



## THIRTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Minutes

#### Date

Saturday, November 14 2009 at 1000 hours

#### Venues

Meeting to commence at 1000 EST by teleconference at the following venues:

- "The Morrow Room at The Lodge", Melbourne Grammar School, St Kilda Rd, Melbourne Victoria
- 442 Churchill Avenue, Sandy Bay Tasmania
- 861 Forth Road, Forth Tasmania
- 1 Riverside Road, Croydon Park NSW
- Other attendees phoned in from private addresses

Teleconference meeting: 1800 200 232  
03 9788 7777  
PIN: 319247# guests

**In Attendance:** Mark Spilsbury; Jonathan Lillis – Sydney  
Elizabeth Caldwell-Koolhoff, Craig Larsson – Sandy Bay  
Rik Head; David Hibbard; Brian Holden – Melbourne  
Susan Luscombe – phone  
Peter Findlater – phone  
Peter Kaim, Peter Wachtel – phone  
Glenn McIlroy – phone  
Sam McDougal – phone  
Deanne McCrea – phone  
Richard Hemsworth – phone  
David Kuhn – phone

#### Item

1.0 **Apologies:** Rowan Peck; Larry Doyle; AJ Simon; Margot Hurrell; Geoff Stevenson; Michelle Ware; Rob Decker; Douglas James

2.0 **Registration of Voting Delegates**

Item	Ski Resort	Voting Delegate
1	Ben Lomond	Peter Findlater
2	Ben Lomond	Peter Findlater
3	Charlotte Pass	Not present, not financial
4	Charlotte Pass	Not present, not financial
5	Falls Creek	Glenn McIlroy
6	Falls Creek	Glenn McIlroy
7	Mt Baw Baw	Brian Holden
8	Mt Baw Baw	Brian Holden



9	Mt Buller	Sam MacDougall; not financial
10	Mt Buller	Sam MacDougall; not financial
11	Mt Buffalo	Brian Holden, Associate (proxy for AJ Simon)
12	Mt Buffalo	Brian Holden, Associate (proxy for AJ Simon)
13	Mt Hotham	Not present
14	Mt Hotham	Not present
15	Mt Mawson	Elizabeth Caldwell-Koolhof
16	Mt Mawson	Craig Larsson
17	Mt Saint Gwinear	Rik Head
18	Mt Saint Gwinear	Susan Luscombe
19	Perisher Volunteers	Peter Kaim
20	Perisher Volunteers	Peter Wachtel
21	Perisher Ski Patrol	Not present
22	Perisher Ski Patrol	Not present
23	Thredbo	Mark Spilsbury
24	Thredbo	David Kuhn

<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
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### 3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting - 2008 AGM

Mark reviewed the 2008 minutes which were available prior to the meeting. Mark requested the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate statement.

**Proposed:** Mark Spilsbury  
**Seconded:** Glenn McIlroy  
**Carried:** The meeting

### 3.1 Business arising from the 2008 AGM minutes

Matters arising from 2008 AGM minutes are addressed in the 2009 agenda.

### 3.2 Correspondence

No correspondence tabled.

### 4.0 Reports

#### 4.1 President

Mark Spilsbury tabled his report, read from and spoke to the report. A copy of the written is available on request.

#### 4.2 Senior Vice President

Sam MacDougall provided a verbal report.

#### 4.3 Treasurer

Peter Findlater tabled the following reports:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Treasurer's Report for the Year 2008 / 2009
- Project Costs Summary 2009 to 2012



Copies attached. Peter spoke to his Treasurer's report.

Peter Wachtel commented he has not received a response to his email questions dated 7 October 2009:

"Please can you please send me a breakdown of funds spent on each member patrol for equipment, helmets? etc for the last couple of years! It appears Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol the biggest by far in Aust. has never received any equipment or funds even when they were requested it!!!!!!"

Mark Spilsbury responded to Peter's comment that his request is in hand and will take quite a bit of time to process.

Peter asked why the AEC courses are making a loss when Patrollers are paying to attend the courses.

Mark responded that he too was very concerned about the costs to conduct the courses today and ASPA is reviewing the costs. ASPA will provide Peter Wachtel with a break down on course costs.

Peter Kaim questioned why the ASPA web site expenditure was \$47K.

Mark responded that there were many new functions and features that have now been built into the ASPA site and added he would provide a cost line item break down.

Peter Findlater submitted his report to the meeting for approval.

Mark and the meeting accepted the reports.

#### **4.4 Vice President Education and Head of ASPA Training College**

Deanne McCrea tabled a revised edition of Michelle Ware's report. Michelle's original report was available prior to the meeting. Deanne spoke to the revised report. Copies of the written reports available on request.

