



MINUTES

Jet Boating New Zealand Inc 63rd Annual General Meeting

To be held Friday 13 June 2025 at 4:30 pm
Ascot Hotel, Invercargill

Welcome: Len French welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 4.32pm

Present: Len French (President), Steve Woodside (Secretary), Vicki Ferguson (Minute Secretary), Adam Cassidy, Andrew Collie, Andrew Adlam, Antony Stodart, Cameron Balderstone, Clare Vallis, Clive Workman, Colin Smith, Dave Hughes, David Street, Eddie McKenzie, Garth McMaster, Greg Simpson, Heather Kiesanowski, Jan Workman, Jane Campbell, Jason Murray, Jeff Berkers, John Stewart, Josh Carrodus, Katie McNabb, Katrina Goldsack, Mitch Hyslop, Nathan Hamilton, Oliver Sharpe, Paul Mullan, Paul Vernel, Paul Agnew, Paul Cross, Philip Kiesanowski, Robyn Mullan, Ronald Clearwater, Ross Goldsack, Ross Bailey, Theo Hofman, Tony Hardie, Wayne Duffy, Noel Joyce, Damian Pulley

National acknowledged the time and effort by Jane Campbell, Southland Secretary, in assisting the National Team with preparations for the Conference 2025.

Member, Quentin Miller, was presented with a First Aid Kit as being the first member to register for the Conference.

1. Apologies – There have been 299 apologies digitally received with a full list being attached to these minutes. There were no further apologies received.

Resolved that the apologies be received.

Moved: Katie McNabb

Seconded: Andrew Collie

Carried

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the 62nd Jet Boating New Zealand Annual General Meeting held 5 July 2024 having been confirmed as a true and accurate record by the Jet Boating New Zealand Management Committee on 23 July 2024 be received.

Moved: Ross Goldsack

Seconded: Philip Kiesanowski

Carried

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were nil matters arising from the minutes.

4. Call for General Business Items

There were no further items of General Business to be added.

5. Election of Scrutineers

Resolved that Katrina Goldsack and Jane Campbell be elected as scrutineers.

Moved: Vicki Ferguson

Seconded: John Stewart

Carried

6. Patron's Report

The Patron, Philip Kiesanowski, delivered his report verbally. A copy of which is attached to these minutes.

7. President's Report

The President, Len French, delivered his report verbally. A copy of which is attached to these minutes.

8. Financial Matters and Reports

8.1 Annual Performance Report for Jet Boating New Zealand for the Year Ending 28 February 2025. Steve Woodside advised the meeting that the Annual Performance Report for the Year ending 28 February 2025 is still in draft form due to some staffing issues with the Auditor Firm, Nexia.

Resolved that the Draft Annual Performance Report for Jet Boating New Zealand for the Year Ending 28 February 2025 be accepted subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report from the Auditor.

Moved: Stephen Woodside

Seconded: Tony Hardie

Carried

An email confirming receipt of the satisfactory Auditors report is to be emailed to members with the approved Performance Report being available online through the website – www.jbnz.co.nz.

8.2 President's Honorarium

Resolved that the President's Honorarium be set at \$4000.00 per annum for the financial year ending 28 February 2026.

Moved: Stephen Woodside

Seconded: Paul Mullan

Carried

9. Constitution:

Stephen Woodside spoke to the proposed constitution with voting following the discussion.

The Proposed constitution was accepted with 96 Votes for and 1 against.

Stephen Woodside will now register the new constitution with the Incorporated Societies.

Resolved that the voting papers be destroyed.

Moved: Clive Workman

Seconded: Colin Smith

Carried.

10. Election of Officers

The following nominations have been received prior to the close of nominations and subsequently appointed to the Management Committee:

Len French
David Street
Paul Mullan
Paul Vernel
Andrew Collie
Ross Bailey
Ronald Clearwater
Dave Hughes.

Len French advised that a further nomination was received after the closing date of nominations and is now to be regarded as a nomination from the floor and verbally read the Nomination.

Resolved that the nomination from the floor for Antony Stodart be accepted

Moved: Eddie McKenzie

Seconded: Ross Goldsack

Carried

Antony Stodart was duly elected to the Management Committee

There were no further nominations from the floor.

11. Remits

No Remits have been received.

