**SKI RACING QUEENSLAND GENERAL MEETING**

**MARCH 19TH 2025 VIA ZOOM**

Meeting opened 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** D. McCallum, S. Smith, E Best, D. Opperman, M. Titmarsh, D. Mountney, J. Mountney, J. Davis.

**Apologies:**- S. Cleaver, C. Singleton, M.Preston

**Previous Minutes**: accepted E. Best, seconded D. Opperman

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Incoming Correspondence**:

* Fraser Coast Council re; Events
* Gold Coast Waterways re; requirements for mid-week racing Runaway Bay
* Motorsport Australia – Concussion Register

**President’s Report**

* Attended the Heads of state and Clubs meeting

**Treasurer’s Report**:-

* Last year operated with a loss of $7451.
* Combined accounts totalling $10,870.32
* Insurances & vessel rego’s paid $ 2,294
* Website $714
* Current balance as at 17/3/25 $7,540.17

**Accepted D. McCallum, seconded J. Davis**

**Vice President’s Report:**

**S. Smith moved that completed documentation for year 2023/24 be forwarded to Fair Trading.**

**Seconded J. Davis**

* Gold Coast Waterways – no further discussion regarding mid-week racing Runaway Bay.
* SRA in holding pattern on back to racing awaiting NSW Maritime’s Report.

**SRA Delegate Report:**

* SRA Constitution not operating correctly. Board has approved legal advice be sought.
* Board agreed to meet every month commencing April 25
* Focus on what’s ahead. IWWF World Championships is taking away focus from back to racing.
* AGM April/May
* NSW Maritime have been supplied all required information for Special Investigation Interim Report and Board are awaiting a draft report by the 30th June 2025.

1000 pieces of information being investigated

* NSW Maritime are to gazette implementing 60knots for any towing / training on all NSW Waterways.
* Primary causes for death are showing to be internal injuries caused deceleration, have asked whether blunt force trauma is also contributing. Once Report is received SRA need to show what is in place to alleviate accidents.
* Report also questions the amount of personnel to be available for implementation, together with available financial input.
* IWWF World Championships (Belgium August 2025) Board have ratified that no Australian team be present at this stage due to insurance concerns. IWWF have not altered their by-law stating that each Country’s Federation must endorse their team.

**Memberships:**

* July 1st will see SRA back to financial year for memberships. 1st 6months of new season will be free due to no racing since June 2024. 1st January 2026 due for ½ Season is yet to be ratified by Board.
* Director’s & Officer’s Insurance is still current and not affected by no racing.

 **Return to Racing:**

* Gradual return with T. Pickford working on a plan for the type of racing.. There is to be more emphasis on Development and Training together with revised Classic Events.

**Race Committee:**

* A competitors grading system is to be introduced. SRA admin to monitor and police via a CRM system

**Compliance Committee:**

* K. Lindsell, B. McMillan, S. Shipp
* M. Titmarsh has been in contact with K. Lindsell regarding risk assessment documents.
* Grading of events in conjunction with the race commitee
* Compliance is focussed on all event documents to be common across all states and events
* Race Calendars are currently blank, but Board is looking at the clashing of Events which has taken place in the past.

**Safety Committee**:

* B. Casey & D. Cotton have taken on static testing of wetsuits, head and neck restraints, collars and helmets
* Motec are supplying testing equipment and a budget has been set for further testing equipment
* NSW Maritime requirements are tests are to be overseen with professional endorsement. SRA have engaged Dr Tom Gibson for the endorsement of dynamic testing of wetsuits and helmets. This should be completed end of March.
* 70mph speed will be the limit for non wearing of neck and head restraints and the use of helmet clips
* Above 70mph will be neck and head restraints
* S. Smith stated that he will forward Ski Racing NSW Forum held showing the test equipment being used.

**General Business:**

* S. Smith suggested that there should be a Social gathering held in order for all members to learn what is taking place with moving forward with our Sport.

There being no further Business, Meeting closed at 8.17p.m.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING – TO BE ADVISED**