#### **4.5 Vice President National Patrol**

Mark Spilsbury tabled and spoke to Rob Decker's report which was available prior to the meeting. A copy of the written is available on request.

#### **4.6 Vice President Victoria**

A J Simon provided a report prior to the meeting. AJ was not available at the meeting. A copy of the written report is available on request.

#### **4.7 Vice President Tasmania**

Elizabeth Calwell-Koolhoff provided a verbal report and addressed the meeting. Elizabeth said she would provide a follow up written report. A copy of the written report is available on request.

#### **4.8 Vice President NSW**

Mark Spilsbury tabled Rowan Peck's report and spoke to the report. The report was available prior to the meeting. A copy of the written is available on request.

#### **4.9 Vice President International Liaison**

Glen McLroy tabled his report and spoke to the report. The report was available prior to the meeting. A copy of the written is available on request.



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#### **4.10.0 Resort Reports**

##### **4.10.1 Mt Baw Baw – Sue Paterson**

Sue Paterson's report was tabled and was available prior to the meeting. A copy of the written is available on request.

##### **4.10.2 Mt. Buller – Sam MacDougall**

Sam MacDougall tabled his report the report was available prior to the meeting. A copy of the written is available on request.

##### **4.10.3 Falls Greek – Glenn McIlroy**

Glenn McIlroy tabled and spoke to his report. The report was available prior to the meeting. A copy of the written is available on request.

##### **4.10.4 Mt. Saint Gwinear – Susan Luscombe**

Susan Luscombe tabled her report. The report was available prior to the meeting. A copy of the written is available on request.

##### **4.10.5 Perisher Volunteers – Peter Kaim**

Peter Kaim provided a verbal report from his report and said he would provide a copy.

##### **4.10.6 Thredbo – David Kuhn**

David Kuhn provided a verbal report from his report and said he would provide a copy.

##### **4.10.7 Mt Mawson – Craig Larsson**

Craig Larsson provided a verbal report.

##### **4.10.8 Public Officer – David Hibbard**

David Hibbard commented, he had received a number of favourable comments on the success of the Thredbo, October AEC course and the new format was certainly on the right track.

#### **5.0 Election of Office Bearers**

Mark Spilsbury handed the chair of the meeting to David Hibbard. David tabled one nominee for President and called for other nominees from the floor. No other nominees were received. David called for speakers in favour of the nominees to address the meeting. The following table is the voting results.



Position	Nomination	Proposer	Patrol	Secunder	Patrol	Result
President	Mark Spilsbury	Nigel Oliver	Thredbo	David Hibbard	LM	Elected - Unanimously
Senior VP	Sam MacDougall	Mark Spilsbury	Thredbo	Peter Findlater	Ben Lomond	Elected - Unanimously
Treasurer	Peter Findlater	Rik Head	ASRV	Elizabeth Caldwell-Koolhof	Mt Mawson	Elected - Unanimously
Secretary	Jonathan Lillis	Rowan Peck	Perisher	Peter Findlater	Ben Lomond	Elected - Unanimously
VP NSW	Rowan Peck	Michelle Ware	Perisher	Peter Findlater	Ben Lomond	Elected - Unanimously
VP TAS	Elizabeth Caldwell-Koolhof	Craig Larsson	Mt. Mawson	Peter Findlater	Ben Lomond	Elected - Unanimously
VP VIC	A J Simon	Peter Findlater	Ben Lomond	Mark Spilsbury	Thredbo	Elected - Unanimously
VP Education	Michelle Ware	Rowan Peck	Perisher	Peter Findlater	Ben Lomond	Elected - Unanimously
VP National Patrol	Robert Decker	Mark Spilsbury	Thredbo	Glen McIlroy	Falls Creek	Elected - Unanimously
VP Marketing	None	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	Vacant
VP International Liaison	Glenn McIlroy	Rik Head	ASRV	David Hibbard	LM	Elected - Unanimously
IPP	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.

## 6.0 Appointments

### 6.1 Auditor

Jacob Hendricks

**Proposed:** Peter Findlater  
**Seconded:** Mark Spilsbury  
**Carried:** The meeting

### 6.2 Medical Adviser(s)

Dr. Mark Zagorski  
 Dr. James Cooper  
 Dr. Donald Kuah  
 Dr. Ian Millar  
 Dr Rowena Christiansen

### 6.3 Legal Adviser(s) (Solicitors)

Rob Montgomery  
 Patrick Fitzgerald  
 Norm Abrahams  
 Cam Oxley

### 6.4 Course Directors

NSW - Rowan Peck (Sydney)  
 NSW - Margot Hurrell (Jindabyne)  
 Victoria - A J Simon  
 Tasmania - Craig Larsson

### 6.5 Public Officer

David Hibbard



## 6.6 RTO CEO

Mark Spilsbury said that the tender for the position of CEO of the RTO was won by Deanne McCrea who held the position last year. Mark noted this position is a paid position within ASPA subject to negotiation and approval of an agreed contract, and commented on the expected high work load anticipated during the next 12 months for this position.