12. Interest Register – approval

Len French advised the meeting of the details of the Interest register, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Resolved that the Interest Register for the year ending 30 June 2025 be accepted.

Moved: Clive Workman

Seconded: Greg Simpson

Carried

13. Magazine Awards

Paul Mullan spoke to the Magazine awards with Paul Vernel presenting them.

13.1 Best Photograph Award

Winner: Joe Daly. Summer 2024 #246

Runner Up: Graeme Fraser. Spring 2024 #245

13.2 Best Article Award

Winner: Dan Lysaght. Winter 2024 #244 'Wet Dreams in Haast'

Runner Up: Brian Eccles. Autumn 2025 #247 'When to turn around'

13.3 Best Story by a Junior

Winner: Charlie Stocker. Summer 2024 #246 'Snow Glo'

Runner Up: Archer Maiden. Winter 2024 #244

14. Doug Qualtrough Award

Paul Mullan spoke to the Doug Qualtrough Award and announced the 2025 recipient being Mike Glover, Nelson Marlborough

Philip Kiesanowski presented the award to Mike Glover.

15. Matters Arising from Last AGM

Nil matters arising from the last AGM?

16 General Business

16.1 National Rally 2025 – Hosted by Central Districts –

Tony Hardie advised the date will be 11 October 2025 on the Rangitikei River. Skills based events. Rally will be followed with a 5 – 6 day North Island Trip

16.2 Conference 2026 – Hosted by Taranaki.

Katrina Goldsack advised the 2026 Conference will be held over the weekend of 12 – 14 June 2026 in the Taranaki Region.

Meeting Closed: 5.30pm



Len French
President

Signed as a true and correct record, per Board minutes of 24 July 2025

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Patrons Report

It's that AGM time of the year again. I'm not going to tell you how many AGMs I've been to, as I don't know, but each and everyone of them has been memorable in its own way.

Over the years, I've used a lot of petrol down here boating the Southland rivers. The friendships we've made and the great times we've had are all because of the welcoming people down here and being part of the Jet boating family. The conferences are always fun to attend and I particularly remember returning to the airport from the Te Anau conference, when the van stopped at Riverton for lunch, and someone mentioned that the fish and chip shop across the road was famous for cooked oysters. Several dozen were purchased and my vivid memories are of huge, mouthwatering and delicious oysters.

The Magazine as opposed to the digital format...

I still think there needs to be both forms. The Facebook updates and the ability of drones to record jet boating activities enhances the exposure of jet boating and the thrills that it provides. Not to mention the amazing scenery that is showcased in these videos and that we as jet boaters get to experience first hand.

The Magazine in the last year has had a great and diverse range of articles from rivers information, boat tests, competitive, family and adventurous activities. The tales of activities from some long standing members, make for some great reading. Jeff Berkers "Inventive Mind" is always a great read.

The one article I want to mention is "A Quantum Leap" by Don Patterson in the Spring 2024 edition. It is about transferring from the Right seat (being a passenger) to the Left seat (being a driver). It encouraged him to join the Association and then buy a jet boat of his own. A well written story, with a different slant on how someone got hooked on Jet boating.

All Incorporated Societies have had to by law, update their Constitutions and some have, and still are, really struggling with how to achieve it. The manner in which our debate was handled at last year's conference was a credit to all those involved.

Thank you to all of you who are contributing to the running of this Association. It is much appreciated by us all as members and I realise that it requires many hours of voluntary work for the organisation to run as smoothly as it does.

A special thank you to Southland Branch for hosting Conference 2025 and congratulations on your 60th Anniversary.

Phil Kiesanowski
Patron JBNZ



National President's Report to AGM – Invercargill 13th June 2025

Welcome everyone to the 63rd Annual General Meeting of Jet Boating New Zealand.

This past year for us has been one that has had its fair share of challenges and like many others in New Zealand, the present financial climate has had its effects on our balance sheet.

After several years of strong growth in our membership, we have only had a very modest increase over the past financial year with an increased number this year choosing not to renew their membership for financial reasons.

We hope to turn this trend around in the coming year as we put into place a strong membership drive spear headed by a team of enthusiastic members who will be promoting our organisation from several angles through varying forms of social media

Price rises in most areas have also hit us hard coupled with a drop in our revenue from advertising in our magazine.

Our Rivers team has had a full-on year with their involvement in 7 major reviews comprising a mix of District Plan and Navigational Bylaw reviews as well as the Meridian Energies consent renewal on the Waitaki and its associated lakes and rivers.

