

Minutes of Yachting New Zealand's Annual General Meeting Held at the Worser Bay Boating Club 10.00am on Saturday 15th October 2016

Present: as per the meeting register.

1.0 Welcome

The Chair of the Board Greg Knowles welcomed everyone to the meeting. Greg thanked Worser Bay Boating Club for hosting the meeting and complimented the club on their clubhouse redevelopment project. The Chairman introduced the Yachting New Zealand Board and staff present and confirmed the meeting had a quorum.

2.0 Apologies

Ray Haslar – President, Yachting New Zealand

Gisborne Yacht club

Peter Morton – Commodore, Kohimarama Yacht Club

Gareth Edwards – Commodore, Lowry Bay Yacht Club

Paul Redman – Commodore, Napier Sailing Club

Bob Blakey – Commodore, Tamaki Yacht Club

Shawn Thomas – Commodore, Wanganui Sailing Club

Whangarei Cruising Club

Life Members

- Adrienne Greenwood
- Janet Watkins
- Jim Park
- Joe Butterfield MNZM
- John Faire
- Ralph Roberts
- Jan Dawson

Personal Members

- Brian Smith
- Des Brennan
- Jerry Payne
- Peter Hay

Other Members

Chris McCullum – International Order of the Blue Gavel

*Arthur Stewart/Brian Gilliland
Carried*

3.0 Obituaries

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

- Peter Cornes - YNZ Life Member
- Jack Cropp - YNZ Life Member
- Neil Monk, Otago Trailer Yacht Squadron
- Nick Saull, Auckland

- Stephen Forno, Auckland
- George Retter, Auckland
- Mr Val Arnold - A friend of yachting and the Patron and Founding Member of the Bay of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron

4.0 Confirmation of Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting (17th October 2015)

Moved that the minutes are a true and correct record.

Jamie McDowell/John Cobb
Carried

5.0 Reports

Moved that the reports be accepted as tabled.

Steve Mair/Chris Ward
Carried

5.1 Chairman's Report

The Chairman acknowledged the work of the Yachting New Zealand Board and highlighted the success of the Olympic team, noting the stand out from the debriefing post-Olympics being good people and strong families. The organisation will now move into planning for the 2020 games.

New Zealand will host the 2016 Youth World Sailing Championships at Torbay in December, 409 competitors have entered the event, with 107 coaches, and over 200 volunteers have signed up to help deliver the regatta. The Chair recognised the effort of those organising the event including the task of managing funding and logistics in such a short space of time.

The Yachting New Zealand Member Card and App scheme is now in over 60 clubs and Yachting New Zealand is looking for feedback from those clubs.

The affiliation levy system has been in place two years now and Yachting New Zealand has been working clubs around any issues that have come up through the process, including working with mixed membership clubs. Three clubs have recently been suspended for non-payment.

Yachting New Zealand understands the importance of remaining relevant to clubs and recognises that communication plays a big part in this.

The Chairman thanked David Abercrombie and his team and is looking forward to the year ahead.

5.2 CEO's Report

As tabled.

David discussed the Yachting New Zealand Member Card and App, noting that while the scheme provides benefits to individual in terms of financial benefit and demonstrating affiliation to a club and a national body, it also provides financial benefit to Yachting New Zealand to help fund the running of the organisation. The app growing in functionality, there will be an app for the Youth Sailing World Championships which will allow race organisers to communicate to sailors, coaches, team leaders and supporters.

David noted Yachting New Zealand is currently running a deficit and the organisation is aware of the need to be fiscally responsible. Members contribute roughly 30% of the budget (excluding high performance), which means that the organisation finds an additional \$1 million to run Yachting New Zealand.

David acknowledged the work of the Participation and Development team. He also thanked the Greg and the Board for their support, acknowledging the excellent work they do around governance.

David reflected on the achievements of the high performance team in Rio and acknowledged the support of High Performance Sport New Zealand. He reminded members that no funds from affiliation fees are contributed to the high performance programme.

David thanked Aon New Zealand and Geoff for their support of Yachting New Zealand and the upcoming Youth World Sailing Championships. The Aon club insurance scheme has saved Yachting New Zealand clubs over \$300,000.

Lastly David spoke about the NZL Sailing Regatta, being run by Yachting New Zealand in February 2017. It will be held annually with the venue alternating between Auckland and Wellington.

5.3 Treasurers Report

Jenny de Lisle spoke to the accounts in the annual report.

Jenny noted that the organisation ran a \$100,000 deficit. Jenny highlighted how important grants and sponsorship were.

There was a question from the floor regarding why Yachting New Zealand had investments. John Cobb responded that Yachting New Zealand wanted to make better use of reserves and that investments were conservative, liquid and spread across a number of activities.

6.0 Annual Accounts

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

Moved that HLB Mann Judd be appointed as auditor.

*Matt Taylor/ Brian Gilliland
Carried*

7.0 Board Directors

7.1 Election of Board Director

The Chairman handed the running of the meeting to YNZ Board member Steve Reindler.

Greg Knowles stands down from the Board by rotation and has been nominated for the open Board position by the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club and the Worsler Bay Boating Club.

Greg addressed the meeting.

Rohan Lord was standing for the open Board position, nominated by the Takapuna Boating Club and Pupuke Boating Club.

Arthur Stewart and Dianne Logan were the voting scrutineers.

Greg Knowles was elected to the Board of Directors.

7.2 Ratification of selected Board Director

Moved to ratify John Cobb's appointment to the Board of Directors.

Jamie McDowell/Steve Mair

Carried

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:

- Alex Maloney
- Molly Meech
- Sam Meech
- Terry Nicholas

David Abercrombie noted the policy of Yachting New Zealand is to give Life Membership to Olympic Medal winners in recognition of the contribution they make to the sport.

Ryan Leatham/Stephen Delahunty

Carried

9.0 2017-2018 Affiliation Fees

Moved that the Affiliation Fees for 2017-2018 will be as follows:

Club Affiliation Fee - for 2017/18 \$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

Brian Gilliland/Chris Ward

Carried

10.00 General Business

10.1 Bruce Spedding – Windsurfing New Zealand

Bruce Spoke to his paper and the relationship between Windsurfing New Zealand and Yachting New Zealand.

Bruce is to send a development plan to Andrew Clouston who will work with Bruce to see where Yachting New Zealand can support the aims of Windsurfing New Zealand.

Colin Locke noted that it would be useful for any plan of Windsurfing New Zealand to align to the Yachting New Zealand Strategic Direction document.

Other Business

Chris Ward from Muritai noted how valuable he found the 2016 Commodores Conference.

Rohan Lord asked Yachting New Zealand to look at selection criteria for youth and Olympic teams to consider selecting sailors that may not medal, but are on the cusp or aspiring.

Suellen Davies asked about the development regarding PHRF. Andrew Clouston responded that Yachting New Zealand are currently developing a PHRF tool that will allow clubs to more easily submit race results, will make creating TCF's more automated and provide a better interface for clubs and owners. Clubs will be updated as this progresses.

Andrew Clouston spoke about advocacy work currently underway in Marlborough, Northland and reminded clubs to engage with local councils when navigation safety bylaws come up for review.

Steve Mair asked about the name of Yachting New Zealand possibly being more inclusive of all sailing and boating. Yachting New Zealand had held a workshop in 2016 regarding this and the outcome was that the current name was the best option at present and that Yachting New Zealand would continue to put effort into promoting all of its activities.

Suellen Davies asked that Yachting New Zealand help share other clubs news via social media platforms, which was accepted and will take place.

Meeting closed at 12.10pm