

Minutes of Yachting New Zealand's Annual General Meeting Held at the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club 10.00am on Saturday 17th October 2015

Present: as per the meeting register.

1.0 Welcome

The Chair of the Board Jamie McDowell welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jamie thanked the Northcote Birkenhead Yacht Club for hosting the meeting. Jamie introduced the YNZ Board members and YNZ staff. He confirmed there was a quorum present and the meeting met all constitutional requirements.

2.0 Apologies

Apologies were received from Sarah Meikle, John Cobb, Adrian Mayhead (Commodore of Wairoa Yacht Club), Greer Houston (Commodore of NZ Multihull Yacht Club), Chris Raynes, (Commodore, Cambridge Yacht Club), Peter Cornes, Sir Colin Giltrap, Sir Stephen Tindall, Jack Cropp, Joe Butterfield, Derry Godbert, John Faire, John Street, Neil Gibbons, Peter Hay Brian Smith, Tony Beckett, Doug France (Commodore, Kerikeri Cruising Club), Chantelle Grass, Mark Gibbs (Commodore, Waikawa Boating Club)

*Andy Robertshaw/Des Brennan
Carried*

3.0 Obituaries

The passing of the following friends of yachting were noted and a minutes silence observed:

- David Cook - (February 2015)
 - YNZ Past President and Life Member
 - President Tamaki Yacht Club
 - ISAF Committee Member (1991 – 2004), ISAF Silver Medal recipient
- Bren Nelson - YNZ Life Member (April 2015)

4.0 Confirmation of Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting (11th October 2014)

Moved that the minutes are a true and correct record.

*Andy Anderson/Philip Yuill
Carried*

5.0 Reports

Moved that the reports be accepted as tabled.

*Bruce Milne/Paul Redman
Carried*

5.1 Chairmans Report

Jamie noted that Yachting New Zealand is a diverse organisation. Its activities cover a wide range of requirements relating to sailing, boating in general and clubs as organisations.

YNZ members are clubs; it is who YNZ as an organisation provides services to and ensure a national voice in many areas.

After much discussion, in 2014 a new levy system was introduced into the constitution by a majority of members and is now in effect.

Levies from member clubs account for approximately \$470,000 or \$1 in every \$3 spent by YNZ on member services.

YNZ works hard to add value back to clubs. In particular the association with AON has to date allowed over 40 clubs savings in excess of \$300,000.

Jamie noted he was stepping off the board and thanked his fellow board members, David Abercrombie and the Yachting New Zealand staff and clubs for their work locally to grow participation and allow individuals to access, enjoy and succeed on the water for life.

5.2 CEO's Report

As tabled.

David reflected on the past 12 months. David reinforced that the club was the member of Yachting New Zealand. David highlighted that the change in the levy system is only changing the methodology in calculating a clubs levy, it does not change with respect to who the member of YNZ is.

David spoke about the YNZ Member Card and that it is a vehicle to help YNZ communicate with individuals and provide more value to member clubs and their members. This applies equally to all types of members, not just sailing. David outlined some of the offers available through the card including Air New Zealand and fuel discounts. He noted that the club as a whole needs to sign up to the card concept, not simply two or three members from a club. David asked that clubs work with YNZ and share in the benefits and communication.

David asked that clubs give the new affiliation levy system time to bed in.

David thanked Jamie McDowell and Peter Dawson for their contribution on the board.

David provided an update on the Community Marine Activity Hub. At present the project is awaiting a resource consent hearing date. There is a risk around the Local Board granting land owner consent. The project has the full support of Sport New Zealand. The project is still on track.

5.3 Treasurers Report

As tabled.

Terry noted that the surplus includes income from grants and capital grants.

There were good returns on investments.

The high performance is looking to break even over the four year Olympic cycle.

6.0 Annual Accounts

6.1 Appointment of the Auditor – HLB Mann Judd, Chartered Accountants

Moved that HLB Mann Judd be appointed as auditor.