## 6.7 Honorary Members

Laurie Blampeed  
Peter Brulisauer  
Kim Clifford  
Iain Edgar  
Bernie Einoder  
Jim Etheridge  
Stath Gallate  
Stewart Galloway  
Ross Passalaqua  
Kevin Issacs  
Frank Lawrence  
Phil Nunn  
Geoff Provis  
Andrew Ramsay  
Geoff Robinson  
Mark Robinson  
Richard Rogerson  
Jim Sommerville  
Neil Tappe  
Mark Zagorski  
Werner Ziegenthaler

## 7.0 General Business

### 7.1 Approval for Internal Review of the ASPA Constitution

Mark Spilsbury tabled and spoke to the preamble and motion. The preamble and motion were available prior to the meeting. A copy of the written is available on request.

Mark opened the motion at hand to the floor for discussion.

Peter Findlater questioned who has voting rights at this meeting.

Mark commented ASPA has changed significantly since it was formed and that an internal review of the constitution would be timely.

Peter Kaim commented that the Perisher Volunteer Patrol reviewed its constitution recently and from this experience he would recommend the services of external consultants. Peter said that one of the Perisher patrollers, Helen Tilley, a solicitor was very experienced in these matters and was of exceptional value to the constitution review. Also, Peter said he could see similarity between the ASPA and Perisher constitutions.

Peter Wachtel supported Peter's comments and added his support for Helen Tilley and external consultants.

Richard Hemsworth commented he is experienced and works in the field of corporate governance providing advice to organisations on ways to improve their businesses. He believes with his background in ASPA he could provide a valued resource.



Mark asked the meeting if there was anyone that disagreed with the motion and if not he would put it to a vote.

David Hibbard commented the Patrols and Resorts should be given the opportunity for comments and input.

Peter Wachtel responded that this should be part of the review process.

In relation to an internal review of the ASPA constitution to examine the relevance of the current membership structure and provisions to the current Ski Patrol and Resort structure ASPA represents, Mark put the following motion to the meeting for a vote:

### **Motion**

An executive subcommittee comprising of

- VP Tasmania
- VP Victoria
- VP NSW

will formulate the terms of reference for the executive committee's approval. The terms of reference will be presented to the executive on or before 30 March 2010.

The motion was unanimously passed.

## **7.2 Two Motions from the Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol Proposed by Peter Kaim, President**

Mark Spilsbury read motion 1:

"That ASPA re-examine the current voting rights of member patrols, in light of the fact that the number of votes allocated to each member patrol are disproportionate to the total members of each patrol. Perisher Ski Patrol has 194 members and has the same number of votes as a Patrol that has only 5 members, for example."

Peter Findlater commented on the allocation of membership fees and on ASPA as a national organisation and federally funded.

Mark commented the "Review Panel" will be looking at this issue along with related matters in detail, so is there any need to progress with this motion?

The meeting agreed this motion was not required and to move on to motion 2:

"That ASPA table at the AGM a report detailing their expenditure during the last financial year."

Peter Kaim commented on the high expenditure levels across the board for delivering training to Ski Patrollers and on the expense of patrolling to the Patroller. He suggested ASPA may be better to direct their resources back to the Patroller. He said if the members do not have a break down of expenditure and costs, they are not in a qualified position to make sound practical comments and recommendations to ASPA. Members need to have access to this information.

Peter Wachtel added the members need to see this year's actual figures not next years projected figures. ASPA needs to be transparent and they are not at the moment.

Following general discussions Peter Kaim agreed to a re-wording on motion 2. The amended motion 2 read:

"That ASPA table within one month a report detailing their expenditure during the last financial year."

The amended motion 2 was put to the meeting for a vote:

**Proposed:** Peter Kaim  
**Seconded:** Mark Spilsbury



Carried: The meeting – unanimously

Richard Hemsworth suggested with all the resistance to supplying members with detailed copies of the financial records, it conveyed the perception that someone was trying to hide something.

Peter Wachtel commented as Treasurer of Perisher Volunteers and NSW Ski Patrol he has not received any request from ASPA for input into ASPA finances.

Following general discussions Mark agreed to email the "MYOB" data base file to Peter Wachtel for his reference and comments.

**7.3 Next AGM meeting date and venue**

Saturday 13 November 2010. Venue(s) TBA.

**8.0 Meeting closed at 12.06**

**Signatures:**

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**Mark Spilsbury  
President**

**Dated:** Thursday, 3 December 2009

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**Jonathan G Lillis  
Secretary**

**Dated:** Thursday, 3 December 2009