

NATIONAL MOSQUITO CATAMARAN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009/2010

Held at Mannering Park NSW, 1 January 2010

Present

Mick Floyd, Ben Cutmore, Tim Shepperd, Gary Maskiell, Ben Clarke, Peter Hallsworth, Simon Hallsworth, Kirsten Thomas, Peter Dunk, Garry Johnstone, Peter Nikitin, Tim Kennedy, Nicholas Baglioni, Phil Flaherty, Neil Joiner, Philip Warren-Smith, Jon Guymer, Robert Lott, Matt Stone, Jon Emson, Ben Emson, Michael Griffith, Andrew McLachlan, Roy Douglas, Peter Nicholson, Simon Bone.

Apologies

David Dunk

Meeting Opened at 20:15 by Ben Cutmore

Minutes of the Previous AGM – Wallaroo, SA, January 09

Read by Tim Shepperd. Amendment to the Financial report by Philip Warren-Smith. The amount held by the VMCA for the MNCC should read \$33, not \$88.

Motion - to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as read as correct.

Moved by Peter Nikitin, seconded by Phil Flaherty.

Passed Unanimously

Business Arising From Previous Meeting

Incorporation - MCASA is incorporated. VMCA is not although it is being looked at. National Secretary (David Dunk) has paid YA affiliation which is dependent on the State Associations being incorporated.

Digitising Measurement Templates - this hasn't been done yet. Jon Emson suggested that he may be able to help.

Masts - Vic have none left, SA have 5. Phil WS and Phil F to investigate options for getting another batch.

Correspondence In/Out

YA regarding affiliation

Business Arising From Correspondence

None

Accounts for Payment

\$55 has been paid to YA by David Dunk. This will need to be re-imbursed. Phil WS suggested that VMCA and MCASA should each contribute \$50 to the NMCC.

Motion - VMCA and MCASA to contribute \$50 each to the NMCC to cover expenses.

Moved by Philip Warren-Smith, Seconded by Simon Hallsworth.

Passed Unanimously

National Secretary's Report

First, my apologies for not being able to be here this year as work decided it was more important for me to be at sea, or at least not here with you all sailing, not that I did not try.

It also gives me a great deal of joy to see the National Titles again being in NSW after many years of been off the National rotation. I hope to see this become part of the cycle and I look forward to the continued growth of the class in NSW and Qld.

This year has been an interesting series of events and again we have watched the class grow and go from strength to strength in all States with both past and new sailors joining the class.

The growth of the class has been interesting to watch with both new and second hand boats being at a premium and readily sort after. SA I know, has had a strong growth with Normanville now hosting, I believe, 6 boats regularly and they are looking for more. It is truly a nice position for the class to be in with interest being stronger than available boats.

Tasmania has also gained at least one new boat and are now sailing with spinnakers. If we could get them into an association we will be truly a National class again.

SA has also seen the first three boats, a mixture of MkI's and MkII's rigged and racing regularly with spinnakers with some interest being shown from others.

This year has also seen us been re-admitted into Yachting Australia as an accredited National class and with a few loose ends to still be finalised for us to maintain this, I believe this also places the class in a strong position.

I hope that this series is a success and I look forward to the growth of the class continuing for years to come.

Thank you to everyone for positions they have held this year in all the State associations, the people who have helped organised the Nationals and everyone who has in one way or another promoted the class, thank you.

David Dunk, National Secretary.

Financial Report

Current assets is \$33 (held in VMCA account). Motion passed under 'Accounts for Payment' for funds to be contributed by the VMCA and MCASA.

National Technical Officer's Report

Proposed changes that have been written up didn't get progressed this year. These changes are not urgent so this is not an issue. Tim plans to look at this in 2010.

Election of Office Bearers

National Secretary - David Dunk

Nominated by Tim Shepperd, Seconded by Ben Clarke

Elected Unopposed

National Technical Officer - Tim Shepperd

Nominated by Garry Johnstone, Seconded by Simon Hallsworth

Elected Unopposed

General Business

Nationals Venue 2010-2011 - VMCA is organising. Portland is the proposed venue and the club has agreed in principal. Dates and other details still to be finalised. They have run an F16 event which was very successful.

Nationals Venue 2011-2012 - MCASA is organising.

Trewern built boats - measurement faults.

This motion is put to address two issues. The motion passed at the Wallaroo AGM 2009 did not make any mention of the sail numbers of the boats involved. In March it was discovered that these boats also fail at the transom template. The deck is too wide to fit within the template, although the in-the-water part of the hull does fit within the template. This was obviously overlooked at Wallaroo.

Motion - "The four existing Mosquitoes built by Chris Trewern numbered 1781, 1782, 1788 and 1810 are exempted from building rules 5.8 (template at front edge of beam) and 5.7 (transom template)."

Moved by Tim Shepperd, Seconded by Ben Clarke

Passed Unanimously

General Discussion

T-Shirts - we always have a shortage of smalls. It would be good if we got more done in small sizes.

Availability of second hand boats - there is not enough boats on the market to satisfy demand. If anyone knows of boats that could be available the owner should be made aware of the fact.

Digitization of Templates - this hasn't been done. Jon Emeson may be able to help with this issue.

Standard Sailing Instructions - Peter Hallsworth suggested using a standard set of sailing instructions for Nationals. This was discussed and it was agreed that we use the standard template as per the current RRS and this is only modified where necessary to meet the needs of either the class or the club running the event.

Measuring - the issue of getting all boats measured (sails, spars and platform weight) was discussed. The main issue being the amount of work required particularly for the sails which in many cases were done the previous year anyway. There was general agreement that the process should be reviewed and that in the case of sails they can probably just be checked for a measurers mark.

Beams & Masts - discussion over the quality and availability of aluminium extrusions for beams and masts. Gary Maskiell and Matt Stone offered to investigate options along with Phil Flaherty and Phil Warren-Smith.

Meeting closed 21.30