*Bruce Milne/Andy Anderson
Carried*

7.0 A) Election Board Directors

Angus Haslett was nominated for the position of Board Director. Angus addressed the meeting.

Jenny de Lisle was nominated for the position of Board Director. Jenny addressed the meeting.

Following the nomination received for the Yachting New Zealand Board, Angus Haslett and Jenny de Lisle will be deemed elected from the date of the Annual General Meeting.

8.0 Life Members

David Abercrombie gave a summary of each nominee's achievements

Moved that the following individuals be approved as Yachting New Zealand Life Members:

- Adrienne Greenwood
- Jan Dawson

*Jamie McDowell/Des Brennan
Carried*

9.0 Resolutions

9.1 Yachting New Zealand Board

Moved that the family membership for the 2015/16 year be \$44 plus GST for two members in a family and \$55 plus GST for three or more members in a family.

*Hayden Porter/David Fredric
Carried*

The Chair opened the meeting to discussion from the floor:

Paul Williams (Waikawa Boating Club) stated that he was under pressure from the club as there was a large non-sailing membership. Their view was that the proposed resolution would raise their fees.

9.2 Plimmerton Boating Club

Moved:

We propose the following motion:

To amend Yachting New Zealand Constitution Article 12.2

"Insert article 12.2 (a) That Yachting New Zealand Chief Executive, (or its delegate), have the discretion to rebate affiliation fees for mixed member clubs where sailors are in the minority and that there be a cap of 150% of sailing members that can be levied. PROVIDED THAT no member club will be required to pay an Affiliation Fee which is levied on the basis of greater than 150% of the number of sailing members in that Club.

A sailing member shall be defined to be:

- *any member of a Club which has as its principal purpose the promotion or enjoyment of sailing including cruising, learning to sail or racing; or*
- *for Clubs where the majority of members are not involved in sailing a member that owns, skippers or crews on a yacht, is learning to sail, or such other members as identify themselves as sailing members of the Club."*



Matt Hipperson
Commodore
Plimmerton Boating Club Inc.



Mike Sherring
Rear Commodore House
Plimmerton Boating Club

*Andy Robertshaw/Richard Chitty
Not Passed*

Moved to formally appoint Terry Nicholas and Dianne Logan as scrutineers.

*Philip Yuill/Andy Anderson
Carried*

The Chair opened the meeting to discussion from the floor:

Andy Robertshaw (Plimmerton Boating Club) gave an outline of the club. The club feels that not all clubs should be treated the same, and that to do so is unfair to clubs where sailing is in the minority. The increase in costs to the club was hard to justify to the membership. Andy outlined the impact to the club if they disaffiliated from YNZ. Andy spoke to the details of their proposed resolution.

Philip Yuill (Buckland Beach Yacht Club) asked if YNZ has given any discounts to certain clubs. David Abercrombie responded that YNZ had not.

David Abercrombie noted that the economic situation for YNZ would be worse if YNZ has stayed with the former levy system.

Richard Brabant (Personal Member) gave an overview of some of the advocacy work YNZ has undertaken in past years and the benefits to all members, not just sailing members.

Dave Anderson (Naval Point Club Lyttelton) supported the current system and YNZ. He outlined that his club is a composite club with growth in non-sailing members. They will have issues with members who are affiliated to other national bodies i.e. Waka ama and will be working through those issues.

Andy Anderson (Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron) outlined the key reason for their club's support for YNZ and the current system; fairness. He stated that the club had lost some members since the change to the new system. He acknowledged the advocacy support from YNZ particularly around the Ports of Auckland. He stated the club had a particular issue with the motion regarding discretion, and that giving the CEO discretion would cause an unfair situation.

Bruce Milne (Sandspit Yacht Club) stated that their members joined for use of the facilities. The club encourages family memberships and has had to encourage people to sign up as individuals as a result of the new system.

Paul Redman (Napier Sailing Club) stated their club is the only one in the area. The cost of the new system is about the same as the old one. The club would like more information on what YNZ does to share with their members.

