

Zephyr Owners' Association (Inc)
Annual General Meeting
French Bay Boating Club
1930hrs Monday, July 3rd 2000

Present: A Aitken (Chair), R Ebert, A Ebert, T Frankham, Murray Sargisson, Bob Allen, Dennis Craig, Richard Waterer, Fred McNeil, Bob Still, Don Waterer, Alan Retter, Andrew Geddes. In attendance, Garth Naulls, Commodore FBBC

Apologies: Craig Peebles, Bob Foster, Keith Smith, Fred Elley.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous AGM held at the Hamilton Yacht Club on Tuesday 10th August 1999. They had been previously published in West Wind, and were circulated at the meeting. They were taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting. (*Allen/Ebert*)

Matters Arising: Rules Amendment. Dennis Craig queried whether the rules amendment passed at the previous AGM had been incorporated in the class rules. R Ebert replied that the change had been approved by Yachting New Zealand, and the Class handbook updated.

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

Treasurer's Report: A Aitken presented an audited set of accounts for the previous financial year for acceptance by the meeting. (*A Aitken/A Ebert*). He commented on the favourable surplus generated principally by increased activity in the trading section, which reflected continued interest in the class. M Sargisson sought clarification on how the National Contest surplus was generated.

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

Subscriptions: Recommended to remain at \$15.00. (*R Waterer/ A Ebert*)

Election of Officers:

In the absence of other nominees, the following were declared elected: (*R Ebert/R Waterer*)

Patron: Noel May

President: Alex Aitken

Treasurer: Alex Aitken

Secretary: Rob Ebert

Auditor: R Ineson (from last year)

Regional Representatives: A Aitken (Canty), Bob Allen (Ak), Rob Ebert (Hamilton), Bren Nelson (Dunedin) Mike O'Connell to be seconded again for Waiuku.

General Business

☉ *Honorarium:* Notice of Motion "That the ZOA President be allocated an honorarium of \$100 for services rendered" received from R Ineson and R Mackie in Christchurch was passed.

☉ **National Contest:** Timaru Yacht Club have agreed to host the national contest in Jan 2001 (4-7). D Craig expressed strong disappointment at the selection of this venue, stating that the mood of the Tauranga contest was for a venue at the top of the South Island. He felt strongly that the Timaru venue was not in the best interests of the class. Alex Aitken assured the meeting that attempts had been made to fulfil the wishes expressed in Tauranga, but Nelson Yacht Club had a catamaran national contest at our preferred time, and this club seemed the only viable prospect for a national contest. It was strongly felt that a contest venue should be sufficiently attractive to encourage wives and family to accompany skippers.

Few Auckland skippers expressed interest in making the trip to Timaru, but Bob Allen and Andrew Geddes are likely starters.

☉ **Future Contests:** Napier/Hastings, New Plymouth, Tauranga or Whitianga were possibles for 2002. Hamilton have indicated an interest in hosting a National contest on their lake. This was not seen as a viable option!

- ☺ General Discussion: A Aitken submitted a number of points for the meeting to consider:
 - ☺ Class Community: People joined the class for a combination of sailing and social contact. Personal contact and encouragement had been instrumental in the return of two previously “retired” members to the active sailing ranks. ZOA need to be aware of the power of personal contact in encouraging new members.
 - ☺ West Wind newsletter: There was general satisfaction with the content and presentation of the newsletter.
 - ☺ Use of funds: There was considerable discussion on the use of accumulating surpluses in the ZOA accounts and how they might be used for class promotion. Points to follow up were:
 - ☺ Zephyrs were still an attractive boat with a niche to fill “*every day boats for every day racing for every day people*”
 - ☺ Older boats were a cheap option (perhaps too cheap). Some boat builders were interested in renovating older boats at moderate cost. Supplies of plywood becoming limited to a few types.
 - ☺ Unfinished state of construction seen as a barrier. Few people had the inclination or skill to finish boats themselves these days. Resolved that “*D Craig to obtain prices for three stages of Zephyr cedar hull construction: hull and deck beams, decked and undercoated hull, and sail away price.*” (Frankham/McNeil)
 - ☺ *Tracking Down Older Boats*: ZOA to consider a flyer to all names in the register.
 - ☺ *Create a second hand market*: Existing owners should sell their boats and build new ones. This would ease the chronic shortage of new boats. “*They are like family heirlooms!*”
 - ☺ *Features for sailing magazines*: They are prepared to publish good polished copy!
 - ☺ *Ads in Sailing magazines*: ZOA to consider placing small promotional ads.

Meeting ended 2205hrs.

Rob,
thanks for the copy, a couple of minor grammatical points.

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add Cedar hull (before construction)

Please send copies of the AGM to all executive members including Waiuku and Dunedin.