

A Grand Medallion



The WDBA AGM meeting was held at the Diggers Bar on Sunday 26th April in the afternoon. Quite a few from EW turned up to see what it was all about. Apart from the general business stuff it was also a prizegiving ceremony. The highlight of the prizegiving was EW winning the Team's Team trophy for the 3rd time in a row. EW came 7th overall in the Nationals* which was a good result. HCW was awarded with a trophy for their outstanding results in coming 2nd overall. Also of note were the WDBA waka ama teams, Wakalife, that competed in the Nationals in January. Overall, the Open and Masters teams did very well.

From the AGM; the election of officers for 2009/2010 for the WDBA the nominated included: Chair – Vonnice Soutar, Vice Chairperson – Alex Soutar, Secretary – Marino Te Ripo, Treasurer – Sheryll Collins, Club Captain – Shane Petley... So pretty much same as last season

Our team Reps for 2009/2010: HCW – Jimmy Heta, Tina Nikoia, EW – Virginia Comer, Jenny Davis, Dragon Boat Rep – Allan Halse, PCDz, Taniwharu – Paora McGrath, WTC – Julie Retter

The AGM confirmed these are the fees for the 09/10 season: Individual - \$50, Family - \$80, Juniors - \$10, Summer Fee - \$15, OC1 - \$40, NKOA Paddler fee - \$15 adult, \$12 junior, \$2 school

Some interesting things came out of the AGM too, like the possibility of purchasing a new dragonboat. Wouldn't that be nice? Also in the pipeline is applying for funding for a new mahimahi (waka). Jenny Davis also mentioned how waka ama was a growing trend within EW.

- Sarah O

The full minutes of the AGM can be found at: <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/waikatodbwaa>



The EW Top 20, 2009

After a worldwide poll..., would you believe a massive voting campaign..., OK, I asked Deb, Gin, and Sarah O, we decided these songs **were** the EW Soundtrack 2009.

- #1 **1 Gin, 1 Dan, and 2 beers** - Virginia's Theme by George Thoroughgood
- #2 **No Paddles No Cry** - The other Wellingate song, Bob Marley
- #3 **Don't you wish your paddles were hot like ours** - Pussycat Dolls
- #4 **Will the real Maelene please stand up, please stand up, please stand up** - whois maelene.com by Slim Shady
- #5 **If it weren't for my gumboots where would I be? I'd be in the ew-boat or a waka built for three** - Muzza's Theme by Fred Dagg
- #6 **Could'a bin the cap'n. Might'a bin the coach. Could'a bin the paddlers, I don't know, but look at the mess we're in...** The Irish Rovers sing the EW party song!
- #7 **It's not my fault, don't blame me, it's not my fault, it's all political** - Al's theme by Youth Brigade
- #8 **Like a newbie, paddled for the very first time** - Newbie initiation by Madonna
- #9 **(and it) Smells like the Airforce** - Nirvana's 'Waiting'
- #10 **Ginga nuts are so spicy, made from that ol' Aussie recipe** - Cirina's Theme by Chip'n'Dale?
- #11 **Bring your council to the slaughter** - Iron Maiden perform the EW war chant, Councils Cup '09
- #12 **Bet I can make your titties bounce** - Tama's theme by Keith Sweat
- #13 **Put some purchase on that, put a little something extra on that** - Lil Wayne - Jimmy's Theme
- #14 **Let's get Mon-ga-rel, Mon-ga-rel** - Sarah O's theme by Olivia Newton John
- #15 **How much is that duck poo in the sink hole?** - Grieg's Theme by Rosemary Clooney
- #16 **His name was Rosco and he steered the fastest d-boat in the west** - Benny Hill - Rosco's theme
- #17 **Rock the boat, don't sink the boat Allan** - Gin & Muzza's lament, by the Hues Corporation
- #18 **Don't cry for me Environment Waikato. Truth is, I never left you....** - Al's theme, by Madonna
- #19 **[Heroes] Don't stop, paddling before the finish, don't stop, it'll be here soon.** - Fleetwood Mac
- #20 **[Super Villains] faster than the speed of light, paddlin' out of sight** - by Bonnie Tyler

* Day 1, Adult teams