

Zephyr Owners' Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Christchurch Yacht Club
1930hrs, September 4th, 2008

Attendance: A Aitken (Chair) R Ebert (Secretary), R Mackie, R Wenham, G Mantell, A Holland, W Beere, L Ebert, B Elliott, M Hannah, T Snedden (AZO), R Proko, P Croft, J Foster, A Ebert, M Agnew, P Stokell.

Apologies: D Le Page, J O'Leary, G Hutt, T Kite, R Ineson. *Accepted, Aitken/Ebert*

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting, held in the Pt Chevalier Yacht Club, Auckland, on Sept 17th, 2007, previously published in the West Wind, were taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting. *Stokell/Snedden.*

Matters Arising: Nil

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

Treasurer's Report: The accounts had been published in the West Wind. A Aitken indicated that an audited set of accounts was available for inspection. A Aitken elaborated on a number of items in response to queries. Stock on hand indicted 10 sails, reflecting a purchase just before years end. This is the agree number to qualify for a 15% discount. Veneer stock on hand reflects would remaining to complete future hulls. The \$5k surplus was attributed to a stable trading year, with issues relating hull and sail construction, which had some costs, having been resolved. The \$30k of accumulated funds was felt to be an excellent position for the Association. *Accepted, Aitken/Hannah*

Budget: A Aitken briefly outlined a budget aimed at having subscriptions cover administration expenses and recommended subscriptions remain at \$20. *Aitken/R Ebert*

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 members were elected. Russell Turner (AKL), Keith Paine (Hamilton), Peter Stokell, Matt Hannah, (Chch). The incoming President of AZO was also elected, ex officio. Tony Crew was nominated as a contact person for Wellington.

General Business

Auditor: A Aitken expressed appreciation for the contribution R Ineson made in auditing the accounts. He felt a letter of appreciation and a suitable gift voucher would be appropriate. *Aitken/Hannah.*

President's Honorarium: The motion "that the President be allocated an honorarium of \$250 for services rendered" was carried. Ebert/Stokell

Treasurer: R Mackie expressed appreciation for the additional work A Aitken did as Treasurer in addition to his Presidential role. He proposed an additional honorarium of \$250. A Aitken departed the room for discussion. Carried *Mackie/A Ebert*

Rule Changes:

Rule 3.1.1 Mast Track: *Masts to be supplied with welded top cap, sail track cut away to maximum of 1050 mm above the heel. The sail track may be further cut away to a maximum of 1150mm above the heel.* This rule was signed by six members and passed unanimously. It was forwarded to Tim Snedden for further consideration at the upcoming Auckland Zephyr Owners' Assn meeting.

New Rules:

R Ebert sought feedback on two proposed new rules;

Gooseneck: *The boom gooseneck may be fixed or sliding type. The vertical swivel axis of the gooseneck shall not be more than 65 mm from the aft face of the mast.* The merits of "set back" goosenecks were debated, with the meeting recognising that these had been tried in the class in the past, with varying success. The above rule would effectively "grandfather" existing goosenecks and

limit further experimentation. It would be submitted for six signatures and put up for passing according to the Class Rules.

Compass: *Compasses are permitted. Devices capable of receiving satellite navigation signals are not permitted.* It was recognised that digital compasses with a range of functions, aimed at assisting tactical decision making, were already in use in the class. Experience suggested the tactical decision making features were of limited use in Zephyr sailing, and difficult to restrict. The prime aim of this rule is therefore to ban the use of devices capable of receiving satellite navigation signals. This rule would be submitted for six signatures and put up for passing according to the Class Rules.

Building Report: No new issues. The Auckland Traditional Boat Building School has proved a reliable supplier, but we kept a watching brief on the hull building environment.

Sail Report: Tim Snedden relayed Steve Pyatt's advocacy for persisting with the Velcro sail batten ties, suggesting they made removing battens and adjusting their tension easier. Initial problems seemed to be subsiding so this method will remain the standard on new sails. Those wanting traditional ties would have to pay for the alteration.

Sail Battens: Doyles had indicated an increase in the price of battens. A Aitken indicate the price to members would be unchanged.

National Championship 2009. Naval Point Yacht Club had agreed to host the Champs on Lyttelton Harbour. Ross May had agreed to be Race Officer. Good liason with Naval Point had been established and all arrangements were in hand. Secure overnight storage for boats would be available. Notice of Race had been submitted to YNZ. Applications to Pub Charities are planned, and a budget awaited. Likely entry fee around \$60, based on 35 boats. Likely interest from AKL, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington and locally, was canvassed. AKL looking at a container.

Mast Construction: A Aitken outlined recent concerns with the quality of masts from Northland Spars – mostly related to the alignment of the mast track. It was thought Sparloft Industries in AKL may be an alternative supplier, but this proved not to be the case. Tapered alloy masts appear to be a niche product, with few suppliers. At the moment we have no options other than Northland Spars, so an order for 4 masts has been placed. It was noted that Barry Saunders, previous owner of Bay of Island Spars, subsequently an employee of the new business, has now left. A Holland reported that Fosters continued to manufacture tapered alloy Moth masts of a similar (but smaller) diameter.

Worser Bay National Championships 2011: A Aitken tabled a letter from Worser Bay Boating Club, expressing interest in the 2011 Nationals. The meeting noted their interest and that it would be outside the normal North/South rotation. R Ebert to write to Worser Bay acknowledging their interest and outlining the issues.

Worser Bay Measurer: A Sunburst measurer is proposed. ZOA member preferred.

Centrecase Modification: W Beere inquired if this had been actioned. A Aitken indicated that it had been.

Tauranga Nationals, 2010: The informal interest from Tauranga in the 2010 Nationals was noted by the meeting. Members expresses reservations about the suitability of Tauranga.

Members success. Sam Meech (Youth Worlds), Grant Beck (Beijing Olympic involvement) Des Townson (MNZM) were noted. R Ebert to write offering congratulations.

Meeting Closed 2105 hrs.

Omitted Item: The ZOA was granted Charities Commission registration during the year.