

**NATIONAL MOSQUITO CATAMARAN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2005/2006**

Held at  
Loch Sport Boat Club

***Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006***

**Meeting opened**            **10:05 am**

**Present**

Mick Floyd (Chair & National Secretary), Philip Warren-Smith (Minutes Secretary), Tim Shepperd (National Technical Officer), Peter Dunk, David Dunk, Jon Guymmer, Phillip Flaherty, Phillip & Brad Pearce, Peter Hallsworth, Simon Hallsworth, Sarah Martin, Stuart Ridge, Peter Nikiton, Peter Cobden, Steven Cobden, Tom Cobden, Neil Joiner, Robert Lott, Phill Bovis, Matt Kirby, Bob Wilson, Garry Johnstone, Brett Rowe, Gary Maskiell, Andrew Copland, Craig Copland, Greg Plum, Colin McEwan, Glenn Hansford, Gordon Hyde, Darryn Kopp, Warwick Kemp, Beau Delaine, Mark Stillman, Andrew Neeson.

**Apologies**

None

**Minutes Of The Previous AGM - Meningie 2004/2005**

The minutes of the 2004/2005 AGM were read.

Moved Phil Flaherty Seconded John Guymmer

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2004/2005 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Carried.

**Business Arising From Previous Meeting**

YA Affiliation has been done.

Phil Bovis asked if the constitutional discrepancies had been fixed. The meeting was informed that there was a motion on the agenda to address that issue.

Phil Bovis asked if the template issue had been addressed. The meeting was informed that the problem had been with the way the template was being used and so there was no problem with the templates. The issue with boats from the "Fay" mould not measuring has been discussed with the builder and should be rectified when more hulls are produced. It was agreed that the Vic and SA templates should be checked for any discrepancies while they were both available at this event.

Greg Plum asked if the corrections had been made to the beams and gunwales of the new boats. The meeting was informed that this had not been done (except the beams on one boat).

**Correspondence Out**

Payment of YA affiliation fees.

**Correspondence In**

Payment transfer from VMCA 26 Boats 2005 \$78.00

Email from Phil Flaherty (MCASA President) re the timing of Notice of Motions for the AGM

**Business Arising From Correspondence**

Phil Flaherty put forward a suggestion that we need to extend the time required for notification of proposed changes to the BRR. This was discussed and it was agreed that the 3 month limit was needed for final drafts and that proposals subject to modification should be put up to 12 months in advance.

**Accounts For Payment**

Nil.

**National Secretary's Report And Financial Statement**

The National Secretary indicated that the only financial activity was those items already reported i.e. YA affiliation and one payment from the VMCA.

Simon Hallsworth pointed out that SA had paid \$110 which was arrears for the previous two years.

The National Account balance is \$198 and is held in a general account with VMCA funds.

The secretary went on to point out that the class in general was going pretty well. This was particularly due to the new boats that have been produced and that more would be forthcoming soon.

### **National Technical Officer's Report**

The NTO gave a brief description of the work he had done on the proposed rule changes.

### **Election Of Office Bearers**

#### **National Technical Officer**

Nominations: Tim Shepperd  
Nominated: Robert Lott  
Seconded: Andrew Neeson

Tim Shepperd was elected unopposed as National Technical Officer.

#### **National Secretary**

Nominations: Mick Floyd  
Nominated: Philip Warren-Smith  
Seconded: Garry Johnstone

Mick Floyd was elected unopposed as National Secretary.

### **Motions on Notice**

#### **Motion to amend the constitution of the NMCC.**

Moved Mick Floyd / Seconded Tim Shepperd

**a)** Delete clause 1.2 from the "Building Rules By-Laws" section, which states:

The Building Rules and Restrictions will provide the procedure for alteration to plans, building rules and restrictions.

**b)** Add the following three clauses to the "Building Rules By-Laws" section:

**1.2** A member may propose an alteration to the plans, specifications and/or restrictions by submitting a notice of motion detailing such alteration to the State/Territory Association for endorsement and forwarding to the National Association.

