

Victorian Mosquito Catamaran Association

2008 Annual General Meeting – Minutes

Meeting opened at 5:40 pm, Sunday 9 March 2008 at Rosebud YC.

Apologies

Andrew Copland

Attendees

Trevor Armstrong, Peter Foulsum, Gordon Hyde, Garry Johnstone, Mick Floyd, Jon Guymer, Simon Clavin, Ross Bennett, Tim Shepperd, Bob Wilson, Darryn Kopp, Neil Joiner, Peter Nikitin, Andrew Neeson, Philip Warren-Smith, Rob Lott, Colin McEwan, Clint Burgess, Peter Cobden, Steve Cobden.

Minutes from the previous meeting

Minutes from the 2007 AGM were read by Phil Warren-Smith.

Motion to accept the Minutes from the 2007 AGM was moved by Neil Joiner and seconded by Andrew Neeson.

Passed

Business arising from the previous minutes

Review of Tuning Manual

This is in progress. First draft has been completed by Peter Foulsum and is being reviewed.

Spare Hulls

Original spares have been sold and new ones have been made and are now available.

Minimum Wind Speed

This was requested for future State Titles 2 years ago. It was not really practical (too many variables such as gusts, measuring location, duration of measurement etc.) so a maximum time of 30 minutes for the first leg was used this year. This has the same effect (if there is not a reasonable amount of wind at the start the race gets called off) but is simple to measure.

Presidents report

Tim Shepperd presented the President's report (summary below).

Craig Copland passed away last year. He was a long standing and keen member and will be missed by all.

This year's Nationals held at Warrnambool were a success despite light winds. They were well run by the friendly crew at Warrnambool YC. The windward leeward course was good but unfortunately we only had one chance to try it out. I hope we will be able to run more of these in future. Next year's National Titles will be held in South Australia, most likely at either Wallaroo or Victor Harbour.

As we now have the spinnaker as part of the Mosquito building rules, we were able to run the first official Spinnaker State Titles earlier this season. They were held at Loch Sport and were won by Neil Joiner. This was an intense series of 6 races over an interesting short trapezoid course. Thanks to Loch Sport Boat Club for running this event.

Two more new boats were launched this season and another set of hulls have been built for the association. We are now waiting for new orders.

There has been good news from the NSW association. Their first States for many years were held at the Kurnell Top Gun regatta. Six mozzies including one Victorian took part and Peter Nikitin won the title with Ben Cutmore being the first NSW boat in 2nd place. An excellent turnout for only the second year since the NSW association was re-formed. The Nationals are planned to be held in NSW in 2010 – possibly Jervis Bay.

Here in Victoria it is good to see that Mosquitoes are turning up at most regattas, sometimes multiple regattas on the same weekend. On Australia Day there were 4 at Yarrawonga, 2 at Torquay, 2 at St Leonards and, I believe, others elsewhere. This is impressive but maybe, for our own benefit, we should co-ordinate a little more amongst ourselves to meet at the same events.

Treasurers report

Philip Warren-Smith presented the Treasurer's report for the year ending 31 December 2007. Funds as of 31 December 2007 were \$8721.40. A full statement of the associations financial position will be added to these minutes when available.

Motion to accept the Presidents and Treasurers reports was moved by Neil Joiner and seconded by Peter Nikitin.

Passed

General Business

2008/09 Spinnaker States

Somers is the preferred location if this can be arranged.

Training day

At the start of the 2008/09 season. Hazelwood is the preferred location (warm water).

2009 States

Lots of locations were discussed. Main ones were Portland, Torquay, Indented Heads and St Leonards. The last two were the preferred locations.

Jindabyne Regatta

Raised by Neil Joiner. Mozzie sailor at Jindabyne is keen to organise. General agreement that it would be a good idea and quite a few of those present indicated they would be interested in attending.

Masts

MCASA have quite a few. VMCA has about 7 or 8. These are all the 'thin walled' batch which are not too good for sloops. Phil Warren-Smith suggested that we should look into updating the mast section to something better (and more available). Bob Wilson suggested that there was a section design done by Greg Goodall and himself some years ago that could be used. There was also discussion about how the mast section might be improved with internal ribs, the possibility of using a production design such as the Taipan wing mast, the use of Carbon Fibre and whether the sail plan would need to (or should) be updated as well.

The question was put: "Should the VMCA pursue a new mast design?". A show of hands was taken with unanimous agreement that this should be looked at. VMCA committee to action by investigating all the available options.

Crew Weight Limit

Peter Cobden has suggested that we should look at setting a minimum crew weight for MkII boats at State and National Titles to make the competition less dependent on crew weight and encourage heavier crews (i.e. husband wife combinations) to compete. The crews would be weighed if they were under the minimum weight (not decided) and a percentage (not decided) of the difference would be added to the boat (i.e. if a minimum crew weight of 140 kgs applied with a ratio of 50% for 'corrector weights' then a 120 kg crew would have to add 10 kgs to the boat).

Two actions are needed to further this proposal. 1. Communicate the idea to all members with a request for comments and 2. Run a test event. VMCA committee to action.

Traveller Series

All agreed it would be a good idea. Rob Lott to organise.

Election of Office Bearers

President

Tim Shepperd (Nominated – Rob Lott, Seconded – Mick Floyd)

Only nomination - Accepted

Secretary

Philip Warren-Smith (Nominated – Peter Foulsum, Seconded – Garry Johnstone)

Only nomination - Accepted

Treasurer

Philip Warren-Smith (Nominated – Mick Floyd, Seconded – Jon Guymer)

Only nomination - Accepted

General Committee

The following were nominated and accepted.

Mick Floyd (Membership)

Gordon Hyde

Garry Johnston

Peter Foulsum

Andrew Neeson

Neil Joiner

Rob Lott

Jon Guymer

Class Measurers

Tim Shepperd

Andrew Copland

Gordon Hyde (replaced Peter Cobden who resigned as measurer)

Meeting Closed at 7:40 pm.