Many of these reviews required the input from our legal team which always comes at a price.

There have been some good wins here but there have also been some significant disappointments. It would seem that some councils have put their own interpretation on how the national regulations should be followed which is very different to our understanding of their intention. There is still the question as to whether we should be challenging some of the recent rulings.

Another project that the rivers' team have undertaken is a full review of the present access rights to rivers throughout the country with the "Rivers information Project" as our present records as listed in the yearbook have shown to have some holes in them. Mari me NZ and other organisations continue to be unreliable in their assistance in this area and they themselves don't have information publicly available to assist boaters in knowing where they are or aren't allowed to boat.

Once this project is completed, the information will be easily accessible to members on our website.

Areas that have taken up a considerable amount of our time this year has been the review of the constitution which is almost a done deal now with final sign off taking place at our AGM today. It includes several subtle changes which allows our organisation to be more adaptable to face the challenges and changes that may be needed in the future.

A review of our strategic plan is also ready to be signed off and will set the direction of the organisation for the next 5 years.

We also undertook a campaign to encourage new blood to join our management team. As with all committees, there is the ongoing need to refresh our team as there are those who have served their time and are keen to move on.

This year Ross Goldsack is stepping down after nine years of service on the management team, two of those as National President. His input has been invaluable over the years, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his commitment to the organisation over this time.

At the same me, it is also exciting to have the prospect of some new faces joining us as from today, which I'm sure will add to the diversity of our team.

You will shortly notice some significant changes to our website as an updated version is coming together and will be ready to go live in the not too distant future. This is long overdue and is the start to looking to make our site more informative and user friendly.

At this stage it is mainly a modernisation of the existing site which will then lead onto more features being added over time.

Once up and running, we would welcome any feedback and suggestions on what extra features may be useful to have added as it is further developed.

One of the big successes of the year has been the launch of our "Jet Smart" video series. A big effort has gone into getting this launched and has provided the Jet Boating fraternity with some good sound guidance around the basics of Jet Boating. This is the first of several series that will be put together in coming years with planning for the next series under way already.

This video series will be a big asset to the organisation and can be accessed any me through our JBNZ's recently launched You Tube channel.

Looking forward and keeping in mind the challenges we are presently facing and likely to face in the future, we am hoping that the theme of this years conference – "Funding our Future" will promote some broad discussion as I feel it is meetings like this that we should take the opportunity to question every part of what we do and how we do it. It is vitally important that branches be fully involved in these discussions as we will rely on having full support from them and our wider membership to implement any changes we feel necessary to shape our organisation to service our membership as outlined in our Strategic Plan.

I would now like to take the opportunity extend my thanks, first to Steve & Vicki for their continued commitment to running this organisation and making things happen.

Also, to our management team who take time out of their very busy lives to help steer the ship and the branch Chairs who make up the rest of the executive team.

And finally, to all the rest of our branch committee members and other volunteers who are the real heroes of our organisation as they are the direct link to our wider membership.

I look forward to the coming year as we start implementing a lot of the initiatives we have been working on for sometime and that by this time next year we have the organisation heading in a very positive direction.

Safe Boating



Len French
President
Jet Boating New Zealand

Interests Register Jet Boating New Zealand For the Period July 2024 – June 2025

Name Of Committee Member	Description of Interest	Date of Disclosure	Steps Taken By Committee For Dealing With Interest (1)	Committee Member Actions To Address Interest/Conflict
Paul Mullan	Role in Heritage Trust Management Committee	Executive Meeting, 5 July 2024	B	
Paul Vernel	Role in Heritage Trust Management Committee	Executive Meeting, 5 July 2024	B	
Stu Mitchell	Role in Heritage Trust Management Committee	Executive Meeting, 5 July 2024	B	
Paul Mullan	Trustee of Jet Boat World	Management Committee Meeting 14 February 2025	B	
Paul Vernel	Chair of JBNZ Heritage Trust	Management Committee Meeting 14 February 2025	B	
Paul Vernel	Chair of JBNZ Heritage Trust	Management Committee Meeting 15 April 2025	B	

(1) Steps Taken: a) Noted,

b) Permitted to speak, not vote

c) Not permitted to speak or vote

d) Other – See Rule 9 Constitution