

MORNINGTON YACHT CLUB

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held at the Mornington Yacht Club on Thursday 23rd November 2016 at 7pm

1.0 PRESENT: 40 members as listed on the sign in sheet

2.0 Welcome – Sheryl welcomed all those present

3.0 APOLOGIES: Stephen Bardsley, Tim Melville, Ian Robertson, Keith Bayliss, Di and John Lynch, Ray Harvey, Anne Best, Bill McDonald, Rob Kurz, Sarah Ferguson

4.0 NEW CONSTITUTION - Simon Purcell

Simon presented his report from the Power Point presentation.

Over the past 18 months the Committee of the Club has undertaken a thorough review of its constitution and considered whether the constitution of the Club meets the needs of a modern sporting and community organisation. Following this review, the recommendation of the Committee is to replace the existing constitution (known as the Memorandum and Articles of Association) with a new constitution. A copy of the proposed new constitution is attached for your consideration.

The existing constitution of the Club has stood relatively unchanged since 1961. Whilst the core objects of the Club, such as the promotion and encouragement of sailing and yacht racing and the provision of proper facilities for our members, have remained unchanged over time, some of the clauses in the old constitution have become out dated and needed refinement. The new proposed constitution reflects the Club's legal advice as to best practice in member based organisations in relation to corporate governance, members' rights and board accountability.

Queries received since the Notice to members was published and the responses from the consulting Constitutional Barrister Anthony Rodbard-Bean and General Committee raised and viewed on the power point presentation.

RESOLUTION

“That for the purposes of section 136 of the Corporations Act and all other purposes the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Mornington Yacht Club are repealed and in lieu thereof the constitution attached to this notice is adopted.”

Proposed Simon Purcell Seconded Brett Levenspiel
Resolution Approved Unanimously

Simon and the Governance Committee Stephen Bardsley (Chair), Simon Treptow, Tim O’Grady and John Underwood were thanked and congratulated for all their hard work.

COMMODORE’S REPORT - Sheryl Schumacher

Sheryl thanked Simon and said his contribution to the club in terms of the Club Lease, Consolidation of the Club’s Loans and the Rocks lease has given the club a strong base to work from and progress forwards as a great sailing club.

Sheryl then spoke from the power point presentation of what has occurred since becoming Commodore in June

It included:

The Rocks Sub Lease commencing 1 October 2016 for a term of 8 years with two options to extend for a further 6 years. 20 years in total.

- Back Deck and Quartermaster Store
- New RHIB
- Front Entrance Landscaping
- Men’s Changing Room Floor
- New Sailability 303 Access Dinghy arriving next week.

The club was seeing an upward trend in Memberships and also a growth in Sponsors and all the Major and Club Sponsors were recognised.

Q. What is happening with the Pier?

A. Very little to report other than do not expect it to be repaired this summer as it is in hands of insurers. Chris Jackson had spoken to the Minister for Ports Luke Donnellan and his senior advisor and a Stakeholder meeting was arranged for 7 December to revitalise the previous Mooring Harbour Working Group.

Q. Any thoughts on a Retriever replacement to report.

A No, not this year?

6.0 REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT David Eickmeyer

He began by thanking all the volunteers that make sailing happen at the club from the BBQ, Tower, Results and On Water Crews and the sailing committee. He reinforced their importance to the Club and community.

David noted that fleet sizes were higher both for Twilight Races and OTB racing. Whilst no stats for Saturday racing as there had been already about 50% of the races cancelled due to bad weather, the long distance races had excellent fleets.

Over winter through the presentation spoke on the recent achievements

1. Sophie Ciszek – 2016 Vic Female Sailor of the Year
2. James Jackson – 2016 Sail Sandy Open Opti Champion
3. Peninsula School – 2015-2016 Primary School Teens Racing Champions
4. Sophie Jackson and Ella Sharman's – 2016 420 World Championships , Italy
5. Brodie Riley – Laser Radial World Championships, Ireland
6. Nick Sharman and James Grogan – Australian 420 Youth Reps. World Youth Championships NZ

7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT Jon Phillips

Honorary Treasurer presented a power point presentation and verbally reported to the meeting on the accounts as at end of October

Capital Expenditure Spent \$152,614

Capital Expenditure forecast for rest of year \$15,450

Debts being managed and this year have reduced debt by \$45,000

Debtors - \$30,943. Overdue \$17,610 (mainly subs)

Cash at Bank Net \$113,667

Q. Why are moorings costs so high?

A. MYC has spent considerable money upgrading the moorings they acquired. \$7K received in revenue. \$14K spent on maintenance. \$15 K on purchases of tackle.

Q. Has MYC continue to acquire moorings

A. No MYC have not acquired any further moorings since the Mooring Meeting held last year and since the Working Mooring Group have been established.

The Mooring working group are still meeting and mainly working on short and long term strategies but have yet clear outcomes as yet other than working on compliance issues.

8.0 WHAT'S ON Rod Austin

Spoke on the following:

Pacer Fundraising – Target \$72k, Raised \$20K 18 Donors. 1005 Tax Deductible Donations and Raffle \$10 Tickets to be drawn 22 December 2016.

Christmas Ladies Lunch (and Partners) Friday 2nd December

Christmas Twilight Series – Christmas 22 December with the Ronstan Band and Father Christmas

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Conversation about the Yard.

Sheryl thanked Alan Clark and the Yard Committee and Richard McDonald Mornington Marine in the yard looking the best it has for some time.

Sheryl thanked all those that attended and wished all a Merry Christmas.

Meeting Closed 8.15pm.

Commodore:

Honorary Secretary:

Date:

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