

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 18 OCTOBER 2021 VIA ZOOM AT 8 PM

PRESENT: Adrian Broadbent (Commodore) Caroline Crane (Vice Commodore) Anthony Booth (Rear Commodore) Maxwell Sheaffe (Honorary Treasurer) Susan Barker (Secretary) and 44 Members on Zoom

1. WELCOME & OPENING OF MEETING BY COMMODORE

- Members were advised that the Meeting was being recorded.
- Members were also advised that the voting on the various motions during the Meeting would be done through the Zoom Poll function.

2. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

- R Christian, T Christian, E de Wit, L de Wit, W de Wit, L Furber, J Furber, L Hughes, R Johnson, A King, P Martin, A Strange, C Yarrow.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- ***Moved by Gregory Mason, seconded by Michael Paull that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 23 November 2020 be accepted. Motion Carried.***

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

- ***Moved by Michael Paull, seconded by Liz De Morgan to receive and consider the Financial Report of the Club for the Year Ended 20 June 2021 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditor.***
- The reports from the Flag Officers, Honorary Treasurer and Auditor were made available to Members prior to the Meeting on the website. The Commodore considered those reports as read and expanded on the following key points:
 - The bar will re-open on 19 October and dining will recommence on 22 October; pre-bookings are advised; double vaccination is required for entry.
 - The Combined Winter Series was curtailed by the lockdown; the current Wednesday Series will start on 27 October, with the first three races lost due to lockdown.
 - The Wharf Project to replace the ramp and pontoon was successfully negotiated through the Land & Environment Court; detailed design is progressing; construction is expected to commence in May 2022 after the summer sailing season.
 - The Club is in final negotiations to employ Vlad Milevski as Operations Manager from 3 November; he will work 4 days per week (including weekends) to improve the day-to-day operations; his primary role will be to maintain the facilities and support the Board in all compliance aspects, such as liquor licence, fire safety and occupational safety. He will have no responsibility for the Food & Beverage operations undertaken by Chiara Cognito and Trippas White Group team but will assist the Board to monitor their service. He has a strong background in Food & Beverage operations, both front and back office, and is keen to be involved in sailing activities.

- The Vice Commodore advised that the Centenary Celebration planning was underway; the Club was founded on 4 August 1922 by a small group of local yachting enthusiasts, which included her grandfather, Bruce Ryrie. To celebrate the occasion, it is proposed that there will be an all-day event on Thursday 4 August 2022 at the RPEYC beginning with brunch and a cocktail party in the evening; the RPEYC Centenary Regatta will be held on Wednesday 16 November 2022; a Children's Christmas Party with a nautical theme will take place on 4 December 2022; Centennial crockery and Club merchandise is also being designed.
- The Honorary Treasurer summarised the financial position of the Club with particular reference to membership numbers, operating surplus, trading streams, development donations and the Club revaluation. Thanks were extended to him for the huge amount of work undertaken during covid restrictions and the redevelopment work.
- ***The Motion was Put and Carried.***

5. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- ***The following Directors were duly elected unopposed:***

Commodore	Adrian Broadbent
Vice Commodore	Caroline Crane
Rear Commodore	Anthony Booth
Honorary Treasurer	Max Sheaffe

- ***The following Directors were duly elected unopposed:***

David Chrystal
Sven Runow
Andrew Sissian
Mark Steglick
Ashley Wawn

The Commodore thanked all Board members for their work and support in a difficult year, and departing Board members, Michael Paull & Brendan Lyons for their huge input as Directors.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Commodore raised two items:
 - Joining Fees will be revisited early in 2022 at a Special General Meeting at which members can attend in person.
 - Front Gate Security – fitting Fob control on the main blue gates and beach front gates has been suggested. Comments from members to be emailed to the Secretary for consideration by the Board.
- Andrew Goldfinch questioned the support for sailing within the Club; what was the Board doing to preserve the sailing club that the Founders had established, as active sailors were not made aware of or formed part of the Sailing Committee, nor were they members of the Board? The Commodore responded that the Board continued to maintain the ratio outlined in the Constitution that six of the nine Directors must share in a boat; if sailors were not prepared to volunteer for positions on the Board, the risk was that sailing would be diluted within the Club. The Treasurer advised that the Club was spending a substantial amount of money to repair the pontoon to ensure sailors can continue to use the Club.
- Andrew Goldfinch asked if it was appropriate for the Vice Commodore to possibly proceed to Commodore without conducting the sailing duties of Vice Commodore normally associated with

the position. The Commodore replied that the Board is a co-operative effort to use all the skills and experience available. He has full confidence in the Vice Commodore to fulfill her role. The Vice Commodore responded that she had been sailing since she was a child, sails every week on Wednesday and has been involved in sailing all her life.

- Stephen Wawn said he supported the idea of further security and having control of who entered the Club premises.
- Les Owen asked for an update on the number of people who can visit the Club upon re-opening. The Vice Commodore replied that it was 33 upstairs, 15 downstairs, with no limit outdoors.
- Les Owen asked how much money had been budgeted to improve kitchen facilities. The Commodore said that, as an upgrade could not be incorporated in the Renovation & Remediation of the Club, small improvements would be implemented; there was a budget of \$50,000 for upgrades and equipment requirements.
- Gregory Mason congratulated the Flag Officers and the Board on leading the Club through a difficult two years; why was the Club was not opening until 25 October. The Vice Commodore advised that the Club was in fact opening the following day on 19 October as stated in the Club newsletter (two) 2 weeks prior. The Club was advised by Trippas White General Manager in accordance with the NSW Government regulations.
- Andrew Goldfinch asked the Board to recognise family history with concessions in entry fees. The Commodore advised that decoupling the joining fees from the membership fees would be considered in changes to the Constitution, together with significantly reducing overseas membership fees.
- Stephen Wawn asked what was the outcome of the Sailing Survey that was circulated to members. Michael Paull advised that feedback from the Survey indicated a strong preference for keelboat tuition from the Club; Terry Wise (Pacific Sailing School) will bring his J24s to the Club to accommodate pupils; dinghy sailing for members' children will be taught at Woollahra Sailing Club's facilities; members would be advised in this month's newsletter.
- Andrew Goldfinch asked why the J24 championships had gone to RANSA. The Commodore responded that there were significant problems in hosting the boats on the moorings.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.31pm

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