COOLANGATTA SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INC

MINUTES OF HALF YEARLY MEETING
HELD ON DATE: 31 January 2009

Opening -11 AM

Present -Damian Ling, Elaine Hogben, Phil Hammond, Brett Dorrington, Jack Hogben, Frances Blacker, Jim Purdon, Peter McNamara, Peter Blacker, Garry Bell, Sandra Kenney, Ann O'Mahoney, Michelle Hartley, Peter Manoel, Greg Piper, Brendan Kenney, Tara Hartley, Adam Mazzarella, peter Serone, John Longworth, Stuart Marshall, Belinda Ling, Phil Wyper, Brad Hartley

Apologies Kerry Rodgerson, Michael Rodgerson, James Rodgerson

Presidents welcome: Brad thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Confirmation of minutes from 3/2/08
Moved Phil Hammond Seconded Peter McNamara

Financials:

Jack Hogben advised the meeting that the surf club was very sound at present and he could not see any problems in the near future. Jack introduced Peter Blacker the supporter's club treasurer to bring meeting up todate on the supporters financials. Peter explained that there has been a 16% downturn since 1st July 2008 to current but the supporters are still making a profit of $50,000 per month
Peter said that he could only see a problem if there was further downturn but couldn't see this happening. Peter advised that the supporters did need to spend in the next couple of years. – new kitchen equipment, furniture. Peter advised that the $50,000 is currently being spent with $30,000 to the surf club, $10,000 to payroll tax and the other $10,000 being put aside for a rainy day.

General Business

Brad advised that the supporters would like to paint the outside of the building. They have suggested we change the whole colour but would like this to come before the surf club members. The cost to repaint the current blue colour is $5,000. Greg Piper asked what they are painting for $5,000. Peter Manoel advised that it is just the metal fascia bits that are currently teal blue. Greg asked can the surf club members paint it and save the cost. Peter Manoel advised that due to WH & S issues that it would be impossible for club members to do this work.

Moved Peter McNamara seconded peter Manoel that the Supporters and surf Club committees make the decision on paint.

Brad advised the meeting that we need to ratify at this meeting the following positions.

Mary Mason as Secretary
Jim Purdon as Deputy President
Jack Hogben as Treasurer

Moved Phil Hammond Seconded Garry Bell they these people be accepted in the above positions

Brad advised the members that the building would be going ahead and that there will only be a shortfall of $70,000 and we have approx 5 months to come up with the money. Peter Blacker advised there were avenues that we can pursue. Interest free loan from GCCC and SLSQ have connections as well.

Jim Purdon spoke on the importance of fund raising and communication is vital.

Jim spoke on the strategic Plan – formed a committee and the development plan is done but only for getting loan. He advised that both the surf club and the supporters are 2 businesses and essential they run as businesses. Jim advised that we had been successful in obtaining a grant for $4000 to write this development plan so the process is in motion. Jim would like to have a questionnaire put on the web site for all members to access. Jim would like to have a sub group, nippers, old boys etc to come up with the questionnaire. Jim advised we need to set goats, for all areas, marketing, membership, so that we retain our members. He advised this should be ready for July.

Peter Manoel / Building Report

Peter thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Peter advised that the construction of toilets will commence in the next couple of weeks, we finally have approval from council. Peter gave an overview of how we came to get this area from council. Bruce Phillips originally contacted GCCC when the old toilets over the road were being demolished and the Council where going to build new ones. Bruce got together with council and the local councilor and made suggestions for the toilets to be here at our club, totally refurbished. The ladies toilets now would become both men and women's and the men's toilets would become the surf club area. Council came back to the club with approval and that they would contribute $200,000 towards the project.

Peter advised that the total cost of this project would be around $420K– of this $200K from GCCC, $100K from Supporters club, Surf Club $50K which would leave a short fall of around $70K. Peter feels that the supporters club and surf club would be able to self fund this amount but if need be we can redraw from the loan. He advised that we started with a loan of $1.1M and the amount owing was now at $395K.

The new area will have a concrete slab across the top where in the future we may be able to extend the supporters club. Peter advised that this was good for future 10 years down the track. Peter Blacker also agreed with Peter that this was a great opportunity for the surf club to use the funds that GCCC had allocated. Brad advised that this will give an extra 70sq m downstairs and 150 sq m upstairs. All agreed that this was a great idea it was just a matter of where the money was coming from.

Peter Blacker advised with the shortfall that this should be fine as both supporters and surf club were financially sound on both balance sheets. Jack asked can we put a rail around the concrete area upstairs. Peter Manoel advised that this is not possible due to car parking. When you build a property you must have sufficient car parks for the project. Peter also advised that when we do the next extension than that will trigger public benefit fund and for 200sq m this would be around $180-$200K.

Peter Blacker advised that the supporters need to do some renovations as currently 50% of the income comes from the kitchen and it is not coping with this. He advised that there will be an overall plan for redevelopment of the kitchen in future plans.

Phil Wyper advised the meeting that he was running a 200 club. Need to sell tickets. If anyone is interested to contact Phil or Ann. The cost of the tickets is $100 with prize money of $5000 (spread over a number of prizes) up for grade. It is on 14 February Valentine's day. For the $100 you will receive food and drink for 2 people.

50th Book – Michael Rodgerson advised still underway. Letter has been written to the Queen and forwarded on to Buckingham Palace. Michael advised Renton is still writing the book and needs help with all the difference time frames. Renton is away on holidays a present. Michael advised the book committee was Renton Winders, Geoff Hamlet and himself.

Brad hartley advised the meeting that there were rumors floating around. He advised the meeting that he will be stepping down at the end of the season and we should start looking for a new President.

Stuart Hogben – spoke on the club Champs they will be on 19 April. Should be a great fun day for the club followed by a BBQ and he would like to see as many people involved as possible.

Nippers finish on 15 March so can we get flyer to have club photos on same day.

Brad advised about the club bus and that is not for private use for surf club activities only.

Brad thanked everyone for coming and closed meeting at 12pm