Robert Blakey (Tamaki Yacht Club) asked for the YNZ Boards feelings. Greg Knowles responded that YNZ has around 110 member clubs and needs to collect around \$450,000 to \$500,000 from the membership. The method to do so needs to be simple, easy to understand, spreads the load, be fair and effective. The YNZ board favours the current system as it is a low rate, broad base approach.

Andy Robertshaw (Plimmerton Boating Club) asked for discretion and fairness.

Moved that the voting papers be destroyed within 48 hours.

10.0 2016-2017 Affiliation Fees

Moved that the Affiliation Fees for 2016-2017 will be as follows:

Club Affiliation Fee - for the 2016/17 \$22 plus GST for every club individual person

Other Affiliation Fees

Class Association Fee - \$117.39 plus GST

Non Commercial Maritime Fee - \$117.39 plus GST

Commercial Maritime Fee - \$252.17 plus GST

Individual Member Fee - \$60 plus GST

*Robert Blakey/Andy Anderson
Carried*

11.00 General Business

11.1 Auckland Anniversary Regatta

Eric Mahoney addressed the meeting. He thanked YNZ for their support of the event and highlighted the support from YNZ Regional Support Officers Kim Admore and Hamish Hey. Eric thanked the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron for their support.

Eric gave a history of the event and outline what was planned for the 2016 event. Eric encouraged members of all clubs to come and take part in the 2016 event.

11.2 RNZYS – Clarification around Article 6.4 in the Yachting New Zealand Constitution

David Abercrombie clarified that the data gave YNZ an ability to communicate better to the community and help deliver the message about what YNZ does. YNZ respects the issues regarding privacy. Collection of that information for statistical purposes allows YNZ to demonstrate the number of people within member clubs which is useful to help relationships with the likes of Sport New Zealand and sponsors.

Andy Anderson (Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron) had concerns regarding the Privacy Act and how the information would be used and that the club would work with YNZ over the coming year to share appropriate information.

Blair Park (Panmure Lagoon Sailing Club) suggested that names should be sufficient to satisfy YNZ's requirements.

Advocacy

Richard Brabant addressed the meeting. Richard is a YNZ Personal Member and has acted in a professional role on behalf of YNZ as a Barrister.

Richard gave a summary of the outcome of Plan Change 4, a plan change in Northland relating to the management of Aquaculture. The outcome has protected huge areas of Northland's coast from aquaculture development, preserving it for recreational boating. Richard commented that he thought this was the most significant win for YNZ in terms of their aquaculture work.

Richard spoke about the importance of YNZ's role in advocacy and that it will not be always be nationwide due to the nature of the issues, but will impact on different regions at different times. He also stated how important it is to make sure people are aware of what work is being done in this space.

Richard gave an update on YNZ's involvement in the Auckland Unitary Plan process, specifically around the sewerage discharge rules, ensuring that the rules remain sensible and practical.

Richard urged boaties to get on board with green initiatives to help the image of boaties demonstrating we care about our environment.

Andrew Clouston highlighted that in the past season, YNZ had undertaken advocacy work in the following areas: Bay of Plenty, Dunedin, Marlborough, Northland, Queenstown, Timaru and Auckland. Aside from environmental work, YNZ was also engaged in issues including: blood alcohol limits for skippers, compulsory wearing of lifejackets, compulsory skipper licensing and vessel registration.

Paul Redman (Napier Sailing Club) asked for an update on the Health and Safety. Andrew stated that the new law comes into effect on April 4, 2016. YNZ has guidance on preparing Risk Management documentation in the online Club Manual and that he and the Regional Support Officers were able to assist. YNZ will be providing continued guidance around changes in the new law, and are encouraging all clubs to look at their current documentation and make sure it is current and up to standard.

Greg Knowles (YNZ Board) accorded thanks to Jamie McDowell and Peter Dawson for their efforts on the Board.

Meeting closed at 12.30pm