



## Waterways Watch Society

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**Date:** Sunday, 30 August 2026, 2pm Singapore Time

**Venue:** Waterways Watch Society HQ (Kallang)

**Time:** 1400hrs to 1630hrs

### **Attendees (80):**

Ordinary Members (51): Ai Wah Loh (Michelle), Choy Lai Yee Alicia, Bee Lian Wee, Boon Whye Toh, Bow Boon How Calvin, Chee Yong Lim, Chia Chia Goh, Sim Chia Way Telly, Sim Chia Yeong Kelvin, Koh Hwee Hiang Cordelia, Daphne Condecido Mari Llorente, Chun Hao Tan Darren, Diane Neo Shuen Ni, Emek Goksu Durmusoglu, Eugene Heng Chin Hien, Tan Wee Shan Eric, Gwen Hwee Koon Lim, Ho Ming Chan (Sam), Hon Wai Leong, Huang Leng Cheng, Hui San Toh, Hwee Shan Tan, Isabella Kristensen, John Tan, Jui Ming Tan, Ked Poon Chong, Kheng Tong Tay, Kim Seng Lim, Kong Nam Gan, Kwok Yew Chow, Kyaw Moe Aung, Leong Feow Kiang, Lijean Ho, Lin Jie Ng, Low Joo Kek, Margaret Chin Yin Lim, Ng Shiang Nee, Nisarg Atul Shah, Pheng Leong Goh (Kenny), Philip Ng Ngai Lab, Poh Peng Ng, Qiu Shong Hsieh, Richard Li Hin Lim, Rohan Chitrakar, Roy Pak Pui Lee, Sophiya Maharjan, Soon Nghee Tay, Tay Ji Qin Joseph, Victoria Lee Woei Shyuan, Wai Kuen Kam, Zhixin Li (Amanda).

Associate Members (29): Anastasiia Matsyshyna, Bryan Bews, Chee Boon Wang, Chloe Chu Cheng Ye, Hans Johannus Adolphus Zwetsloot, Hui Ling Tan (Tiffany), Jasmine Goh, Joey Siao Jie Lim, Joo Kuan Lee, Jun Zhu, Lin Lin Htike, Lonnie James Bevans II, Lulu Ji, Min Kyaw Wai, Myat Yee Lin, Oles Matsyshyn, Phyu Phyu Khin, Rachel Lin Ling Koh, Santosh Krishna Dhuraji, Seng Kiam Lau, Sicheng Jin, Siti Farhana Bte Maidin, Siyu Jin, Thant Sin Aung, Thi Lan Anh Tran (Ivy), Yan Nee Ooi, Yinbo Zhao, Yung Hui Lo, Zuraidah Hasan.

AGM 2026 has a total of 51 voting members. The required quorum was met and the 2026 Annual General Meeting was duly called to order.



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### Tribute to Mr Philip Chan Soon Poo

Before the commencement of the formal meeting, members paid tribute to Mr Philip Chan Soon Poo, a long-serving member of Waterways Watch Society who passed away on 17 June 2026.

Mr Eugene Heng reflected on Philip's many years of dedicated service to the Society, particularly his significant contribution towards the maintenance and servicing of WWS patrol boats, which helped the Society reduce operating costs and improve operational efficiency. Diane Neo, Programme Manager of Waterways Watch Society, also shared warmly about Philip as a valued colleague, highlighting his willingness to always lend a hand and his contributions in supporting the administration team.

On 20 June 2026, approximately 30 WWS members joined Philip's family in accompanying him on his final journey across Marina Reservoir. A minute of silence was observed in his memory.

### Opening Speech by Mr Eugene Heng

Mr Eugene Heng welcomed members to the 2026 Annual General Meeting and presented an overview of the Society's activities and achievements during the financial year.

During the year, WWS engaged 70 schools through 117 school programmes, reaching 18,521 students. The Society also worked with 260 corporate partners across 364 corporate programmes, engaging 8,165 adults and seniors. The total volume of litter collected decreased by 17.64%, from 17,995 kg in the previous financial year to 14,821 kg this year.

Pedal boat and kayak programmes remained the Society's most popular corporate activities. WWS also expanded its closed-deck kayak fleet through the donation of 10 kayaks and the purchase of three additional kayaks, bringing the total fleet to 13 closed-deck kayaks.

Members completed 663 Voluntary Environmental Patrol roster duties, amounting to 1,997.5 duty hours over the year. The Society welcomed an average of 15 new members per month, while 25 new facilitators were qualified during the financial year.



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Looking ahead, Mr Heng highlighted two immediate priorities for the coming year: the continued development of the Society's organisational structure and the rollout of First Aid training, particularly as the certifications of several facilitators and administrative staff are due to expire in 2026. He also emphasised the importance of conducting regular facilitator training and refresher courses.

