

# Victorian Mosquito Catamaran Association

## 2009 Annual General Meeting – Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:45 pm, Sunday 8 March 2009 at St Leonards YC.

### Apologies

Brian Gristwood, Matt Kirby.

### Attendees

Peter Foulsum, Gordon Hyde, Garry Johnstone, Mick Floyd, Jon Guymer, Simon Clavin, Ross Bennett, Tim Shepperd, Neil Joiner, Peter Nikitin, Andrew Neeson, Philip Warren-Smith, Rob Lott, Colin McEwan, Clint Burgess, Peter Cobden, Steve Cobden, Bill Pepping, Matt Stone, Gary Lane, Peter Lyons.

### Minutes from the previous meeting

Minutes from the 2008 AGM were read by Phil Warren-Smith.

Motion to accept the 2008 AGM minutes was moved by Peter Foulsum and seconded by Peter Nikitin.

**Passed**

### Business arising from the previous minutes

**Spinnaker States** - Successfully held at Somers YC

**Training Day** - Only 2 people attended the weekend at Hazelwood which was disappointing but it was agreed that it was a good idea and probably just bad luck that quite a few people had other commitments that weekend. Worth trying again but we should set an RSVP date and cancel if we don't get the numbers.

**Masts** - This subject was brought up at the Nationals and the SA association were clearly not in favour of any changes to the rules regarding masts so the VMCA would be wasting their time investigating options. We need to make sure we get good quality masts when more are bought.

**Traveller Series** - This wasn't organised this season. One of the main problems was that the country regattas that have been the main events making up our traveller series have not been held due to the dire water situation. We should perhaps try again next season.

### Presidents report

Tim Shepperd presented his report summarised below;

There have been less open regattas on the calendar this year but still plenty of Mossies attending.

Numbers are stable but the class could do with some more promotion. The cost of new boats is a problem and we need to think of ways to keep costs down.

Nationals. This year they were in SA at Wallaroo, next year they will be in NSW at Mannering Park. VMCA will be assisting with the organisation. 2011/12 will be back in Victoria.

Training day was organised at Hazelwood but only one person turned up. Most people seemed enthusiastic about the idea of a training day so this needs some more thought.

Tuning Guide. This has been revised and the new edition is now available.

### Treasurers report

Philip Warren-Smith presented the Treasurer's report for the year ending 31 December 2008. Funds as of 31 December 2008 were \$8 281.12 down \$440.28 from the start of the year which was \$8 721.40.

**Motion to accept the Presidents and Treasurers reports** was moved by Gordon Hyde and seconded by Peter Foulsum.

**Passed**

## General Business

**Easter Regatta** - at Bullen Merri (Camperdown) - Gary Lane recommended this regatta. Tim to put details on the web site.

**Spinnaker States** - Suggestions were Somers (again), Rosebud, Safety Beach, Mt Martha

**Training Day(s)** - Hazelwood (pre-season) and Black Rock (Go for Gold regatta)

**2010 States** - Suggestions (in order of popularity via a show of hands) were; Safety Beach or Mt Martha (17), Chelsea (15), Loch Sport (11), Geelong (9). The committee will investigate which of these clubs are interested in holding the event.

**2010/11 Nationals** - these will be back in Victoria again. Portland and Gippsland Lakes were suggested. Venues around the bay are difficult to organise at that time of the year. A prime consideration is getting SA sailors to make the trip over. Committee to start investigating our options.

**Measuring** - General discussion about the issues that have occurred over recent years with regards to boats being measured and also registration of builders. Also discussion about the number of 'association measurers'. It was decided that we needed more than one person to be available to measure boats and there was no practicable difference whether they were called measurers, assistant measurers or nominated persons. Gordon Hyde, Tim Shepperd and Peter Cobden agreed to perform the role. Templates are still an issue and we need to get them digitised so that the current ones can be replicated as required.

## Election of Office Bearers

### President

Tim Shepperd (No other nominations received so Tim reluctantly agreed to continue in the role for one more year.)

***Only nomination - Accepted***

### Secretary

Philip Warren-Smith

***Only nomination - Accepted***

### Treasurer

Philip Warren-Smith

***Only nomination - Accepted***

### General Committee

The following were nominated and accepted.

Mick Floyd (Membership)

Gordon Hyde (Measurer)

Garry Johnston

Peter Foulsum

Simon Clavin

Neil Joiner

Rob Lott

### Class Measurers

Gordon Hyde

Tim Shepperd

Peter Cobden

Meeting Closed at 9:10 pm.