

Zephyr Owners' Association (Inc)
Annual General Meeting
Hamilton Yacht Club
2030hrs Tuesday August 10th 1999

Present: A Aitken (Chair), R Ebert, B Hutcheson, J Brokenshire, A Gough, K Paine, R Skinner, F Ward, R Walker, C Townshend, H Gratton, M Hunwick, C Peebles, B Allen (Ak)

Apologies: A Ebert, D Craig, N Wood, B Saunders, A & P Fisher.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous AGM held at the Christchurch Yacht Club on 12th August 1998 were circulated. They were taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting. *(Allen/Ebert)*

Matters Arising: A Aitken provided a brief explanation of the discussion of the insurance on Zephyrs under construction.

Presidents' Report: A Aitken read his Presidents' Report, it having been previously published in West Wind, and moved it acceptance. *(Aitken/Peebles)*

Treasurer's Report: A Aitken presented an audited set of accounts for the previous financial year for acceptance by the meeting. *(Aitken/Peebles)*. He commented on the favourable surplus generated by closer control of admin costs, and increased activity in the trading section.

Budget: A Aitken presented the proposed budget, as outlined in the most recent West Wind, for acceptance by the meeting. *(Paine/Hunwick)*

Subscriptions: Recommended to remain at \$15.00. A further recommendation for a newsletter only sub of \$6.00 was felt to be unnecessary.

Honorarium: A Aitken drew the meeting's attention to a proposal from Canterbury that the ZOA President receive an honorarium of \$100. After expressing concern that any decision should not be binding upon future meetings, the meeting accepted the motion that: *A Aitken accept an honorarium of \$100 in respect of his contribution to the ZOA for the 1998-99 season. (Ebert/Ward).*

Election of Officers:

In the absence of other nominees, the following were elected:

Patron: Noel May

President: Alex Aitken

Treasurer: Alex Aitken

Secretary: Rob Ebert

Auditor: R Ineson (from last year)

Regional Representatives: A Aitken (Canty), Dennis Craig, Bob Allen (Ak), Rob Ebert, Craig Peebles (Hamilton). Mike O'Connell to be approached for Waiuku.

General Business:

National Contest: This was tentatively planned for Tauranga in Jan 2000 (5-8). Concern was expressed at the ability of Tauranga to host a contest at that time of year, with most of its junior fleet away. The timing and location also excluded those with children in the P and Starling contests.

North Island Champs: A Aitken outlined a proposal for a North Island Champ, perhaps to be sailed at several venues. Members commented that this sort of activity had happened years ago, but there was a reluctance for sailors to travel at present. Sailing calendars for the contributing clubs would also have to be co-ordinated.

Rules Amendment - Deck Posts: Seventeen postal amendments had been received supporting the change to rule 2.1.1. This change was endorsed by the meeting. Rule 2.1.1 will now read " *Hulls shall be supplied with deck beams, gunwales, carlins, deckposts, centrehwart, centrecase and mast step permanently fitted. Deckposts are optional. No alteration to the hull as supplied shall be permitted except as provided for herein*".

This amendment will be incorporated in the class rules once Yachting New Zealand has approved it.

Sail Supplier: M Hunwick queried the position of Boyd & McMaster as the sail supplier, when most other classes provided for choice in this area. Explanation is that it is still ZOA policy to restrict the hull form and sail plan, while allowing a certain freedom of finish, so as to ensure that all boats have the same potential speed. This rule is open to change via the rule change processes available in the class rules, but it remains an essential feature of Zephyr Class sailing.

Tactical Compasses: Bob Allen drew the meeting's attention to the increasing availability of digital compasses. It was felt that the tactical advantage they provided was contrary to the spirit of the class rules, and that other classes had banned them. The meeting noted these comments, but saw no need to rule on them at present.

Meeting closed 2153hrs.

Rob Ebert
Secretary