

**Minutes of Yachting New Zealand's Annual General Meeting
Held at the Otago Yacht Club
11.00am on Saturday 13th October 2018**

Present: as per the meeting register.

1.0 Welcome

Frank McCarthy, Commodore of the Otago Yacht Club welcomed the Board and Yachting New Zealand staff on behalf of the club and the Otago region.

The Chair of the Board Greg Knowles welcomed everyone to the meeting. Greg thanked the Otago Yacht Club for hosting the meeting.

2.0 Apologies

YNZ Board Directors

Sarah Meikle

Viki Moore

Clubs

NZ Multihull Yacht Club

Akaroa Yacht Club, Commodore Charl Chaney

Takapuna Boating Club, Commodore Andrew Snell

Richmond Yacht Club, Commodore Andrew Burr

Waiheke Boating Club, Commodore Grant Crawford

Class Associations

Peter Mence, Classic Yacht Association of NZ

Non-Commercial Maritime Member

David Stone, Auckland Anniversary Regatta

International Order of the Blue Gavel

Life Members

Adrienne Greenwood

Ralph Roberts

Jan Dawson

Jim Park

John Faire

Personal Members

Des Brennan

Brian Smith

Joyce Talbot

*Roy Roker/Craig Smith
Carried*

3.0 Obituaries

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

- Patrick Millar, Muritai Yacht Club, Yachting New Zealand Personal Member - 8th July 2018, at the age of 97
- Alan Warwick, Kerikeri Cruising Club – 20th September 2018

4.0 Confirmation of Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting (14th October 2017)

Moved that the minutes are a true and correct record.

*Ian Cook/Frank McCarthy
Carried*

Matters arising:

From David Brown:

“Hal Wagstaff raised that he would like to see the Sanders Cup awarded regularly and that giving it out at a regional or interdominion championship for Olympic classes would be appropriate. He suggested the 49er class. Currently the trophy is at the Bay of Islands Yacht club and was last awarded in 2015 for the Javelin class.”

I am the current Commodore of the New Zealand Sanders Cup Association, as well as the Javelin Class Owners Association. I would like to point out that constitutionally only the Sanders Cup Association can decide which class races for the Sanders Cup. I would also like to point out that the Javelin Class is still actively racing for the Sanders Cup with good representation from around the country. Our winners are even recorded in the annual report from Yachting New Zealand. The Sanders Cup remains the oldest continuously sailed for interprovincial trophy in New Zealand with the centenary due in 2021. The cup is still sailed for every calendar year in line with the spirit of the constitution. The Javelin class remains the Nominated class for the Sanders Cup.”

5.0 Reports

Moved that the reports be accepted as tabled.

*Geoff Mercer/Roy Roker
Carried*

5.1 Chairman’s Report

Greg reported that the strength of Yachting New Zealand lies with its clubs and their members.

Yachting New Zealand is in a sound financial position, but still has its challenges as highlighted at the Commodores Conference. The modest increase in the affiliation fee is to Yachting New Zealand’s ability to continue to provide services to clubs such as e-learning, a useful website, the regional support officer programme and national programmes. Greg highlighted the work going in to keeping more girls and women in the sport.

Greg noted that there are a number of world championships in the coming season, including the O’Pen Bic, Tornado, Flying Dutchman and OK Dinghy.

Yachting New Zealand has been working through Sport New Zealand’s Governance Mark programme. The proposed changes to the Constitution are as a result of the recommendations.

John Cobb stepped off the Board after 5 years. Greg thanked John for the huge contribution he has made to the organisation. Arabella Brawn and Bridget Winstone-Kight have been appointed to the board for their skills in their area of IT and legal.

Lastly Greg thanked David and the team at Yachting New Zealand, clubs and their volunteers for their efforts

5.2 CEO's Report

David reported:

The past twelve months has been a period on which we have continued to build on what I believe was a strong foundation from the previous year.

We have a new strategic plan and sport leading environmental strategy that will drive our focus for the next 4-5 years and beyond. The pillars of access, enjoyment and success still resonates well with our clubs.

Clean clubs, working together, education and leadership are key pillars in our environmental strategy and our first partnership with the Sir Peter Blake Trust is a great example of how the strategy will help our young members. An opportunity has been created for 25 young people to be part of a yachting based leadership program with the added bonus of being eligible to get selected to go to the sub-Antarctic in late 2019 on the HMNZS Canterbury.

Understanding our membership is critical to growing our capability and the sport, but also understanding what we don't know is even more important. We need to understand what the barriers for young people in particular are. We have a focus on women and young people and will start a research project shortly with a focus on understanding the various influences that make our sport attractive or what keep people away. From this we will develop a strategy to grow participation and keep our young people in the sport for life.

