



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of Yachting Victoria Incorporated
Elwood Sailing Club
7.00pm on Monday 18 September 2017
MINUTES**

1. Open Meeting & Welcome by President, Cherry Birch

The President Cherry Birch welcomed everybody in attendance and thanked them for attending. A special welcome was made to John Lee, CEO of Australian Sailing.

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 20 March 2017 at Royal Brighton Yacht Club be approved

Proposer: Fred Ackland (Altona YC)

Seconder: Steve Low (Chelsea YC)

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

5. President's Report

The President presented her report, focusing on –

- **One Sailing, One Year on –**
 - Transition to One Sailing is still a work in progress, but in the best interests of the sport
 - Increased communication between Australian Sailing Management/Board and Yachting Victoria Board
 - A Club Levies working party has been set up on which Cherry is a member. They are tasked with finding an equitable method for calculating affiliation fees that will be acceptable to all member clubs nationally.
- **MYA Committee Reviews –**
 - This review has now been finished.
 - Victoria has the largest number of MYA committees and the review recommended that the Training Committee be disbanded. This has since taken place.
 - Cherry made special thanks to Sean Hogan for his 25+ years' service to this committee and the number of other volunteers from that committee.
- **State Sailing Centre –**
 - It is hoped that the move from the Sandringham Office to the new State Sailing Centre will happen in mid-October.



- Cherry thanked the project working group for their time and effort. Special mention was made of the work Steve Walker has done in securing additional government funding to allow the project to move forward.
- Additional thanks were given to the ORCV who have helped manage the development and agreed to become tenants of the centre.
- **Sailing World Cup and Sail Melbourne International –**
 - While the Sailing World Cup is no longer being hosted in Melbourne, there is a new version of Sail Melbourne being run called Sail Melbourne International.
 - This is part of an overall project called the Tasman Series that includes Sail Sydney and this year Sail Auckland.
 - The long term goal is to bring a number of world championships to Melbourne in the summer of 2020.
- **Volvo Stop Over**
 - Cherry outlined that the race was now scheduled to arrive on the 28th of December.
 - The leg to Melbourne is a hard leg through the southern ocean and is a double points leg for the competitors.
 - Docklands will be the place to be this New Years Eve.
- **Thanks to YV Board and AS staff**
 - Cherry thanked the YV board for their work over the last 12 months. Special thanks were made to departing Board Members Grant Dunoon, Callum Burns and Ray Shaw.
 - Cherry also thanked the AS staff in the Victorian office for their work.

Motion that the President's Report be approved
Proposer: Grant Dunoon (RBYC and YV Board)
Seconder: Sean Hogan (YV Board)
Carried

6. Treasurer's update –

Ian Cunningham (YV Treasurer) spoke to the financial report made available at the meeting.

Ian outlined that due to the move to One Sailing there was less activity to report on.

Ian explained that there was an anomaly this year within the accounts that showed a \$227,375 profit. This was due to an accounting process required for the State Sailing Centre Government grant.

Ian also explained that the audited accounts were not signed off due to the auditors waiting on the Banks confirmation. The tabled financial report should not see any changes.

Motion that the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017
be adopted subject to an unqualified audit opinion being issued by Ernst & Young

Proposer: Neville Rose (ORCV)
Seconder: Fred Ackland (Altona YC)
Carried

7. Australian Sailing Update

Regional Manager Gavin Wall gave a report outlining the fact that membership numbers in Victoria had reached 27,109. This was in a large part due to the continued collaboration between clubs and classes and the understanding of societies changing needs when it comes to sport. He also reported on the work done by clubs around the new Child Safety Standards and the Ports and Marine Amendment Bill. Special thanks were given to Vanessa Twigg and Murray McCutcheon and the rest of the working party on the work done in this space.

Gavin then outlined that the focus for the Australian Sailing Victorian office over the coming months would be around continued membership and participation growth. This included Tackers, Discover Sailing, Green Fleet, Get Active Sailing and the Day Pass to name a few.

He reminded everyone of the upcoming club protected weekends and events such as the upcoming Discover Sailing Days, Sail Melbourne International, Nautilus Marine Series, Victorian Junior Carnival and Youth Championships.

8. Election of Board

Election of the Board Members for three (3) vacancies.

- Nomination for Liesl Petterd for Board Member – RYCV
- Nomination for Meaghan Densley for Board Member - FYC

All two were declared as elected

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

Treasurer – There was one nomination – Ian Cunningham, and he was declared elected

Election of Vice President – Board to appoint at a later date in accord with Rule 15 (8).

9. General Business

Nil

Please note that the Yachting Victoria financial and annual reports referred to in these minutes are currently available on the Yachting Victoria website at the following link –

[YV Annual General Meeting 2017](#)

10. Next Meeting

Half Year General Meeting – Monday 19 March 2018 at a venue TBC.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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

Apology

Club / Class	First name	Surname
Derrinallum Yacht & Power Boat Club	Fiona	Noone
North East Wind Sport Club	Scilla	Taylor
Lake Wellington YC	Jenny	O'Neill
Queenscliff Cruising YC	John	Mooney
Somers YC	Roy	Higginson
Albury Wodonga YC	Leanne	Thompson
Merricks YC	Keith	Darwent
Elwood SC	Dave	Wilkinson
Lakeside SC	Max	Wilton
Loch Sport Boat Club	Michael	Wink
St Leonards YC	Glen	Wilson
St Leonards YC	Mark	Bell

Attendees

Club Name	First name	Surname
Albert Park Yacht Club	Paul	Taig
Altona Yacht Club	Frederick	Ackland
Carrum Sailing Club	Wendy	Hatherley
Chelsea Yacht Club	Steve	Low
Chelsea YC	Linda	Morris
Cowes Yacht Club	Vanessa	Twigg
Davie's Bay Yacht Club	Peter	Manger
Hobsons Bay Yacht Club	Colin	Orchard
Frankston Yacht Club	Meaghan	Densley
Lakeside Sailing Club	Stewart	Baker
Loch Sport Boat Club	Jennifer	Newton
Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club	Doug	Whitby
McCrae Yacht Club	Mark	O'Brian
New Haven Yacht Club	John	Baragwanath
Ocean Racing Club of Victoria	Neville	Rose
Port Melbourne Yacht Club	John	Carrig
Port Melbourne Yacht Club	Ray	Duncan
Rosebud Yacht Club	Marvyn	Brown
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	James	Heywood
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	Michelle	Yan
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	Marcus	Coppens
Westernport Yacht Club	Adam	Smith

Board and Staff	First name	Surname
Yachting Victoria President	Cherry	Birch
Yachting Victoria Board Member	Ian	Cunningham
Yachting Victoria Board Member	Linda	Goldsmith
Yachting Victoria Board Member	Callum	Burns
Yachting Victoria Board Member	Grant	Dunoon
Yachting Victoria Board Member	Sean	Hogan
Australian Sailing Board Member	Alistair	Murray
Australian sailing CEO	John	Lee
Australian sailing Regional Manager - Victoria	Gavin	Wall