

HAMPTON SAILING CLUB INCORPORATED A0011368Y

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
SUNDAY, 27 MAY 2018**

The Meeting was chaired by the Commodore Russell Brown, who declared the meeting open at 2.31pm.

ATTENDANCE

The Meeting was attended by 20 voting members. The list of attendees has been placed on the Secretary's file.

APOLOGIES

Neil Watson, John Maddick, Greg Clark, Jake Gunther, Robert Lichter, Stuart Skeggs, Steve Gunther, Andrew Gruby, Sue Grima, Aurelie Chabrol, Paul Stephenson, Martin Playne, Richard Skews, Leeanne Rothacker, Shirley Hopwood, Beverly Harvey

WELCOME

The Commodore welcomed the attendees to the Meeting. The earlier starting time of the meeting was requested by members who thought in the past that the AGM and Awards Presentation commenced and finished too late in the afternoon.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes for the Annual General Meeting held on 28 May 2017 had been posted on the HSC website and copies were made available at the beginning of the meeting. Neil Cooke pointed out a mistake in the motion to make John Hannam an Honorary Life member. The Minutes will be amended by the Commodore. No further matters were raised.

It was then moved Russell Brown, seconded J Roberts that the Minutes, as amended, be approved as a true record of the previous AGM. **CARRIED**

INTRODUCTION BY THE COMMODORE

With the assistance of a data projector the Commodore reported on the year's main events and tasks to be undertaken in the future.

Bad weather during the 2017/2018 season cancelled more Sunday racing events than were conducted. A Championship series and an Aggregate series were completed despite the relatively small number of races completed. The Shipwreck Classic and some sprint races were also held.

Hampton Sailing Club has a number of very competitive sailors who competed in World, Australian and State Championships over the past year. The Club was represented by four members at the recent international World Finn Masters Championships in Spain.

The Club tried some new social functions including a Build-a-burger dinner and a Trivia night.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sheila O'Shea presented the financial results for the year ending 30th April 2018 (copy attached) using the Club's Cashflow Manager System. The Commodore presented a summary of the Club's finances as at the end of April 2018.

Total income for the year amounted to \$54,647.74, including \$33,974.58 from subscriptions and \$9,800 from the sale of the Lady Isa power boat. Total expenses were \$31,486.60. General operating costs, including small assets/repairs/replacement equipment came to \$30,407.60.

The only major purchase during the year was a Fisher & Paykel refrigerator costing \$1,079.00. All available funds at the end of 2017-2018 are \$131,214.34

It was moved W Brown, seconded S O'Shea that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Commodore reported that the Lady Isa power boat was sold just before Christmas. He thanked Charles Bagossy and Frank Leipper in particular for doing a lot of work on the boat to get it ready to place on the market. It paid dividends as the boat sold for just short of the price the committee was wanting.

Hampton Sailing Club has a new website. The previous one sponsored by Australian Sailing was poor value for money. The annual fee was high and we were very limited in terms of structure and content. The new website cost was less than the \$1,000 quote to set up and the Club now has a fully functioning site that is designed the way HSC wants it. It is easy and inexpensive to maintain.

Steve Moller asked about members needing to log into the membership area of the new website. R Brown explained that parts of the website contained private information about members such as personal phone numbers. It was a requirement for HSC members to 'register' in order to gain access to these areas. Non-members would not be able to access these areas or view the information they held. This arrangement was typical on many club and association websites.

Sail Melbourne 2017 was held this year at Royal Brighton Yacht Club. Jake Gunther and Stuart Skeggs represented HSC in the Finn Class. Other Club members volunteered their time for race management duties. Over the past two years the event was at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron in St Kilda. This year the event was not part of the World Cup series and it will be interesting to see if it continues at RBYC in the future.

The clubhouse is now offered to external organisations and individuals for hire. John Basarin and Sheila O'Shea were instrumental in developing the policy, guidelines and forms, and this scheme is promoted via the new HSC website. This income revenue is up considerably from last year.

A contract was signed with Peninsula Boat Training to conduct power boat licence and marine radio licence training at the HSC clubhouse. Only one session was conducted. Lack of training participants forced PBT to cancel the arrangement.

An application from HSC and other local interested parties was made to the Port Philip Bay Fund. State Government wants an assessment of the black sludge problem before further action is considered. The application was not granted any funding. Sheila O'Shea provided a brief outline of the application process and the unsuccessful outcome.

Neil Cooke asked if a petition could be raised and ask visitors to the area and locals to sign it. Sheila O'Shea pointed out that more support is needed from people in and around the area and beyond. Significant involvement from a wide range of community individuals and organisations is needed and this requires recruitment from well beyond the Sandringham Foreshore area.

At the request of a number of members, an open meeting was held in February to discuss membership issues. Two areas of concern were addressed:

1. The Family membership type has been expanded to include additional adults who live at the same address, and
2. A 'veteran' discount from subscription fees for older, long-term members is available.

Details of these new arrangements were contained in the April newsletter.

It was moved Russell Brown, seconded J Roberts that the Commodore's report be accepted.

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

For 2017/2018 the Club had 80 paid membership units made up of Families 22, Seniors 46, Associates 7, and Life 5. A total of 134 members.

