at the start of each financial year, this would keep the AJSBA in a strong financial position and allow funds to continue to grow the sport. We managed to move past that \$50,000 figure this year so going forward we need to keep working to improve our financial position.

Lastly I acknowledge that this year the communication was not always the best from the AJSBA but please remember we also have our own families, work and other hobbies to balance in our lives, we do these roles to try and improve the sport and for the love of the sport, that said behind the scenes we are doing a large amount of work to improve all areas of jet ski racing in Australia, also all of the AJSBA Exec have travelled to their local and interstate club race days over the last two years and have been available to chat with members on those days, now with borders open it would be great if more members make the effort to travel to interstate events.

I would ask that members try to avoid the politics that goes on, we do not always agree on the AJSBA exec just as clubs and members don't always agree but we need to remember to have sensible discussions on subjects and then move forward for the sport, the reality is the sport in Australia is much better off if we all work together.

Thanks

Paul Leven
AJSBA Treasurer 2021/2022

Australian Jet Sports Boating Association 2022
Profit & Loss Statement
01/07/2021 to 30/06/2022
Income

Memberships

30,328.28

Affiliate Fees

1,200.00

Event Insurance Fees from clubs

13,000.00

Previous FY money owed

275.00

Total Income (previous FY \$62,296.24)

\$44,803.28

Expenditure

Administration Costs

Website domain 41.95

Website hosting 179.00

Website rebuild 3814.00

Xero 642.00

TidyHQ 890.00

TidyHQ Clubs 445.00

TidyHQ/Stripe fees 949.25

Incidentals 163.95

(Gift for QPWC member)

Insurance

22,970.00

Affiliation

1,600.00

Licence refunds

750.00

Total Expenditure (previous FY \$27,558.48)

\$32,445.15

(previous FY \$34,737.76) NET PROFIT = \$ 12,358.13

Current Balance Sheet 30th June 2021

Current Assets

Cash at Bank
\$60,977.68
Invoices Owed
\$0.00
Liabilities

Monies Owed
\$0.00
Members' Funds
\$60,977.68

Voting for 2022-2023 committee

President

86 to Justin
27 to Adam

Justin Belczowski put him forward. - second for Julie
Vice-President - Kylie Ellmers not contested Forward Billy Briggs Second by Dean Krouskos
Treasurer - Paul Leven and Gill Duncan Paul Leven
Forward Grant Busby - Second Luca
Paul Leven 86
Gill Duncan 27
Secretary. - Carla McLennan uncontested Forward by Paul Leven and second by Mike
Krouskos
Assistant Secretary - Roslyn Krouskos uncontested forward Marty Tyler and second by Jim
Tsacalos
Race Director - Grant Busby uncontested forward Paul Leven second Billy Briggs

2022-2023 AJSBA committee

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Treasurer - Paul Leven
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Meeting closed at 6:50pm

N.B.

General Committee nominations were not announced but were forwarded and seconded by the executive team. After the meeting

General Committee

Billy Briggs

Mike Krouskos