We have had a successful year on the world stage, the Americas Cup sits in the RNZYS trophy cabinet and we look forward to the 2021 cup with great anticipation.

The benefits the cup creates in New Zealand are multi-fold and I'm sure the growth we have seen in our club membership this past year has in part been due to Emirates Team New Zealand's success.

We have also enjoyed the successes of sailors taking part in the Volvo Ocean Race, the combined Olympic Class World Championships, the Youth World Sailing Championships, the TP52 circuit, the GC32 circuit and various match racing events.

I believe these successes inspire our young people and will contribute to the growth of the New Zealand marine industry, while also creating some amazing career opportunities for our young people in engineering, design, spar making, etc.

We have a New CRM and Website that will go live before the end of the month and we hope you like the look and feel and ease with which you will be able to search for everything you need.

Strong organisations need a strong membership, good sponsors and partners and above all good people. Our challenge like so many not for profit organisations is to recruit and retain good people. We have a team of multitaskers who are not afraid to take on new challenges.

Growing capability, providing personal development opportunities and succession planning are important aspects of our internal focus. We need the support of Sport New

Zealand and HPSNZ to support these initiatives and they provide both opportunities and finance to help grow our capability.

Lastly, I would like to thank Sport New Zealand, HPSNZ, our sponsors, partners, the Yachting New Zealand Board, regional support officers and other staff.

6.0 Annual Accounts

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

Moved that HLB Mann Judd be appointed as auditor.

*Lynne Cooke/Ian Cook
Carried*

Jenny de Lisle spoke to the accounts in the annual report. Jenny explained how the income statements were divided in the accounts.

Jenny noted the small operating profit of \$8,000. She also highlighted at the operating expenses for member service were nearly \$1.5 million, of which, clubs contribute around \$460,000.

Jenny explained that the organisation has been running a deficit that past few years, which is why there is a need for an increase in the affiliation fee.

7.0 Board Directors

7.1 Ratification of selected Board Directors

Moved that Arabella Brawn and Bridget Winstone-Kight be ratified as selected Board members.

Ian Cook / David Stringer

Both appointments were ratified.

Arabella and Bridget both spoke to the meeting giving a summary of their background and skills they bring to the Board.

7.3 Election of Board Directors

There were two nominations for two positions. Jenny de Lisle and Angus Haslett were duly elected.

8.0 Yachting New Zealand Constitution

Movers and seconders for each proposed change were as follows:

- Clause 3.1 Roy Roker/Frank McCarthy
- Clause 3.9 Geoff Mercer/Roy Roker
- Clause 5.1 Roy Roker/Geoff Mercer
- Clause 6.3 Craig Smith/Roy Roker
- Clause 7.1 Frank McCarthy/Lynne Cooke
- Clause 7.3 Roy Roker/Geoff Mercer
- Clause 13.6 Craig Smith/John Stalker
- Clause 14.3 Geoff Mercer/Ian Cook
- Clause 14.7 Ian Cook/Roy Roker

All motions were passed.

There was discussion about the inclusion of the regional associations in the constitution and whether it excluded some. It was raised that the only regions not included were where no regional associations existed. If those regional associations were to reform, they would be added to the constitution.

David Stringer noted that with modern technology including Skype, it was easy to facilitate regional association meetings, and this could be a solution for those regions who no longer have an association.

9.0 2019-2020 Affiliation Fees

Moved that the Affiliation Fees for 2019-2020 will be as follows:

Club Affiliation Fee - \$24.20 plus GST for every club individual person
- \$48.40 plus GST for two members in a family and \$60.50 plus GST for three or more members in a family.

Other Affiliation Fees

Class Association Fee - \$129.00 plus GST

Non-Commercial Maritime Fee - \$129.00 plus GST

Commercial Maritime Fee - \$277.39 plus GST

Individual Member Fee - \$66 plus GST

*Roy Roker/Frank McCarthy
Carried*

The motion was passed.

It was noted that this was a 10% increase, and that this was the first fee increase in five years.

10.0 General Business

Wanaka Yacht Club, Marakura Yacht Club and Wakatipu Yacht Clubs expressed their appreciation for the support from Yachting New Zealand regional support officer Ian Gardiner.

Andrew Clouston gave an update on MOSS, rescue boat safety systems and health and safety.

There was a discussion on the fuel excise tax and how clubs can get a portion of the tax returned to them. Yachting New Zealand will promote how clubs can claim a refund. The Yachting New Zealand Board will also consider their position on whether they would lobby against fuel excise tax being applied to fuel going into boats.

Bluff Yacht Club noted the benefits of the Americas Cup visiting the region.

Craig Smith thanked the Board and Yachting New Zealand for holding the AGM in the Otago region.

Meeting closed at 12.21pm