### **Passing of AGM 2025 Minutes by Mr Low Joo Kek**

Mr Aung Kyaw Moe (member) proposed and Mr Philip Ng Ngai Lab (member) seconded the passing of minutes. All present were unanimous in favour of approving the minutes. There were no abstentions or objections raised by any of the members present.

### **Review of April 2025 to March 2026 by Mr Low Joo Kek**

Mr Low Joo Kek thanked the Society's donors and sponsors for their continued support during the financial year, including BNP Paribas, Community Foundation of Singapore, Dow Chemical, Goldman Sachs, NorthWest Community Development Council, Pacific Life Re and Tokyo Electron, among others.

Mr Low also presented an overview of Voluntary Environmental Patrol activities undertaken across the Society's three main operational locations: Kallang, Lakeside and Punggol. Boat patrols, bicycle patrols and gardening activities at Kallang continued to account for a significant proportion of member participation, alongside kayak patrols, pedal boat activities and administrative duties across the three locations.

### **Review and Passing of Accounts from April 2025 to March 2026 by Treasurer, Ms Victoria Lee**



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Ms Victoria Lee presented the draft financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2026. The Society recorded a net surplus of S\$194,586, compared with S\$343,109 in FY2025, bringing its accumulated fund to S\$1,776,017, compared with S\$1,581,431 in FY2025.

Ms Lee noted that operating costs have continued to increase. Nevertheless, the Society has sought to keep programme fees stable so as not to discourage schools, companies and community groups from participating in WWS programmes. This reflects the Society's continuing mission to engage as many segments of the community as possible in environmental stewardship.

Ms Lee also emphasised the importance of donations and sponsorships to the Society and encouraged members to introduce potential donors and sponsors. WWS continues to hold Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status, with qualifying donations eligible for the applicable tax deductions.

No questions were raised for the financial accounts for the year. The financial accounts for the year were proposed for approval by Mr Huang Leng Cheng (Member) and seconded by Bow Boon How Calvin (Member). There were no objections or abstentions, and the accounts were officially passed and accepted.

### **Pang Sua Office Updates by Mr Low Joo Kek**

Mr Low Joo Kek provided an update on activities at Pang Sua Pond, located near Bukit Panjang Road and approximately eight minutes' walk from Bukit Panjang MRT Station. The Pang Sua foot patrol currently takes place every alternate Saturday from 9.30am to 12.00pm. Since the patrol was established in July 2021 with four members, the group has grown to more than 25 members over the past five years.



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The Society expressed its appreciation to the Pang Sua members and their leaders for their continued commitment and proactive participation, and hopes to encourage similar levels of member-led activity across other neighbourhoods in Singapore.

### **Punggol Office Updates by Mr Low Joo Kek**

Mr Low provided an update on the Punggol Satellite Office, located under Sentul Crescent and approximately eight minutes' walk from Punggol MRT Station and Waterway Point, and established about 12 years ago.

Bicycle and boat patrols are conducted every Saturday from 3.00pm to 6.00pm and every Wednesday from 10.00am to 1.00pm, covering four designated bicycle routes. Kayak patrols are generally organised once every two months, while boats, pedal boats and bicycles are used regularly for weekly activities. Members also continue to support routine maintenance activities, including washing the boats and maintaining the pontoon.

Mr Low also updated members on the Coney Island Eco Trails, following member eco-walks conducted in August 2025. Participation is generally capped at approximately 15 members per session, and another Coney Island Eco Trail is being considered for the coming year. Interested members were encouraged to look out for further announcements.

### **Lakeside Office Updates by Mr Louis Kong**

Mr Louis Kong updated members on the Jurong Lakeside Garden Satellite Office, which was established approximately eight years ago. Over the past year, the office and equipment continued to be improved to better support the group's activities. The office steps were upgraded with concrete in August 2025, while in October 2025, all boats were fitted with solar panels and controllers to support battery charging, and were also given a fresh coat of paint.



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For the Lakeside Sunday activities, a total of 625 members participated across various patrol and support activities, comprising 207 bike patrols, 113 boat patrols, 100 kayak activities, 69 foot patrols, 50 pedal boat activities, 39 housekeeping duties, 24 administrative duties and 10 safety boat activities.

Over the past year, 107 activities were conducted, involving 109 members, and the Lakeside group welcomed 40 new members.

In terms of attendance, 109 members recorded attendance at Lakeside during the year, including seven first-time skippers, with no second-time skippers recorded. Separately, 45 members participated in kayak-only activities at Lakeside, comprising 12 one-star, two two-star and two three-star qualified members. No members left the Lakeside group during the year.

