

NATIONAL MOSQUITO CATAMARAN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012/2013

Held at Gippsland Lakes YC, VIC, 2 January 2013

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, Trevor Armstrong, Phillip Pearce, Mitchell Meade, Bob Wilson, Warwick Kemp, Gordon Hyde, Tom Floyd, Kate Hyde, Sarah Floyd, Simon Clavin, Daniel Stone, Eliza Kimlin, Martin Flaherty, Hubert Tucker, Mark Pfennig, Steve Thomas, Kirsten Thomas, Jaimee Broekers, Jonathon Lyons, Rick Verboon, Peter Nicholson, Mark Stillman.

Apologies

David Dunk

Meeting Opened at 6:35 by Tim Shepperd

Minutes of the Previous AGM – Rivolli Bay YC, January 2012

Read by Mick Floyd.

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

Moved by Neil Joiner, seconded by Peter Nikitin.

Passed Unanimously

Business Arising From Previous Meeting

None

Correspondence In/Out

Some email with Tasmanian clubs/Mossie sailors about running Nationals – no progress there.

Business Arising From Correspondence

None

Accounts for Payment

None

National Secretary's Report

Good evening and welcome everyone, to this the 41st National Championships. I am again not able to attend as I am presently at sea, work... off of the WA coast. This year has for me been interesting and with me in the process of selling both of my boats it is now time for me to reduce my involvement with the class and resign from the National Secretary's position, move on to new challenges and sail something else. I have been involved with the class for over 30 something years, enjoyed most of it, made some good friends and have been a member of every mainland state association at some period in that time and have held office positions in several of them. My involvement will continue as long as Peter sails mossies, albeit to a lesser amount.

With regard to the class I am happy to see the continued growth, yes slowly, but growth none the less in Queensland. This ongoing growth I believe needs to continue outside of the “heartlands” of Victoria and South Australia and with the competition for sailors and boat owners from a wide range of classes in these other states it is a good sign of the classes appeal and strengths. In this regard I would still like to see Tasmania back in the National Association and to that end I am disappointed that we could not secure a club to hold nationals for us in Tasmania.

The strength of the class is in the strong class rules and the people involved, along with the attraction that all boats can be competitive with each other, home built against production built. That said I believe we still face some opposition as the boats are seen to be of an older design but I do believe, having known the Fowler family, that Neil would have encouraged a slow and balanced approach to their “updating”. This subject I will leave alone as I realise that any proposal needs to be done with the correct procedure.

It is encouraging also to see younger sailors joining the class and continuing the enthusiasm for these wonderful little boats. I will tho’ stress that we do need to sell the virtues of both the wooden and the ‘glass boats. This is also applicable to sail makers, always good to support your local or preferred sail maker but also inform prospective members that there are a range of options available to them, and remember that what works for you does not always work for others. Any information given should be balanced and unbiased.

The strength of the class is evident for all to see, just look at the number of boats for sale it is a good way for anyone looking or considering a mosquito to gauge the class. We are again an accredited class with Yachting Australia, something that most take for granted but I must thank the people in each of the state associations who did the leg work so we could comply with Yachting Aust. On the face of it, it may appear to be a frivolous achievement but it does have some advantages being a recognised national class.

I hope everyone enjoys the sailing and they compete in the spirit of sailing and the Nationals. Remember, it is supposed to be fun first and last. I hope the incoming National Secretary continues what we have over the years achieved and I am happy to work with them for a while to ensure a smooth transition of contacts etc. I will see everyone around somewhere in the future, but for me, it is time to find some fun again in my sailing.

David Dunk, National Secretary.

National Technical Officer’s Report

Only item to report on this year was the production of electronic templates by Phillip Pearce. Thanks to Phillips hard work we now have these available in several formats so they can be reproduced as needed in the future.

Financial Report

Current assets is \$56.60 (held in VMCA account). MCASA is still to pay their agreed contribution.

Election of Office Bearers

National Secretary - Peter Dunk

Nominated by Warwick Kemp, Seconded by Robert Lott

Elected Unopposed

National Technical Officer - Tim Shepperd

Nominated by Gary Maskiell, Seconded by Bob Wilson

Elected Unopposed

General Business

YA Affiliation – has continued.

2013-14 Nationals – MCASA has been talking to Meningie. They are happy to have us and the event will be held from about 4 Jan onwards. They will be asked about conducting the Spinnaker Nationals.

2014-15 Nationals – Lake Illawarra, NSW is a possibility as is Southern Qld. Geelong is also a possibility. Suggested format is 2 days Spinnaker, 2 days Cat rigged and 2 days Sloop rigged. This would allow people to compete in multiple divisions thus increasing the potential number of competitors for each division.

Meeting closed at 07:16pm