

Zephyr Owners' Association (Inc)
Annual General Meeting
French Bay Boating Club
2000hrs Friday, August 10th 2001

Present: A Aitken (Chair), R Ebert (Secretary), N May (Patron), A Geddes, A Retter, R Waterer, D Craig, R Allen, R Turner, G Moore, S Macky, S Connolly, K Smith, R Dew, R Still, D Waterer T Frankham, W Russell, D Way, K Andrew

Apologies: M Sargisson, F Elley, M O'Connell, C Maddren,

Because of the late arrival of the Secretary (Rob Ebert) the actual order of business differs from that documented here.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous AGM held at the French Bay Boating Club on 1930hrs Monday, July 3rd 2000 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/Retter*)

Matters Arising: A Retter queried whether a completed price for a Zephyr had ever been determined. Detailed costs of equipping a Zephyr had been published in West Wind from which it was possible to estimate a fully completed price. It was felt to be comparable with a Laser.

Presidents' Report: A Aitken read his Presidents' Report, it having been previously published in West Wind, and moved its acceptance. (*A Geddes, D 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 Geddes*). He commented on the comprehensive audit carried out by Richard Ineson, Honorary Auditor. The meeting recorded its appreciation of Richard's efforts.

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

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

Election of Officers:

In the absence of other nominees, the following were declared elected: (*R Waterer/D 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), Dennis Craig indicated that work commitments would keep him out of Zephyr sailing for the next two years. Auckland will nominate another representative in his place.

Patron Noel May spoke briefly to the meeting. Des Townson has recently been diagnosed with Cancer, but both he and Noel retained an involvement with the class via the West Wind. Noel presented Alex Aitken with his "Presidential Badge of Office" – a handsome half model of a Zephyr.

General Business

1. *Honorarium:* Notice of Motion "That the President be allocated an honorarium of \$150 for services rendered" received from R Ineson and P Stokell, CZOA was passed.
2. *Glass Hulls:* Notice of Motion "That the ZOA Executive prepare an amendment to the class rules allowing glass reinforced plastic hulls. *R Ebert/A Aitken*. Defeated on a show of hands, 9/7.
This motion generated considerable debate. Comments in the discussion were:
 - Overall cost of a Zephyr is considerable (\$10000) and a barrier to entry. Glass construction has the potential to lower costs considerably.

- The “wooden boat” look and classic lines are a major part of the Zephyr’s appeal. This would be lost in glass construction. Glass Zephyrs would not look like the wooden ones.
- Lessons from the Starling class, which had recently gone into fibreglass construction were:
 - Glass starlings appealed to adults who were buying them for their children. There was a “just add water” approach which may not necessarily apply to Zephyrs. Zephyrs tend to be purchased for owner (adult) use – a vintage care philosophy for some.
 - Glass construction lifted the Starling class overall – more wooden boats were built as well.
 - Glass starlings were priced to be comparable to wooden ones. This kept wooden boats viable and allowed a margin for the builder.

The need to investigate further the construction methods was recognised in the following motion:
 “The Executive investigate the various construction methods (with costs) for building Zephyrs. *R Waterer/ D Waterer*. Carried. R Waterer offered to assist with this work.

Dennis Craig informed the meeting that Gary Matthews of Matthews Marine wished to resign as the Zephyr boat builder. He had built three hulls to date, all at a loss. As a result, Dennis felt it was unreasonable to expect him to continue with the present method of construction. After some debate there was general agreement that ZOA look at employing the services of a non commercial builder who may be prepared to work for a nominal hourly rate.

3. *Contest AGM*: Notice of Motion “The next AGM be held at the Plimmerton National Championships” R Ebert/A Aitken. Lost on voices.
4. YNZ Advertising Code: “That the ZOA adopt Category C, allowing advertising on hulls, spars and sails without restriction except in the space reserved for identification. *Ebert/ Aitken*, Carried.
5. Rule Changes: The meeting noted the recent West Wind article by Don Currie proposing changes to mast construction and mast hole size. Don was commended on its thought and content. There was general concern about adjusting the hole size and a number of methods of strengthening masts at deck level were proposed.
6. ZOA 50th. This will be in Auckland in 2006. Possible venues were canvassed. Auckland owners will explore options. Good South Island attendance expected at Plimmerton in 2002..

Meeting closed 2210hrs

Rob Ebert
Secretary