

Zephyr Owners' Association (Inc)

Annual General Meeting

Point Chevalier Yacht Club, Auckland

1500hrs Sunday, August 17th 2003

Present: A Aitken (Chair) R Ebert, R Still, N May, D Craig, R Turner, R Allen, C Maddren, R Dew, K Smith, R Waterer, S Macky, B Peet, R Martin, R Slater, B Heathwaite, M Hempleman, D Purdy

Apologies: M Sargisson, A Geddes, G Mathias, D Mason, M & B O'Connell, R Barker, D Currie, *Accepted Waterer/ Smith*

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minute of the previous AGM held at the The Sand Bar, Christchurch had been previously circulated in July 2003 West Wind and were available to the meeting. They were therefore taken as read. Accepted as a true and correct record. *Ebert/Aitken*

Matters Arising: Nil

President's Report: Previously circulated in West Wind. Alex Aitken read this at the meeting, *Accepted Aitken/Still*

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer commented on a very active trading year and presented an audited set of accounts to the meeting. Administration of the ZOA ran at a small loss. This was reimbursed from the Trading Account surplus. *Accepted Aitken/Maddren*

Subscriptions: A Aitken confirmed that administrative costs were now exceeding subscription income and recommended an increase to \$20. *Accepted Aitken/Smith*

Budget: As circulated in July 2003 West Wind, *Accepted Still/Waterer*

Election of Officers

In the absence of other nominations, the following Officers were elected unopposed. *Ebert/Aitken*

Patron: Noel May

President: Alex Aitken

Secretary: Rob Ebert

Treasurer: Alex Aitken

Auditor: Richard Ineson

Regional Representatives:

AZO: Russell Turner

HAZO: Rob Ebert

CZOA: Peter Stokell

Waiuku: Keith Smith

General Business:

1. **President's Honorarium:** "That the President be allocated an honorarium of \$150 for service rendered." This was amended to \$250 *Allen/Ebert* and accepted by meeting.
2. **National Championship 2003-04:** Rob Ebert reported on Hamilton Yacht Club's progress in organising the coming season's championship. There is strong local interest and a good turn out is expected.
3. **Jubilee Regatta 2006:** AZO reported little further progress, other than confirming Tamaki as the venue. They sought feedback on potential timing of the event,

either late January (possibly Anniversary Weekend) or Easter. The issue will be canvassed in West Wind.

- 4. Zephyr “Redesign”** : Russell Turner outlined the activities of the Zephyr “Redesign” group over the past year. A survey of the sectional profile and rocker line of some boats had been conducted, showing a surprising degree of consistency between them and the original plans. Brett Bakewell-White has been engaged on behalf of the ZOA to produce an up to date plans and building specifications. This will involve a reassessment of some of our current building materials and the current jig. This work is ongoing and will be reported on periodically. Further consultation with the membership may be needed. This prompted a wide ranging discussion about the merits of cedar glass versus triple skin construction and the contribution of the finishing timber to the final weight. It was noted that most older boats are around 65kgs, making the current class minimum of 57kg unrealistic. The contribution of the sheer line to the classic look of the Zephyr was confirmed and needed to be retained.

King and Queen Post Fillers: The existence of King and Queen post fillers for the centre case was noted on most boats, but the meeting had no view on whether they should be mandatory. They did not contribute to the strength of the centre case assembly. It was suggested that this be addressed as part of the redesign

Original Zephyr Trophy: In the course of the discussion, Noel May undertook to reproduce the original Zephyr trophy (a half size transom) for the 50th championship.

Buoyancy: The issues from the July West Wind article by Don Currie were discussed, with recognition that some Zephyrs may have compartments that are not adequately partitioned or sealed. Owners will be asked to check this important safety aspect and to check it complies with YNZ safety standards.

Locating Old Boats: Rod Slater related good success with adverts in Trade and Exchange seeking boats for new homes. It was suggested that the ZOA place an ad periodically. The success of the web site in selling older boats was noted.

- 5. Marketing #260:** After discussion on the issues of promoting the class and selling complete or partially complete hulls it was agreed that the ZOA look at a promotional package including a complete rig, (including sail) to prospective buyers.

Meeting closed 1705hrs.