

NATIONAL MOSQUITO CATAMARAN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006/2007

Held at Christies Sailing Club

Wednesday 3rd January 2007

Meeting opened 20:30

Present

Mick Floyd (Chair & National Secretary), Tim Shepperd (National Technical Officer), Phillip Pearce, Allan Pettman, Roy Douglas, Bob Wilson, Warwick Kemp, Beau Delaine, David Dunk, Peter Dunk, Kirsten Thomas, Robert Lott, Brett Rowe, Peter Nikitin, Garry Johnstone, Tim Kennedy, Jon Guymmer, Philip Warren-Smith, Peter Hallsworth, Peter Cobden, Mark Pfennig, Simon Hallsworth, Chris Dean, Neil Joiner

Apologies

Phil Flaherty

Minutes Of The Previous AGM - Loch Sport 2005/2006

The minutes of the 2005/2006 AGM were read.

One minor correction made – a reference to Peter Dunk was changed to David Dunk.

Motion - The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2005/2006 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved Neil Joiner Seconded David Dunk Carried

Business Arising From Previous Meeting

David Dunk gave a brief description of his discussions with Yachting Australia and the possibility of the Mosquito class being recognised as a training class by YA. YA were not really interested in due to the numbers and distribution of Mosquitos and boat availability.

Philip Pearce noted that the Victorian measurement template that needed to be checked had not been sent to him yet. Peter Cobden is going to do that.

Peter Cobden is also going to investigate the feasibility of having a digitised copy made of the templates so that they can be reproduced as required.

Correspondence In

Invoice for YA affiliation fees (\$55).

Correspondence Out

Payment of YA affiliation fees.

Business Arising From Correspondence

None

National Secretary's Report

Mick Floyd reported on the continued strong growth of the class (compared to many other classes). The establishment of a NSW association is an indication of this growth and a positive step forward. We need to support and encourage this sort of thing.

National Technical Officer's Report

The NTO gave a brief description of the work he had done on the proposed rule changes which are included as motions for this meeting.

Motions on Notice

Motions to amend the Mosquito Class Building Rules and Restrictions

All motions were moved by Tim Shepperd and seconded by Mick Floyd

Note: These proposals were voted on by those members in attendance at the AGM but are subject to the State Associations adding their votes in accordance with section 7.5 of the NMCC constitution. This process will be completed ASAP by the State Associations and members will be notified of the final results.

Proposal 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 or past the centreline of the decks.
For	12
Against	9

Proposal 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.
For	21
Against	0

Proposal 3	New rule - Appendix 2
New section:	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. This rule 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 front of 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.
For	16
Against	4

Proposal 4	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 except when a spinnaker is being used as per appendix 2. The current ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply where no conflict with these rules arises.
For	17
Against	2

Proposal 5		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:	Removable 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.	
For	18	
Against	0	

Proposal 6		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:	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 dimension '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.	
For	19	
Against	0	

Proposal 7		Rule deletion - Rule 14.4.6
Current rule:	All sails to have fair curves at all measurement points.	
For	20	
Against	0	

Proposal 8		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..."	
For	20	
Against	0	

Proposal 9		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 rectangular hollow section 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.	
For	21	
Against	0	

General Business

Nationals Venue - 2007/2008

General discussion on the venue for the next Nationals which will be organised by the VMCA.

The possibility of joining with the Nacra Association for titles at Port Stephens in NSW was raised. SA members were of the opinion that this was too far to travel and it was unlikely that anyone from SA would attend. The idea of going to NSW in general was not popular with SA members and the opinion was expressed that NSW sailors needed to attend a Nationals in either Vic or SA first before NSW should be considered as a venue. A suggestion was made that NSW sailors be subsidised to come to VIC or SA nationals (general agreement).

Locations in Victoria raised as possibilities were Portarlington, St Leonards, Somers and Warnambool. In hand with the Vic Assoc. to arrange.

Changes to Measurement process

Simon Hallsworth raised the topic of changing the measurement process to include all sailing equipment instead of just the platform (ie foils, mast, boom, sails, sheets etc.).

There was general discussion on this point around the fact that other classes did it this way, it may be easier (or may not), it would limit the attractiveness of lightweight (expensive) options such as carbon fibre and it may be fairer.

Phillip Pearce put a proposal that "The S.A. association, led by Simon Hallsworth, investigate the weighing of the Mosquito as a sailing platform and suggest a number. The information to be posted on the Mosquito forum". Seconded by Mark Pfennig.

Election Of Office Bearers

National Secretary

Nominations: Mick Floyd

Nominated: Tim Shepperd

Seconded: Philip Warren-Smith

Mick Floyd was elected unopposed as National Secretary.

National Technical Officer

Nominations: Tim Shepperd

Nominated: Simon Hallsworth

Seconded: Warwick Kemp

Tim Shepperd was elected unopposed as National Technical Officer.

Meeting Closed 22:05