



**HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING
of Yachting Victoria Incorporated
STATE SAILING CENTRE
7.00pm on Monday 19th March 2017
MINUTES**

1. Open Meeting & Welcome by President, Cherry Birch

The President Cherry Birch 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 Annual General Meeting held on Monday 18 September 2017 at Elwood Sailing Club be approved

Proposer: Cherry Birch (YV Board)

Seconder: Linda Goldsmith (YV Board)

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

5. President's Report

The President presented her report, focusing on –

- **State Sailing Centre –**

- Cherry welcomed everyone to the new State Sailing Centre (SSC) and thanked everyone involved in the project especially the Project Control Group for keeping the project to time and budget.
- Cherry also acknowledged the grants from Sport and Recreation Victoria (State Government) and funding from ORCV without which the project would not be possible.
- Australian Sailing –Victorian staff and ORCV are now based at the SSC.

- **Role of the YV Board –**

- Since the introduction of the One Sailing National model in 2016 Yachting Victoria Board has remained. All Board Members are voluntary.
- Cherry outlined the YV Board's role to input into the national strategy, look after local Victorian club interests and ensure Australian Sailing (AS) delivers on the national strategy in Victoria. The YV Board also receives regular monthly financial reports on AS expenditure.



- **YV Committee Reviews –**
 - The Committee Review across all States has now been completed.
 - YV has the most number of committees, 9 in total. Cherry outlined what the committees are and named the Chairs and AS staff sitting on each committee.
 - Cherry thanked all the volunteers who sit on the various committees, special mention was made to the Trailables Committee and the fantastic Marley Point Regatta last weekend.
- **Sail Melbourne International –**
 - Sail Melbourne International was overshadowed this year by floods but was still successful with 340 competitors despite not being a World Cup event.
 - The next Sail Melbourne International will be held at Royal Brighton Yacht Club on 12- 16th December 2018.
- **Summer of Sailing 2020**
 - The long term goal is to bring a number of World Championships to Melbourne in the summer of 2020.
 - Australian Sailing and the YV Board have been successful in obtaining a grant from State Government from the Major Events fund.
- **Australian Yachting Championships**
 - The Australian Yachting Championships were held at Sandringham Yacht Club this year.
 - The Championships were a great success with Ichi Ban the overall winner. The club were congratulated on a great event.
- **OTB Events and Regattas**
 - There were a great many events and regattas this season.
 - Cherry thanked all the volunteers for putting on their events this summer.
 - Many events experiencing an increase in numbers despite the weather.
- **Port and Marine Legislation Changes**
 - Cherry thanked the working group that has been helping to input into the Port and Marine legislation especially Vanessa Twigg and Murray McCutcheon.
 - A forum was recently held in Beaumaris with a number of motor boat owners as they are also concerned how the new legislation will affect them.
 - Cherry reiterated as long as people are following the Blue Book and ensuring reasonable safety precautions are in place clubs should not be concerned.
- **Victorian State Underpinning Program**
 - Cherry outlined the new program that is being rolled out by the Australian Sailing Performance Department by Elise Ricchi and Lesley Fasala. All Class Associations are being consulted about the new program.
 - Adrian Finglas the Head State Coach has left but Matt Jerwood from WA has temporarily filled the Head of State Coaching position and Cherry stated will be a great asset to Victoria. The full time position is currently being advertised.

Motion that the President's Report be approved

Proposer:

Secunder:

Carried

6. Treasurer's update –

Ian Cunningham (YV Treasurer) spoke to the financial report as of 28 February 2018.

Ian outlined that since the move to One Sailing there is still a period of transition. YV receives monthly regional figures from Australian Sailing and reviews incomes and costs with a focus on program delivery and service levels.

Ian outlined there is currently a net asset of \$970, 681. The income of \$535,501 was largely from grant monies for the State Sailing Centre which have now being expended. There were some residual amounts of \$ 5,772 not recovered and these bad debts have now been written off. Depreciation costs are at \$41,546.

Taking into account the costs for the State Sailing Centre there is a \$4,000 loss this financial year to date.

Motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved

Proposer:

Secunder:

Carried

7. Motion in Relation to Membership Fees

Australian Sailing is in the process of a Fee Structure Review in order to create a National Fee Structure. Cherry stated that a working group had been set up with Board Members from the other State MYAs, herself and Australian Sailing to identify an equitable membership fee structure across all States. The working group has been meeting since the middle of last year to come up with a formula suitable for all States. The formula will be based on 2 key areas the club's contribution to the sport and the ability of the club to pay. Cherry reiterated the idea is not to raise more money but to ensure every club pays their fair share. If the National Fee Structure is created prior to the invoicing of fees for the 2018/19 financial year, a Special General Meeting will be conducted by the Yachting Victoria Board to recommend the National Fee Structure to Yachting Victoria Members for the approval for the 2018/19 Membership Fees. Transitioning arrangements for clubs will be looked at if there are significant changes to the current Fee Structure.

Ian Cunningham called for the Motion of the annual subscription for each member Club Category for the 2018/2019 financial year be increased by CPI for the year ending 31 December 2017 of 1.9% be moved.

Proposer: Paul Pascoe (RBYC)

Secunder: Scott Llewelyn (YV Board)

Motion carried

Noted that Lake Wellington Yacht Club voted against the CPI increase.