**1.3** Any such motion of alteration shall then be circulated to other State Associations at least three months prior to a National General Meeting to allow time for adequate discussion of the proposed alteration. The method of voting on motions received from interstate shall be at the discretion of each association but a postal vote or special general meeting (to involve all members) is recommended.

**1.4** A motion of alteration, if accepted, shall apply from a date specified in the proposal or, if no date is specified, from 3 months after the National General Meeting.

Mick Floyd put the motion, then asked for comments from the floor. No comments were put forward.

A vote was taken by show of hands and was unanimously carried.

#### **Motions to amend the Mosquito Class Building Rules and Restrictions.**

As these items had not been notified to all parties by the required 3 month limit they were declared invalid and were not voted on.

Greg Plum suggested submitting the rules proposed by Tim Shepperd for next Annual General Meeting. Tim Shepperd officially proposed the rule changes (1 – 8) to be tabled and voted upon at the next Annual General Meeting.

There was discussion on each item to allow those present to make comments and suggestions on the items. This was led by the NTO, Tim Shepperd.

### **Motion 1 Rule change**

#### Rule 7.1

Current rule: 7.1 The trampoline shall not extend beyond the front and rear beams or over the decks.

Proposed rule: 7.1 The trampoline shall not extend beyond the front and rear beams.

Explanation: This change allows the use of a wire or rope strop down the sides of the trampoline instead of a track attached to the hulls. This option may be used by some to simplify the construction and/or maintenance of Mosquito platforms. Rule 5.4 says the "beam is considered inclusive of any fittings and fixtures on the hulls" so this would prevent a "stiff" trampoline being constructed to extend beyond the gunwales (wings).

Points raised:

Another rule may be required to limit how far the trampoline should be allowed to extend over the deck.

### **Motion 2 Correction**

#### Rule 4.2

Current rule: The sail numbers and class emblem shall be placed on both sides of the mainsail, approximately in the position shown on the sail restriction drawings. [The rule continues but is unchanged from here]

Proposed rule: The sail numbers and class emblem shall be placed on both sides of the mainsail, in accordance with current ISAF rules and Yachting Australia prescriptions.

Explanation: The drawings in the Building Rules and Restrictions do not indicate the sail emblem or numbers, and the Yachting Australia RRS already specify the position and size of sail numbers and logo.

Points raised:

An implementation date may be required so current sails are not made illegal.

### **Motion 3 New rule**

#### Appendix 2

#### 21 SPINNAKER

Either the NMCC or a state authority may choose to run an event in which the use of a spinnaker is permitted, in which case this rule shall apply. It also applies to Mosquito class boats sailing with a spinnaker at any other events.

21.1 The spinnaker pole shall be attached to the centre of the main beam, and shall be fixed in a fore and aft position.

21.2 No part of the spinnaker pole or its fittings may extend more than 3030mm from the main beam.

21.3 The head of the spinnaker shall not be hoisted more than 6380mm from the top of the main beam.

21.4 The maximum luff length shall be 6950mm.

21.5 The maximum foot length shall be 3500mm.

New section:

Explanation: At the 2004 AGM a motion was passed to have spinnaker rules added to the class rules as an appendix. Here they are.

### **Motion 4 Correction**

#### Rule 14.4.5

Current rule: The mainsail shall be measured in accordance with Australian Yachting Federation and New Zealand Yachting Federation 1973\_1977 yacht racing rules, Section III, Item 2.

Battens shall be removed and all cross measurements are taken to include the bolt rope.

All cross measurements are taken to the nearest point on the luff with the exception of measurement 'A'. Dimension 'A' is found by swinging an arc with a radius of 845 mm from the head of the sail to intersect the leech and the luff. The straight line intersecting these two shall be not greater than 750 mm.

Proposed rule: The mainsail shall be measured in accordance with the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing.

Battens shall be removed and all cross measurements are taken to include the bolt rope.

All cross measurements are taken to the nearest point on the luff with the exception of measurement 'A'. Dimension 'A' is found by swinging an arc with a radius of 845 mm from the head of the sail to intersect the leech and the luff. The straight line intersecting these two shall be not greater than 750 mm.

