



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of Yachting Victoria Incorporated
Port Melbourne Yacht Club
7.00pm on Monday 19 September 2016
MINUTES**

1. Open Meeting & Welcome by President, Ian Cunningham

The President Ian Cunningham welcomed everybody in attendance and thanked them for attending.

2. Apologies

See below attendance and apology details

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Motion that the Minutes of the Half Year General Meeting held on Monday 21 September 2015 at Albert Park Yacht Club be approved

Proposer: Linda Goldsmith (Royal Melbourne YS and YV Board Member)

Seconder: Neville Rose (Ocean Racing Club of Victoria)

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

5. President's Report

Ian Cunningham welcomed Jenni Maclean from the Australian Sailing Board

The President presented his report, focusing on –

- **Transition to One Sailing** - Initially the changes proposed were met with substantial scepticism by all MYA's (State Member Yachting Associations) based on largely legacy issues, sometimes from many years prior, but also on concerns about the ability of YA (as it was then) to deliver the services required. The YV Board took the leading role on behalf of all MYA's in developing both the Core Safeguards (schedule 1 of the implementation agreement) and the Implementation Agreement now accepted by all MYA's, to ensure the mitigation of risks associated with the achievements made by YV on behalf of its Member Clubs and Associations. Broadly the agreement (which is the same for each MYA) confirmed the desire by all parties to enshrine the existing levels of service and to establish a mechanism to seek improvements where possible. Importantly, this change to One Management has not meant "central management", with senior national roles being retained by ex-YV staff who are still housed in the YV offices.



In moving forward, the YV board is committed to ensure:

1. the Implementation Agreement achieves the benefits hoped for,
2. the continued use of volunteers via active committee participation that will assist development of national policies and enhance local communication,
3. valued representation of member clubs and associations to AS and State Government, and
4. the continued delivery of successful and relevant events in conjunction with AS.

In addition to the forgoing, YV has a constitutional commitment to the sport of sailing via Yachting Victoria Inc., a member of AS, and together with the other MYA's, can either control or have significant influence over AS through its constitution.

- **The Sailing World Cup** – The unfortunate loss of the Sailing World Cup from Melbourne from 2017 has seen the executive committee move into a planning stage around what event will be staged next year. Yachting Victoria still owns the 'Sail Melbourne' trade mark, which allows this event to be resurrected if that is the decision moving forward.

Ian thanked the Yachting Victoria board members for their support over the last two years and the role the Yachting Victoria staff played in the growth of the sport in Victoria. Special thanks were given to Steve Walker (ex Yachting Victoria CEO) for his dedication over 4+ years.

Motion that the President's Report be approved

Proposer: Fred Ackland (Altona YC)

Seconder: Scott Llewelyn (SSCBC)

Carried

6. Treasurer's update – on Year End June 2016

The report, as previously circulated via email/link was discussed. The Treasurer gave an overview of the report focussing on:

- \$8,281 surplus versus a budgeted surplus of \$10,103. However this is a major turnaround from last year's deficit of \$50,566
- Year of transition - as at 1st June operations transferred to Australian Sailing so these accounts include:
 - 11 months affiliation fees
 - 11 months employment costs
 - = Net impact approx. \$4k ↓

Strong performances by Boatshed and Mobile Boatshed but loss recorded by SWC – mainly due to a lack of entries - \$77k under budget

2016/17 Going Forward

- Australian Sailing now responsible for operational management including financial management
- Yachting Victoria has requested monthly reports in the year of transition – especially Boatshed, Mobile Boatshed and Sailing World Cup
- YV responsible for setting affiliation fees and retain financial responsibility for SWC
- Non current assets remain in YV and therefore depreciation will be charged but will be used by AS operationally.
- State Sailing Centre - completion mid/late 2017

Cherry thanked David Vickers (taking redundancy) for the work he has done over many years with Yachting Victoria and wished him all the best in his future endeavours.

Motion that the Yachting Victoria Audited Accounts and Treasurers Report be approved
Proposer: Mark Klemens (YV Board Member)
Seconder: Fred Ackland (Altona Yacht Club)
Carried

7. Election of Board

Three nominations for three positions were noted:
Debbie Parker (Sandringham Yacht Club)
Grant Dunoon (Royal Brighton Yacht Club)
Scott Llewelyn (Sorrento Sailing Couts Boat Club)

All three were declared as elected.

President – There was one nomination – Cherry Birch, and she was declared elected.

Vice President – In the absence of a nomination and in accord with Rule 15 (8) the Board would appoint a person to this role, from its members, at a later date.

Treasurer - In the absence of a nomination and in accord with Rule 15 (8) the Board would appoint a person to this role, from its members, at a later date.

At this Stage Cherry Birch (newly elected President, takes over the meeting from now ex-President Ian Cunningham). Cherry thanked Ian for his work as president over the last two years and the leadership and support he showed the other board members,

8. Appointments

Motion. "That KPMG be reappointed Auditor".

Moved: Cherry Birch Seconded Callum Burns Carried

Motion. "That Vicki Bell be re-appointed Honorary Solicitor".

