

Zephyr Owners' Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Pt Chevalier Yacht Club, 1945hrs, 15th August 2013

1. **Attendance:** M Sargisson, R Ebert, T Snedden, A Aitken, C Moss, S Pyatt, R Dreverman, R Martin, G Gager, P Pearson, P Fletcher, R Turner, T Ross, D Blair, B Peet, A Copeland, S Curham, D Waterer, T Miller, A Retter.

Chairman M Sargisson welcomed members to the meeting, especially Alex Aitken (Canterbury) and Richard Dreverman (Wellington).

2. **Apologies:** A Knowles, C Maddren, H Bennett, P Dawson, G Beck. *Accepted Ebert/Snedden.*

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pt Chch);** These had been previously circulated in the West Wind and were taken as read. Accepted as a true and correct record of the previous AGM. *Snedden/Sargisson*

4. **Matters arising from the previous meeting;** Nil

5. **President's Report;** Murray Sargisson asked the meeting to accept his President's Report as read, it having been circulated in the West Wind. *Sargisson/Moss*

6. **Treasurer's Report;**

Tim Snedden spoke to his previously circulated report (West Wind, August 2013).

Issues of note over the past year have been;

- 28 sails sold, probably the most ever, 16 masts, and 2 hulls
- Veneer for a further six boats left with two more "spec" boats under construction as it is more economical on glue to build two at a time. Price is now \$4900, reflecting an agreed increase in the time required to build them to the agreed quality standard.
- Insurance on stock remains, to cover the \$26000 of stock was potentially at risk at times.
- Subs, Auckland subs up substantially, the rest of the country reasonably stable.
- Investments staggered to take advantage of fluctuating, hopefully improving, interest rates.
- Budget for the coming year based pretty much on last year's expenditure, plus some amendments, principally a reduction in the number of masts likely to be sold.

After discussion, the Treasurer's report was received *Snedden/Moss*

- Subscriptions recommended to stay at \$20 *Snedden/Sargisson*
- Secretary's Honorarium; A Aitken proposed noted the substantial administration surplus and moved "*that the Secretary be awarded an honorarium of \$250, to be paid in recognition of work in the 2012 financial year, and then for future years*". Seconded B Peet. This prompted a discussion on the amount of voluntary work undertaken by ZOA members in a variety of capacities and the informal expenses they incurred. It was noted that any honorarium rarely covered the time spent and informal expenses incurred. Motion passed unanimously.
- Promotional Activity; A Aitken queried the absence of any promotional expenditure. T Miller noted that the main promotional activity, the Hutchwilco Boat Show Zephyr stand organised by AZO was done at no cost with a loaned Zephyr and local volunteers. Wellington also has a club Zephyr that is used for prospective sailors. The importance of personal relationships

in promoting Zephyr sailing was emphasised and any ideas for promotion were welcome.

7. Election of Officers;

The following Officers were elected, having previously agreed to nomination;

Patron; Alex Aitken, *Sargisson/Peet*

President; Murray Sargisson. *Snedden/Ebert*

Secretary; Rob Ebert, *Snedden/Sargisson*

Treasurer; Tim Snedden, *Ebert/Sargisson*

Financial Scrutineer; Matt Hannah, *Snedden/Ebert*

Committee Members;

Steve Pyatt, *Sargisson/Ebert*

Peter Stokell, *Aitken/Ebert*

Andy Knowles, *Sargisson/Ebert*

Brian Peet, *Sargisson/Ebert*

Rob Bryant, *Dreverman/Ebert*

Regional Representatives (ex officio)

Richard MacKay (CZOA)

Richard Dreverman (Wgtn)

Tony Miller (AZO)

8. General Business;

1. ***National Contest Location Motion;*** Tony Miller spoke to his previously submitted motion that “*the location of the National Championships will be decided each year by the National Executive of the ZOA*”. He felt the location of the Nationals should reflect fleet strength, rather than be on a strict Nth/Sth rotation. The ZOA should perhaps be more proactive in determining the location of the Nationals, potentially using non-Zephyr clubs such as Taupo or Napier. It was noted that a number of non-Zephyr clubs are experienced at running National Championships. Motion carried *Miller/Fletcher*
- Location AGMs; It was noted that the same principle above could also apply to AGMs, rather than a strict Nth/Sth rotation.
2. ***Building Report***
 - Hull quality has improved with an increase in the time allowed for building and an end to “glue voids” was expected. Don Currie continues to take an interest in build quality standards.
 - Masts; Some minor variation in taper quality and straightness, that latter easily corrected. Relationship with NZ Rigging effective, but inquiries and issues should be channelled through Tim Snedden.
 - Boat builder – do we need to acknowledge their participation in our building programme. Letter to be sent.
 - Brian Peet indicated a need for assistance with boat refurbishment. The existence of an informal market of skilled boat builders was acknowledged.
3. ***National Contest 2013-2014***

Arrangements are in hand for the National Championships in Canterbury on Lyttelton Harbour. A good attendance seems likely. Billets and boats for hire possible.
4. ***Draft Rule Change Proposals***

R Ebert drew the meeting’s attention to the recently published draft rule revisions. He proposed putting these to the class after the National Championships in 2013, which would allow discussion at the Contest Forum.

He indicated the rule on carbon fibre would be the most contentious. R Dreverman drew the meeting's attention to a proposed "carbon rule" and indicated Wellington Zephyr sailors general opposition to the use of carbon fibre.

5. ***Regional contacts***

Aitken reminded the meeting of the importance of personal contacts in the class and suggested the President or an Exec member attend regional AGMs.

Meeting closed 2110