

Zephyr Owners' Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
The Sand Bar Hotel, Christchurch
1830hrs, August 26th, 2006

Attendance: A Aitken (Chair), R Ebert (Secretary) and 19 members of the Association.

Apologies: B Nelson, D Currie, J Park, B Wenham, M Agnew, G Hutt, V Johnson. *Accepted, D le Page, L Ebert*

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Point Chevalier Yacht Club in 2005 had been previously published in the West Wind and were taken as read.

- **Corrections to the minutes:** The General business item #3, should read National Championship 2005-06. With this modification the minutes were accepted. *Ebert/Snedden*

Matters Arising:

- **Townson Plan Duplication:** R Wenham asked if duplication of the Townson plans held by Brian Peet had been proceeded with. R Ebert indicated that the ZOA had not applied to charitable trusts for this work, and that Brian Peet seems to have done some of it personally.

President's Report: Circulated in West Wind and taken as read. A Aitken elaborated on some aspects of the report, commenting that Wellington weather seemed to preclude development of the Zephyr class there. *Accepted, Aitken/Ebert*

Treasurer's Report: The accounts had been published in the West Wind. A Aitken presented an audited set of accounts to the meeting and thanked Auditor R Ineson. A Aitken elaborated on some items - mould write off and royalty, travel expenses for 2006-07 Nationals and sundry travel expenses - in the accounts. T Snedden congratulated A Aitken on his stewardship of the Association for another year. Report accepted, *Aitken/Proko*

Budget: A Aitken outlined the budget for 2006-07. *Accepted Aitken/Snedden*

Subscriptions: To remain at \$20. Accepted, Aitken/Hay

Election of Officers

The following Officers had agreed to continue and there being no other nominations, were elected unopposed.

Patron: N May

President: A Aitken

Secretary: R Ebert

Treasurer: A Aitken

Auditor: R Ineson

Regional Representatives: The following were nominated, Hamilton: *Keith Paine*, Auckland: *Tim Snedden*, Canterbury: *Peter Stokell* and duly elected. *Aitken/Ebert*

General Business

- **President's Honorarium**

The motion *“That the President’s honorarium for 2006-07 be \$250”* was carried Ebert/Hay

- **Sail Construction Update**

Tim Snedden addressed the meeting on current progress on sail construction, elaborating on his report in the recent West Wind. He reiterated that the ZOA had accepted the need to move from a hand crafted sail to one produced from a CAD file. He outlined the testing process for the recent sail and indicated its general adequacy. The late season and winter testing planned for Chch had not really eventuated, but a couple of observations about roach and draft position had been made by Canterbury sailors. Tim proposed that the sail be returned to Auckland and that Chris Salthouse, ETNZ sail trimmer, be asked to provide an objective report. Tim also reminded the meeting that the production sail would be of a different cloth, have a heavier bolt rope and altered tension in the foot bungee. The meeting suggested the addition of a clew slug. The meeting accepted the suggestion of an independent report by Chris Salthouse and the sail was to accompany Tim back to Auckland.

- **Rule Changes**

A rule change allowing the insertion of reefing points in the sail had been circulated in the West Wind. R Ebert indicated that it has always been possible to reef Zephyr sails by rolling them around the boom, but that the addition of modern sail controls had made this impossible. In discussion, it was felt that the reefing points should be a minimum distance from the tack and clew cringles so that “mini-reefs” would not be possible. Accordingly it was proposed that:

“Reefing points be a minimum distance from the tack and clew. Accepted, Ebert/Le Page.

Two or more sails now had reefing points inserted, it was suggested that the distance from the tack and clew be determined from these sails and incorporated in the specification for the new sail and the class rules. R Wenham and W de Lange to be approached for details.

The rule change allowing reefing points, namely;

No alteration to sails shall be permitted apart from making good flaws during manufacture or for the purpose of making good shrinkage of bolt ropes. Reefing points are allowable,

was put to the meeting and carried by 11 votes to none. Postal ballots received were 14 for and one against, meaning that this rule change is now effective.

- **Constitutional Update**

R Ebert tabled the revised rules for the Zephyr Owners’ Association and outlined the need to update the Constitution, especially to include a Life Membership category. The motion:

“That rules 1-13 of the Zephyr Owners’ Association (Inc) be replaced with new rules 1-14”
Ebert/Aitken was carried by 14 votes to none against.

- **Sail Construction Update**

There had been considerable discussion around how the change in sail construction should be made, with the motion below tabled before the meeting.

Notice of Motion "That the proposed new sail be adopted by means of an appropriate amendment to Class Rule 1.7. 1 along the lines below: *"All new sails shall be made by a sail maker approved by the committee, to the computer generated design and specifications current at (insert date). No further new sails will be made from the earlier pattern. Existing sails from the previous approved pattern may remain in use"*. Bridges/Ebert, Carried

This motion established the means by which a change to the sail construction would be made.

- **Hull Construction Issues**

R Ebert reported on a meeting with Wayne Olsen of Horizon Boats held recently. Tim Snedden, Rob Ebert and Russell Turner visited Horizon Boats and viewed three Zephyr hulls at Stage I (ready for decking), Stage II (decked, glassed) and Stage 0 (shell, just off the mould). These boats had been constructed by Horizon Boats without orders from the ZOA. The acceptable weight range for a hull to Stage 1 (ready for decking) was no more than 44kgs, the current weight Horizon were able to achieve. Reducing this weight would require changes to some of the heavier timber elements, namely the centre case and transom. The achievable weight for the shell would seem to be around 31 kgs. Robert Brooke had indicated that he was now available to build Zephyrs again and was felt to be the preferred option. A report of the visit had been produced, with comment from class members Don Currie and Richard Wilson.

- **National Championships 2006-07**

These are planned for Akaroa in late January. The dates advertised in the last West Wind were slightly incorrect - it should be January 25th-28th 2007.

The meeting also looked to seek assistance from suitable charitable organisations.

That the ZOA, apply to suitable charitable organisations and/or potential sponsors for financial assistance for the 2007 National Regatta. Moved Mackie/Proko, Carried.

- **Boating New Zealand Article and Carbon Fibre**

Russell Wenham drew the meeting's attention to a recent BNZ article on a new Zephyr, mentioning the use of carbon fibre in rudder blades and centreboards. It was felt that the use of carbon fibre was not prohibited in the rules and was already in reasonably widespread use.

Meeting closed 2000hrs.