



KAREKARE SURF LIFESAVING CLUB EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday 27 February 2025 @ 74 Parker Road Oratia 7pm

Meeting open at 7.07pm

In Attendance: Chrissie Sidwell, David Munro, Andy Shaw, Fraser Harvey, , Mark Chaafe, Guests: Jim Johnston and Sir Bob Harvey. Teresa Harvey Administrator
Apologies: Matt Wade, Esha Wade, Sarah Stone

Meeting Open:

Acceptance of apologies:

1st: Chrissie Sidwell

2nd: Andy Shaw

All in favour

Conflict of Interest:

Nil

- Minutes approved from previous meeting:

1st: Chrissie Sidwell

2nd: Andy Shaw

All in favour

Welcome Jim to the meeting. Going to sit in tonight and see what our lifesaving operations are all about.

CWI online with Gabriella/JD

Deferred until our next meeting

The committee needs to make a list of questions of what it is used for how it benefits our club

Enter committee 7.10pm

Exit committee 7.46pm

Teresa to continue putting minutes on the website

REPORTS:

- **FINANCE Update:**

The club financial documents were emailed to the committee in advance of the meeting.

A further donation to the club was made following the 90th of \$5000 as the member wanted to say thank you for a great event. The club will consider using these funds for some sort of scholarship/leadership programme.

Thank you to Sir Bob for the event and also for the donations that were granted to assist with the running of the event.

1st: David Munro
2nd: Fraser Harvey
All in favour

- **BUILDING REPORT – BOOKINGS, FITOUT**

The committee was updated on the current status of the repairs following the cyclone and we anticipate the dripper lines will be repaired in March as indicated.

The committee was updated on the bridge status for repairs. There was a discussion about the current access issues that continue.

The bookings report was circulated to the committee.

The club will seek some costs for insect screens on the bunk room windows.

The club has received an interest in a large booking for 2026, the committee discussed the enquiry and agreed the booking would be valuable given the length and frequency of the bookings.

- **PRESIDENT Update**

Covered elsewhere in the agenda

- **LIFESAVING Update**

Review of PLS:

The committee thanked our Chair for her thorough handovers and management of the PLS service once again.

There was a discussion about the PLS operations at Karekare and in general and the club will feedback with a letter to NR about the operations this past season.

The committee discussed the beach signs and need to replace these fully in the next round of funding.

There was a discussion about lifesaving, observations of what we are doing well and what more we need to work on to ensure a safe and professional operation. The committee would like to see more mentoring for our young guards and new PC's.

The committee had a discussion about the access and impact it is having on our equipment and vehicles. At this stage the committee does not want the lifesaving vehicle to be taken onto the beach due to the depth of the stream and this has been communicated to members.

Alternative options for access have been explored, there are some issues though. The coastal team at Auckland Council have emphatically said they will not change the lagoon. The club is very concerned about the conditions of the beach, access and risk to our surf club and equipment and we need to discuss with Council all our options to improve the current access or the changing of the lagoon. The club needs to communicate once again our concerns to the Auckland Council.

Resolution:

A letter needs to be sent to Auckland Council that the current lagoon and stream depth is making our operation very difficult and we have concerns about public safety. The club is concerned about access and the impact this has on response times. We would like to work with you to resolve our situation.

The letter is to be sent to:

CEO Phil Wilson, cc to Mace Ward and Barry Potter

1st: Chrissie Sidwell

2nd: Fraser Harvey

All in favour

The club will be running the event guarding at Pasifika on Saturday 08 and Sunday 09 March 2025. All guards have been selected and endorsed by the club.

The lifesaving team needs strengthening with an IRB examiner to support our IRB training operations

- **JUNIOR SURF Update**

Had a very successful season to date, thank you to the instructors who are doing a wonderful job and we have very positive feedback. We need to ensure we support these instructors and the club would like to give them a thank you gift at the prize giving.

Need to ensure the patrols have good practices when we have the JS operating as there are a number of people in the water at any one time.

SPORTS UPDATE:

Congratulations to our members who competed at IRB Northern Region event. They obtained 2nd in assembly race. The club is interested in seeking funding for a IRB setup to support more of this sort of sport in our club.

- **Health and Safety monthly review**

Child protection lead in our club is our Chair. Several members have attended the online sessions and completed the Child Protection module online. There will be more training scheduled for the 25-26 season. The club needs to follow up those members who are still to complete their police vetting.

- Acceptance of reports

1st: Mark Chaafe

2nd David Munro

All in favour

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Officer Consent and Certificate to be signed, still have three members to complete this.

90th celebration review:

A discussion was had about the success of the 90th and all the team that helped make the event possible. It was disappointing some could not make it due to illness. The club has prepared some PR and sent to local media regarding our significant mile stone.

Archive update:

We have some very valuable historic items and we wish to preserve them for future generations. The club will work with Auckland Council in order to do this. There may be some small costs to cover this. Technology is changing so rapidly it is hard to know how we could store and update these records ourselves.

RESOLUTION:

The committee would like to co-opt Jim Johnston as the Lifesaving Chair

1st: Andy Shaw

2nd: Chrissie Sidwell

All in favour

Meeting closed: 10.13pm

TASKS:

Andy to talk to Rob Ferguson regarding PLS and funding

Teresa to investigate bunk room window insect screens – done

Chrissie/Teresa to prepare a letter to NR regarding PLS feedback – done

Teresa to draft a letter to Auckland Council and circulate to committee for approval - done

Thank-you gift for JS instructors – Teresa and Mark to discuss

Teresa to send a reminder for police vetting to members - done

Send budget and any other relevant lifesaving operational items to Jim - done