

Zephyr Owners' Association (Inc)

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Pt Chevalier Yacht Club

2030 hrs Wednesday, July 20th 2005

Attendance: A Aitken, (Chair) R Ebert (Secretary), N May (Patron), B Heathwaite, J Wallis, C Maddren, T Snedden, D Foley, M Hempleman, R Martin, G Gauger, R Dew, R Still, K Paine, G Bridges, B Hopwood, R Turner, *R Wilson, R Brook, D Craig (non members)*

Apologies: A Retter, K Smith, Bob Allen, David and Ian Cook, D Currie. *Accepted Aitken/Ebert*

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minute of the previous AGM held at the Point Chevalier Yacht Club in 2004 had been previously published in the West Wind and were taken as read. *Aitken/Ebert*

Matters Arising: Nil

President's Report: Circulated in West Wind and taken as read. *Accepted Aitken/Ebert*

Treasurer's Report: The accounts had been published in West Wind. A Aitken presented an audited set of accounts to the meeting and provided explanation on some items. *Accepted Snedden.* R Brook commented that the charges listed for the mould in West Wind did not reflect the true cost of its construction.

Budget: A proposed budget had been circulated in West Wind. Alex Aitken commented on the allocation of \$1000 for a commemorative booklet for the Jubilee Regatta. It was felt that this amount should be made available to the Jubilee organising committee to assist in running the regatta. He then outlined a proposal to allocate up to \$2000 as a travel subsidy for sailors attending the regatta. After discussion it was proposed:

That the \$2000 proposed for the travel grant be added to the \$1000 budgeted for the AZO Jubilee Regatta. Paine/Bridges

Subscriptions: To remain at \$20 *Accepted Aitken/Maddren*

Election of Officers

Patron Noel May presented a model Zephyr transom with a half model of a Zephyr on it as the future National Championship Trophy. He hoped that it would be presented by Des Townson at the Jubilee Regatta. He accepted election to a further year as Patron, then excused himself from the meeting, as his wife was in hospital.

It was proposed: that the 49 winners be engraved on a plaque attached to the trophy Paine/Bridges

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

Patron: Noel May

President: Alex Aitken

Secretary: Rob Ebert

Treasurer: Alex Aitken

Auditor: Richard Ineson

Regional Representatives:

AZO: Russell Turner

HAZO: Keith Paine

CZOA: Peter Stokell

General Business:

1. President's Honorarium:

R Ebert spoke to the Notices of Motion contained in the Agenda:

"That the President be allocated an honorarium of \$250 for services rendered" R Ebert/P Stokell
Carried.

2. Townson Plans

"That the ZOA seek the support of suitable charities to ensure that Des Townson's design drawings are appropriately duplicated and stored securely" R Ebert/D Currie

3. National Championship 2004-05

The AZO Jubilee Organising Committee had met prior to the AGM. Russell Turner provided an update of the progress and issues to date:

- Permission for use of Reserve Land but Milford YC for container storage and for the use of Lake Pupuke as an alternative venue was in hand.
- Janet Watkin confirmed as Race Officer
- Preliminary Notice of Race prepared and circulated.
- Draft Budget prepared
- Social Programme underway
- Measurement at Contest discussed. A need was seen for all boats to have measuring certificates and be subject to spot checks.
- Sponsorship applications were discussed.

It was proposed that:

The ZOA, through the Auckland Zephyr Owners' Jubilee Regatta Organising Committee, apply to suitable charitable organisations and/or potential sponsors for financial assistance for the 2006 Jubilee Regatta. Moved Cowey/Snedden, Carried.

4. Building Report

#501, by Robert Brook of the new mould was on display at the meeting. It had been launched earlier in the day at Westhaven, with Life Members Des Townson and Barry Morley in attendance, for a Boating New Zealand Photoshoot (accompanied by Tim Snedden and Colin Maddren).

Richard Wilson, outgoing Commodore of Murray's Bay Yacht Club had recently ordered a new Zephyr (#502) and this had sparked interest in the class. Up to 12 people were interested in Zephyrs, mostly parents with kids who sailed and who wanted to do some Wednesday night sailing themselves. Considerable discussion followed. It was felt that the demand for boats was unlikely to be met by the second hand market. A number of orders for new boats may eventuate and this could outstrip the current capacity for R Brook's programme.

The meeting resolved to consider any proposal from potential Murray's Bay owners favourably. ZOA may require a modest deposit as confirmation of interest before it explores expansion of the current building programme.

The need to continue to protect the Zephyr "brand" from "rule benders" as has happened in the P and Starling classes was emphasized. The Association was in a position to appoint additional builders, or to allow individual builders to use the mould, but there were seen to be risks to the quality of the final product in doing this. The ZOA At present there are no plans to do this. The appointment of additional boat builders would be with the advice of our current builder, Robert Brook.

It was suggested that existing owners be written to with an invitation to dispose of their unused boats.

5. Presentation

R Brook and R Turner were presented with "beverage" tokens of appreciation for their role in the building programme.

6. Sail Report

Progress on the sail re-design was related. Dennis Craig roundly criticised the recent letter from Chris McMaster in West Wind outlining his intentions for the sail, claiming that an improved sail was a possibility. A period of considerable discussion ensued, during which it was noted that Dennis was not a current financial member of the class. However, the meeting confirmed that it was not the ZOA's intention to change the performance of the sail, but to improve the consistency and reliability of its manufacture. ZOA communication past communications to Doyle Sails had attempted to make this clear.

Points raised were that the test sail appeared faster in fresh conditions but not in the light.

The disposal of the test sails as legitimate Zephyr sails by the ZOA Executive also came in for considerable criticism resulting in a series of motions aimed at recovering them and withdrawing them from circulation.

They were:

1. *That the remaining test sail be sold subject to it not being used in national or regional regattas Paine/Snedden Carried.*

As discussion progressed, it became apparent that the meeting was unhappy with the existing test sails being used as Zephyr sails, hence:

2. *That the remaining test sails be withdrawn from circulation (with the owner's consent) by offering their replacement with standard Zephyr sails. Ebert/Snedden Carried.*

As a consequence it was moved:

3. *That motion one be rescinded Paine/Ebert Carried.*

And that:

4. *The three test sails be disposed of outside the class Snedden/Ebert. Carried*

7. Web Site

The new web site at www.hyc.org.nz/zephyr was commented upon and webmaster Rob Ebert congratulated on its appearance.

Meeting closed 2220 hrs.