Moved: Cherry Birch Seconded Debbie Parker Carried

The President thanked KPMG and Vicki Bell for their efforts during 14/15 and thanked them for taking on the roles again in 15/16.

9. General Business

- (a) Motion that Bill Bell be appointed as an Honorary Life Member in accord with Rule 10

Glenys Hitchens spoke on behalf on Bill Bell. Glenys has worked with Bill for over 5 years and always found him supportive and knowledgeable. He is a member of the Race Officials committee and past chairman.

Moved: Glenys Hitchens Seconded Debbie Parker Carried

(b) Regional Managers Report

Regional Manager Gavin Wall gave a report outlining the success of Discover Sailing Days and course numbers over the 2015 – 16 season. He outlined the success of the first year of the 'Get Active Sailing' initiative and the growth in Race Officials.

Gavin then gave an outline of the new staff positions in the new Australian Sailing structure.

Glenys Hitchens asked Gavin Wall about the percentage of females in Official positions within the sport of Sailing in Victoria. Gavin indicated that we had over 30% of females in these positions, including instructors, club committees, boards, sub-committees. Glenys asked what the percentage was within the race official's community. Gavin indicated that he did not have an exact figure to hand that that stage.

Rod Thomas asked what the current SWC event was looking like and what was planned for the future now that it Melbourne no longer had the rights to host the event. Mark Klemens (Chair of the SWC executive committee) gave an overview of this year's event and the thinking moving forward into next year.

- Current status of this year's event is good. Lasers are full, 49ers looking good, but 470's slow.
- Due to the success of last year's event, this year's support by sponsors and state and local government is good.
- World Sailing is 100% behind this year's event

Moving Forward into next year:

- Invited classes will be fundamental to the event
- Australian Sailing is committed to the creation of a new event
- Japan, China and New Zealand are all interested in the possibility of being involved.

Mark Klemens then went on to thank the YV Board for their hard work and that he had enjoyed his time on the board. While he is stepping down from the YV board he will remain Chair of the SWC Committee.

Please note that all reports referred to in these minutes are currently available on the YV website at the following link –

[2015 - 16 Annual Report](#)

10. Next Meeting

Half Year Meeting – Monday 20 March 2017 at a venue TBC.

The meeting closed at 7.46pm

Signed by President Cherry Birch as a true & correct record.

Apology

Club / Class	First name	Surname
Albury Wodonga Yacht Club Inc	Leanne	Thomson
Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club	Russell	Peel
Hobsons Bay Yacht Club	Elizabeth	De Bono
Lake Wellington Yacht Club		
Lakeside Sailing Club	Stewart	Baker
Loch Sport Boat Club	Kaye	Hogben
Metung Yacht Club	Mary	Rowe
Metung Yacht Club	Peter	LeRoy
North East Wind Sport Club		
Port Albert Yacht Club	Jenny	Davies
Port Melbourne Yacht Club	Mathew	Bamford
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	Janet	Dean
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	Peter	Chapman
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	Leigh	McCray
Safety Beach Sailing Club		
Stawell Yacht Club	Roger	Spratt
Westernport Yacht Club	Steve	Cross
YV Race Officials Committee	Robert	Ware

Attendees

Club Name	First name	Surname
Albert Park Yacht Club	Paul	Taig
Albert Sailing Club	Don	McKenzie
Albury Wodonga Yacht Club	Stewart	Cathie
Altona Yacht Club	Frederick	Ackland
Australian Sailing	Jenni	Maclean
Beaumaris Yacht Club	Phil	Connard
Carrum Sailing and Motor Boat Club	Wendy	Hatherley
Davies Bay Yacht Club	Peter	Manger
Davies Bay Yacht Club	Glenys	Hitchens

Hobsons Bay Yacht Club	Tony	Dawson
Loch Sport Boat Club Inc	Jennifer	Newton
McCrae Yacht Club	Campbell	Miles
Merricks Yacht Club	Keith	Darwent
Merricks Yacht Club	John	Hollander
Mordialloc Sailing Club	Greg	Gleason
Ocean Racing Club of Victoria	Neville	Rose
Port Melbourne Yacht Club	John	Carrig
Port Melbourne	Ray	Duncan
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	Grant	Dunoon
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	Paul	Jackson
Royal Geelong Yacht Club	Chris	Williams
Royal Geelong Yacht Club	Stuart	Dickson
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	Marcus	Coppens
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	Ian	Lodewyckx
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria	John	Duffan
Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club	Scott	Llewelyn

Board and Staff	First name	Surname
Yachting Victoria President	Ian	Cunningham
Yachting Victoria Vice President/ Treasurer	Cherry	Birch
Yachting Victoria Board Member	Callum	Burns
Yachting Victoria Board Member	Linda	Goldsmith
Yachting Victoria Board Member	Grant	Dunoon
Yachting Victoria Board Member	Ray	Shaw
Yachting Victoria Board Member	Debbie	Parker
Yachting Victoria Board Member	Mark	Klemens
Australian sailing Regional Manager - Victoria	Gavin	Wall