There have been 8 new members join and 4 members resigned. At the end of 2017/2018 there was 1 un-paid new member who had joined but not yet paid. During the previous year the Club had a total of 77 membership units.

Total membership was up slightly over last year. Family memberships were down and Senior memberships were up. It should be noted that the financial viability of the Club depends on a strong membership base.

It was moved N Cooke, seconded J Roberts that the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

SAILING SECRETARY'S REPORT

There were no reported injuries this year.

Racing in nearly all Club events was held with the racing fleet again set in two divisions. The Championship series and Aggregate series were conducted over a total of 20 races, with two races run on most Sundays.

No formal racing was conducted in the winter months, however some on-shore training activities were conducted in the lead up to the 2017/2018 season.

The average fleet size of 8.5 boats was up slightly on the previous year. There were 22 Club competitors and 4 visiting sailors over the two major series.

More members competed in regattas and championship series at state, national and international levels than in previous years.

There was an increase in the Sabre and Tasar fleets and a decrease in the 420 and Finn fleets. Other classes were steady.

The sailing committee plans hold a winter sailing season with activities on the last Sunday of each month. The sailing calendar will again include casual/social sailing days next season.

It was moved M Moller, seconded W Brown that the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

HOUSE SECRETARY'S REPORT

A new drainage system was built for the showers.

The balcony decking was sanded and re-painted.

The Club drinks refrigerator was replaced.

Two successful working bees were held and general maintenance continued.

It was moved W Brown, seconded S O'Shea that the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Despite not having a Social Secretary, a number of successful social functions were conducted this year; Bring-a-course dinner, Build-a-burger night, the popular Christmas party plus a Trivia night near the end of the season. In addition, there were a few after-sailing barbeques including the Social Sail held in February and the Shipwreck Classic to close the 2017/2018 season. Catering was also provided for the two working bees.

Hard work on the part of John Basarin and Sheila O'Shea resulted in the clubhouse being hired out to members and non-members more than in past years. A total of 8 events were held at the clubhouse resulting in an income of \$1189 which is nearly double that of last year.

Sheila O'Shea suggested that individual members should consider organising a particular social event next year. This way the Club may get to experience more and different types of social functions.

John Basarin will be unable to perform the role of clubhouse booking officer next season owing to work and travel commitments. Dawn Clark offered her services to help out with this job next year.

It was moved S O'Shea, seconded M Moller that the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

BOAT STORAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Commodore reported that boat storage spaces in the yard and in the racks are largely unchanged from last year. Some boats have been removed from the Club and some new members have bought boats into the Club.

A continuing problem is boats in the yard with no trolley or poorly maintained trolleys, particularly flat tyres.

Much unidentified and unlabelled equipment was moved out of the clubhouse and some of this has been taken by members. The remainder will be disposed of soon with some other hard waste. There are still some watercraft whose owners are unknown.

The method of identifying financial craft has been finalised for next year. Labels will go onto tags which will be attached to trolleys. Stickers will go directly on to kayaks and sailboards.

Neil Cooke asked if the Club could buy a small compressor to help with pumping up trolley tyres. Ralph Brown has a spare one and will donate it to the Club.

It was moved Russell Brown, seconded J Roberts that the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

COMMODORE'S WRAP-UP

The Commodore hoped that the 2018/2019 season would produce better weather than was experienced in 2017/2018 and more sailing/racing could be conducted than in the last season.

The Hampton Beach Renourishment Project was finished and resulted in a rock groyne being built and sand installed on Hampton Beach. Time will tell what the impact will be on the local waterways.

Tackling the problem of the black sludge and the silting up of Hampton Basin remains a major concern to Club members and all other people who undertake recreational activities at this venue.

Neil Cooke commented on the menace that the sludge posed. He had developed a poisoned toe and sustained a knee injury when caught in the mud.

Michelle Moller asked if the accumulation of the sludge was because of the construction of the SYC breakwater. The circulation of water around Hampton Beach had certainly diminished since the breakwater was built.

Sheila O'Shea gave a brief outline of the process and outcome of the application to the Port Philip Bay Fund seeking funding for an investigation into the current status and proposals for removal of the sludge. Parks Victoria has indicated they will contribute towards the project and they appear to be sympathetic to our cause.

Dawn Clark asked if SYC were keeping records of incidents involving child/sailors being caught in the sludge, and whether the Surf Lifesaving Club was affected by the problem. Sheila O'Shea suggested that HSC create incident report sheets to be filled out if members get stuck or if other people are noticed to be caught up in the sludge.

The Commodore concluded with the commitment to attract more new members and to encourage existing members to get out on the water more often.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Neil Cooke raised the topic of social sails and asked if it would be worth scheduling them on a Saturday. This would not interfere with the regular sailing calendar where racing could continue to be run on Sundays through the season.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2018/2019

Russell Brown advised that the following nominations have been received:

- Commodore Russell Brown
- Treasurer Sheila O'Shea
- Membership Secretary Richard Skews
- House Secretary Frank Leippner
- Sailing Secretary William Brown
- General Committee Jim Roberts

As there was no need to hold an election, the above were declared appointed.

The Commodore commented that the committee would be a slimline version for the coming year.

The Meeting was declared closed at 3:40 pm. It was followed by refreshments and the presentation of trophies for the 2017/2018 season.

Russell Brown

Commodore