

NATIONAL MOSQUITO CATAMARAN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010/2011

Held at Portarlinton, VIC, 4 January 2011

Present

Mick Floyd, Tim Shepperd, Gary Maskiell, Peter Hallsworth, Peter Dunk, Garry Johnstone, Peter Nikitin, Tim Kennedy, Nicholas Baglioni, Phil Flaherty, Neil Joiner, Philip Warren-Smith, Robert Lott, Matt Stone, Roy Douglas, Simon Bone, Jake Sheffield, Trevor Armstrong, Andrew Neeson, Ross Bennett, Gary Lane, Phillip Pearce, Mitchell Meade, Bob Wilson, Warwick Kemp, Philip L Mann, Gordon Hyde, Tom Floyd, Kate Hyde, Cameron Warren-Smith, Sarah Floyd.

Apologies

David Dunk

Meeting Opened at 7:20 by Tim Shepperd

Minutes of the Previous AGM – Mannering Park, NSW, January 10

Read by Tim Shepperd.

Motion - to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as read as correct.
Moved by Neil Joiner, seconded by Gary Maskiell.

Passed Unanimously

Business Arising From Previous Meeting

Digitising Measurement Templates - this hasn't been done yet. Mick Floyd and Philip Mann will look into this.

\$50 payment to NMCCA from states - Still to be done. Philip Warren-Smith will follow up.

Correspondence In/Out

None

Business Arising From Correspondence

None

Accounts for Payment

None

National Secretary's Report

First my apologies for not being there but I have had to have surgery before returning to work, bad timing yes, but sometimes work must take precedence.

This year again I believe has been positive in a variety of ways and the class continues to grow from strength to strength shown by the lack of second-hand boats on the market and how many people continue to enquire about joining the class.

We have seen the return of the class to National Accreditation with Yachting Australia (and more importantly back under ISAF) with the incorporation of the VMCA, and the much earlier incorporation of SA association. This has been not small step for us and I hope that the effort is seen as positive for the class in general. I urge us to continue to work with both the East Coast Assoc members and the guys from Tasmania to get these boats under the umbrella, either in their own incorporated associations or as part of the stronger states so that we present a strong visibility of the state associations. This in turn will encourage those looking at the class to consider us as an active and high exposure national class which is actively being sailed in most states.

Also we have continued to have excellent coverage and media exposure through Multihull World magazine and we owe them a very large vote of thanks for their support. This year has seen them gives us over 20 pages of high quality exposure in their national and now internationally distributed magazine, spread over about 4 articles throughout the year. My thanks to the members who helped me get them done, either through the article content, photos, correcting detail or the proof reading of the articles before they were sent off, from me, Thank you all.

I am hoping that this will continue again in the coming year and look forward to articles covering all the Mosquito events and/or events where we have been prominent so please feel free to send me whatever you consider suitable.

I am keen to see a mosquito catamaran in full flight, maybe with spinnaker, on the cover of their magazine sooner than later, all we need is a photo that fits their requirements for this to happen.

On a similar note, my views on the strengths of our class have not changed and I believe that we have an almost perfect balance between the freedoms of development with the stability of the solid class rules, these we should be protecting strongly and still allowing people to “play” with the new ideas and products. This I see is what makes our boats have the excellent competition and to be much sought after, as the second-hand market shows.

We have a nice usage of the “so-called” exotic materials in hull and rigs now and this fits nicely within our rules whilst still allowing the keen timber builders to reach the same standards. The same thoughts are applicable to sails and I would not be keen to go down the Tornado road with restrictions in sail or hull materials.

On a general note, it is good to see more younger members sailing Mosquitoes amongst the clubs and I believe that this is something that makes our class stronger. I do ask that the older and more experienced guys continue to encourage and help these sailors to achieve their full potential, either thro’ some sort of personal coaching or mentoring system. A strong younger age group fleet will ensure that we have strong fleets in the future.

Other than that, I have nothing much else, I hope that everyone has an enjoyable National Championship and I am sure that all will go back to their clubs sailing faster and having had a good regatta.

David Dunk, National Secretary.

Financial Report

Current assets is \$33 (held in VMCA account). No activity in 2010.

National Technical Officer's Report

There is one rules amendment to be voted on at this meeting. Otherwise there has been little to report for 2010.

Rule change proposal

Rule 5.8	
Current rule:	The hull cross-sectional profile shall fit within the measuring templates and shall touch the keel line. The templates shall be located at right angles to the deck line at the following positions: Beneath the forward edge of the front chain plate. Beneath the forward edge of the main beam. Beneath the after edge of the rear beam.
Proposed rule:	The hull cross-sectional profile shall fit within the measuring templates. The keel line of the hull shall make contact with the templates, without the use of force. The templates shall be located at right angles to the deck line at the following positions: Beneath the forward edge of the front chain plate. Beneath the forward edge of the main beam. Beneath the after edge of the rear beam.
Explanation:	This change simply makes it clear that it is not acceptable to force the templates to fit.

The SA and VIC state associations and those present voted unanimously in favour of this change.

Election of Office Bearers

National Secretary - David Dunk

Nominated by Peter Dunk, Secoded by Robert Lott

Elected Unopposed

National Technical Officer - Tim Shepperd

Nominated by Philip Pearce, Secoded by Mick Floyd

Elected Unopposed

General Business

Beams & Masts – The VMCA is out of masts and will order new ones from Capral very soon. The manufacturing tolerances mean it is impossible to guarantee the quality of the masts we receive. All we can do is try to get Capral to work at the upper end of the tolerances to avoid thin-walled masts. [Action – Philip Warren-Smith]

It is no longer possible to get beams sections with the internal fillet. Beams being supplied these days seem to be corroding faster than the old ones and anodising or powder coating is more important than before.

Registered Builder - JK Fibreglass are now building Mosquitoes and Phil Flaherty has a sloop which has now been raced twice in 20+ knot winds. Once the boat has been tested two more times like this then JK Fibreglass can be registered as a Mosquito builder.

Nationals Venue 2011-2012 - MCASA is organising. Rivoli Bay is the proposed venue and this is just awaiting confirmation. Dates and other details still to be finalised.

Nationals Venue 2012-2013 - VMCA is organising, and Gippsland Lakes YC, Paynesville has offered to run it over the Xmas New Year period for \$2800. There was some discussion over alternate venues.

Motion – Suggested venues for the 2012-2013 National Titles to be forwarded to the VMCA within one month of this meeting.

Moved by Gary Maskiell, seconded by Mick Floyd.

Passed Unanimously

Scales used for weighing boats – There was discussion on the variation between different sets of scales used at Titles. The VMCA scales should be calibrated. [Action – Philip Warren-Smith]

Meeting closed 20.30