Mr Kong expressed his appreciation to all leaders, skippers and members for their continued support of activities at Jurong Lake Gardens, with special thanks to those who assisted with the realignment of the pontoon.

### **Election of New Committee Members 2026/2028 by Mr Low Joo Kek, President**

Mr Low Joo Kek presented the proposed slate of candidates for election to the Management Committee for the 2026–2028 term:

**President:** Mr Gan Kong Nam

**Treasurer:** Ms Victoria Lee

**Assistant Treasurer:** Mr Joseph Tay

**Secretary:** Ms Goh Chia Chia

**Assistant Secretary:** Ms Ng Shiang Nee

All nominees were unanimously elected to the Management Committee. No objections or abstentions were recorded.



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### **Appointment of Deputy CEO**

Following the election of the new Management Committee, Mr Low Joo Kek, outgoing President, was appointed Deputy CEO of Waterways Watch Society. In this capacity, Mr Low will continue to support Mr Eugene Heng, CEO and Founder, in the Society's operations and leadership.

### **Future Plans and Introduction of new members in Admin Team by Mr Eugene Heng**

Mr Eugene Heng outlined several key initiatives and priorities for the Society in the coming year.

The Society will seek to make greater use of its new premises to support indoor activities when corporate and school programmes are affected by heavy downpour, haze or extreme heat. The Society also plans to revive its electric engine initiative, with potential collaboration with Momentum Electric Marine, and to upgrade its Salesforce system to improve productivity, coordination and internal processes. The estimated cost of the Salesforce upgrade is approximately S\$32,000, with an annual running cost of approximately S\$18,000. About 80% of the initial set-up cost is expected to be supported by a grant.

The Society will also take a more proactive approach to marketing its CSR and school programmes. This will include developing targeted flyers and outreach materials for corporate organisations, seniors and pre-schools, as well as increasing direct outreach and cold-calling efforts.

Training will remain a key priority, with continued focus on One-Star kayaking courses, First Aid courses and regular in-house facilitator training. Presentation materials will also be refreshed to align with the Ministry of Education's 2027 Biodiversity theme.



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Mr Heng also introduced the proposed “Exchange Your Litter for a Drink!” initiative. Under the concept, WWS members would operate a branded pedal boat around the Kallang Basin during peak weekend periods, engaging kayakers, dragon boaters and other water users. Participants would be offered a complimentary drink in exchange for a bag of litter collected from the waterway. The pedal boat would be equipped with a litter bin, ice chiller and appropriate safety equipment, including life vests, first-aid supplies and communication devices.

An initial two-hour trial session is proposed to assess the feasibility and response to the initiative before considering any expansion. A core group of volunteers will first need to be organised to support the project. The initiative is intended to be developed as a work-in-progress project for 2026/2027.

Mr Heng also updated members on the LTA/Arup 2.0 proposal for a cycling path along Nicoll Highway, which includes several spiral-ramp options connecting to the existing park connector network. Some of the proposed options may affect existing WWS facilities and parkland at the Kallang site, including Garden #1. The proposal remains subject to further detailed study. The Society has requested detailed diagrams and indicative construction timelines to better understand the potential impact on its facilities and operations.

### **Closing Remarks by Mr Low Joo Kek**

Mr Low Joo Kek thanked members, sponsors, donors and partners for their continued support over the past year. He reflected on a year marked by both significant achievements, and reiterated the Society’s commitment to protecting Singapore’s waterways. Mr Low encouraged members to continue supporting the Society and contributing actively to its programmes and activities in the year ahead.

### **Award Appreciation**



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This year, the Society would also like to honor ten of our dedicated members who have clocked the highest number of environmental patrol duty hours this financial year. They are namely, Louis Kong Kwek Fong (232.5 hours), Michelle Loh Ai Wah (220.5 hours), Ben Lai Ching Wee (184 hours), Low Joo Kek (158 hours), Jui Ming Tan (142 hours), Kong Nam Gan (140.5 hours), Sam Low Heng Moh (139 hours), Zhu Jun (120 hours), Sam Chan Ho Ming (114.5 hours), and Lawrence Yeo Teong Hean (114 hours).

This year, the Society also honored our top ten facilitators who have helped us tirelessly with programmes this year. They are Hwee Shan Tan (885.75 hours), Boon Whye Toh (645.75 hours), Felix Wang Hee Chye (632.5 hours), George Peng Hoi Pun (618.5 hours), Alvin Tay Soon Nghee (503.75 hours), Boon Yeow Ng (355 hours), Luke Boffa Christopher (353.75 hours), Yegen Sun (352.5 hours), Sara Kan Siew Chan (298.5 hours), and Loo Hwei Kwin (261.5 hours).

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**Approved by: Secretary**

Name: Goh Chia Chia

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**Approved by: President**

Name: Low Joo Kek