Explanation: The reference to AYF and NZYF rules is obsolete. The required definitions and procedures for measuring sails are in the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing.

**Motion 5 Correction**

Rule 14.1

Current rule: The rig shall consist of mainsail and foresail for Mark II or mainsail only for Mark I. The IYRU International sail measurement instructions shall apply where no conflict with these rules arises.

Proposed rule: The rig shall consist of mainsail and foresail for Mark II or mainsail only for Mark I. The current ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply where no conflict with these rules arises.

Explanation: The reference to the IYRU is obsolete. The ISAF Equipment Rules of sailing provide definitions and measurement guidelines which complement the Mosquito Rules.

**Motion 6 Correction**

Appendix 1 Also affects Rule 2 and the Table of Contents

Current wording: The appendix describes the procedures for making alterations to the Building Rules and Restrictions and Rule 2 reads "The procedure for changing these Building Rules and Restrictions shall be in accordance with Appendix 1..."

Proposed: Delete Appendix 1, and alter rule 2 to read "The procedure for changing these Building Rules and Restrictions shall be in accordance with the NMCC constitution..."

Explanation: Appendix 1 conflicts with the NMCC constitution and has been superseded by the NMCC constitution. All the requirements of Appendix 1 are dealt with in the constitution

**Motion 7 Rule change**

Rule 6.2

Current rule: The main and rear beam shall be; a Comalco rectangular hollow section E425 or equivalent 50 mm plus or minus 1 mm by 39 mm plus or minus 1 mm by minimum 3 mm wall. Beam edges may be rounded to a maximum of 2 mm radius.

Proposed rule: The main and rear beam shall be; a Comalco rectangular hollow section E425 or equivalent 50 mm plus or minus 1 mm by 39 mm plus or minus 1 mm by minimum 3 mm wall. Beam edges may be rounded but no part of the beam section shall be less than 3mm thick as a result.

Explanation: The purpose of this rule is to prevent excessive rounding of the beam edges which would cause beam failures. The 2mm limit is arbitrary and this re-wording of the rule is intended to enforce the true intention of the rule.

Points raised:

1. The "Comalco hollow section E425" should be removed.
2. Disagreement over 2mm or 3mm radius.
3. Some thought It would be hard to measure the proposed rule without special tools.
4. Some were concerned how the wall thickness could be measured in the centre of the beam.

**Motion 8 Rule change**

Rule 14.2

Current rule: Mainsail and foresail--battens shall be removed from the sails for measurement. Sails shall be measured on a flat surface, just sufficient tension shall be applied to remove waves and wrinkles at the lines of measurement. The curved edge of the leech shall be a fair continuous curve with no hollows having the effect of increasing the sail area.

Proposed rule: Mainsail and foresail battens shall be removed from the sails for measurement. Sails shall be measured on a flat surface, just sufficient tension shall be applied to remove waves and wrinkles at the lines of measurement. The leech shall have no hollows having the effect of increasing the sail area.

Explanation: The original wording of the last sentence is tautological, too hard to interpret, and is not clear enough in it's intention. It states that only the curved part of the leech should be a fair continuous curve. The new wording is intended to state clearly what the rule intends, which is that hollows at measurement points cannot be used to increase sail area.

Points raised:

Some mainsails have a small fixed batten at the top which cannot be removed. This needs to be addressed.

**Nationals Venue****2006/2007**

Will be organised by the South Australian Association - to be held at Christies Beach, Adelaide.

**2007/2008**

It was agreed that these Nationals would be organised by the Victorian Association and conducted in Victoria unless there is sufficient activity in NSW to justify having the Nationals there instead.

**General Business**

Phillip Pearce proposed that the minutes be distributed and posted on the National Web Site as soon as practicable.

Peter Dunk suggested that we actively promote the Mosquito to the South Australian and Victorian Yachting Associations and the AYF to be the official youth class. The Mosquito with spinnaker is an ideal lead-in to the Tornado. Peter Dunk agreed to follow this up.

**Meeting Closed**            **12:30 pm**