8. Australian Sailing Update

Sue Phillips from the Australian Sailing gave a report outlining the main areas the Australian Sailing Victorian office had been working on over the last 6 months to increase participation and club membership.

These included working with clubs on their Discover Sailing days with over 60 clubs opening their doors to the general public, 4 clubs on the National Discover Day and 11 clubs on the Victorian Discover Sailing Day. On average 15% of attendees to the Discover Sailing Days signed up for courses and an average 6% of attendees joined as club members. Elwood Sailing Club was the most successful with over 40 people signing up to Start Sailing Courses and 21 new memberships. Discover Sailing courses going well with over 3,000 people signing up to Discover Sailing courses. The Boatshed visited 7 Regional Clubs over January to run Tackers programs. This has helped create demand in the regional areas for the clubs to continue the programs themselves. Port Arlington has now become a Discover Sailing Centre and one other regional club is currently going through the process.

Day passes have been extremely successful this season, especially in some of the larger keelboat clubs but also Off the Beach clubs using the day pass to register people for Friday or Sunday Social sails. The research undertaken with Vic Health funding, identified that there was anecdotal evidence showing a conversion rate of 25-40% of day pass holders into club membership and ongoing participation.

There has been a marked increase in the number of clubs delivering women and girls programs especially at Off the Beach clubs over the last season. These flexible programs use Stand Up Paddle Boarding, windsurfing, beach yoga and dinghies/ keelboats. All the programs focus on the fun and social aspects while delivering skill development and have seen a marked increase in club membership numbers. The Australian Sailing Victorian Office is also working on a National Framework that uses a lot of the work done in Victoria over the last five years to help grow female participation nationally.

The Get Active Program funded by Vic Health has continued to show good results in introducing new people to the sport of sailing. By using a clubs current membership to engage family, friends and work colleagues to the sport through initiatives like the Day Pass and Bring a Friend initiatives at learn to sail courses. We have seen over 6,500 new people introduced to the sport of Sailing over the last three years through 30 Get Active partner clubs.

Sue reminded everyone of the upcoming events such as the Victorian Keel Boat Awards on 11th May at Royal Brighton Yacht Club, the Victorian Sailing Awards on 1st June at SYC, the Victorian Instructors Conference on the 16 June SYC and the Victorian Club Conference on 11 August at Sandringham Yacht Club. As well as the Regional club roadshows which Australian Sailing will be undertaking again this year during May / June and July.

9. General Business

Cherry Birch outlined the role of the Head State coach for the next six weeks will be delivering class specific coaching for the 420s, 29ers and Lasers as well as undertaking a mentoring role to club coaches.

David Edwards from Australian Sailing reported a new Software system is currently being developed to replace the current Sports TG software. Training will be offered to clubs on the new system in the coming months. Further information will be outlined in the next Club News e-newsletter.

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

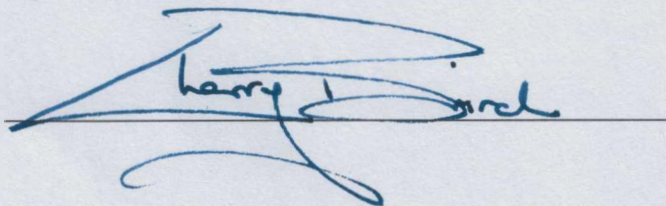
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10. Next Meeting

Annual General Meeting – Monday 17 September 2018 at a venue TBC.

The meeting closed at 8.19 pm

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



Apology

Club / Class	First name	Surname
Derrinallum Yacht & Power Boat Club	Fiona	Noone
Blairgowrie Yacht Club	Alistair	Singh
Chelsea Yacht Club	Stephen	Low
Albury Wodonga YC	Leanne	Thompson
Hobsons Bay Yacht Club	Tony	Dawson
Hobsons Bay Yacht Club	Colin	Orchard
Mordialloc SC	Bart	Sheen
Williamstown SC	Brian	Fentiman
Mornington YC	Chris	Jackson
YV Board	Debbie	Parker

Attendees

Club Name	First name	Surname
Albert Park Yacht Club	Paul	Taig
Albert Sailing Club	Rod	Thomas
Albert Sailing Club	Don	McKenzie
Altona Yacht Club	Frederick	Ackland
Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron	Ross	Kilborn
Docklands YC	Russell	Phillips
Frankston Yacht Club	Meaghan	Densley
Hastings YC	Barry	Alexander
Lake Wellington YC	Jenny	O'Neill
Lakeside Sailing Club	Stewart	Baker
Lakeside Sailing Club	Maxwell	Wilton
McCrae Yacht Club	Scott	Cunningham
Melbourne Trailables YC	Doug	Whitby
Merricks Yacht Club	Keith	Darwent
Merricks Yacht Club	John	Hollander
Metung Yacht Club	Brandon	Kibby
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	Paul	Pascoe
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	Marcus	Coppens
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria	Michael	McLean
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria	Jane	Richards
Somers Sailing Club	John	Tilleard
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	Scott	Llewelyn
Yachting Victoria Board Member	Sean	Hogan
Australian Sailing	David	Edwards
Australian Sailing	Sue	Phillips