

Zephyr Owners' Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Worsler Bay Yacht Club, 1900hrs, 27th August 2014

1. **Attendance:** M Sargisson, R Ebert, T Snedden, T Crew, J McDowell, T Miller, R Byrant, M Lantz, N Conte, R Dreverman, P Sutton, P Hanz, C Hargreaves, J MacRae, G Tassicker, N Lloyd, P Stokell, P Williams, N Gray, A Paterson, D Knott, H Garside, C Taylor.

Chairman M Sargisson welcomed members to the meeting,

2. **Apologies:** A Aitken, A Knowles, B Peet, S Pyatt, G Beck, D Currie, R Mackay.
Accepted Ebert/Sargisson

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pt Chev);** 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. *Ebert/Dreverman*

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

5. **President's Report;** Murray Sargisson spoke to his report, it having been circulated in the West Wind. He reiterated the pleasing growth in the class, and noted the support from the Nth Island for the Lyttelton Nationals. He again acknowledged the role of the many people on the Executive and sub-committees for their continued contribution to the class. *Sargisson/Ebert*

6. **Treasurer's Report;**

Tim Snedden spoke to his previously circulated report (West Wind, August 2014).

Issues of note over the past year have been;

- Trading continued to be strong in all class components – hulls, rails and rigging.
- Insurance on stock remains in place as stock holding can be considerable.
- Subs, overall slightly up.
- Travel expenses reflected good Nth Island attendance at the Nationals.
- ZOA provided \$1000 initial funding to CZOA for the Lyttelton Nationals, on the expectation that this was to be returned. ZOA prepared to underwrite the National Champs to the extent of \$1000 if required, but the expectation was that they should be self funding.
- Term investments still being staggered to take advantage of varying interest rates.
- NZ Rigging arrangements improved now able to place orders directly into the NZ Rigging on line ordering system. Masts to be inspected and stamped before despatch, focusing on straightness, taper and overall quality. Improved packaging of masts for freighting being investigated to minimize damage.
- Veneer for hulls assessed – enough for a maximum of three hulls/plug.
- 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.
- Matt Hannah's contribution to the Financial Statement Review noted. Moved "that the Treasurer be empowered to express the ZOA's appreciation of his contribution of the Financial Statement Review" *Accepted Ebert/Snedden*

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

- Subscriptions recommended to stay at \$20 *Snedden/Ebert*

7. **Secretary's Report**

R Ebert outlined the Secretarial Initiatives over the past year;

- Membership and Measurement Certificate database in the process of being revised and moved into Microsoft Access. Some cost associated with this. Survey Monkey rule change process had been a success, although care needs to be taken to ensure all members are included.
- Club Hub Membership Management – investigation of the possible role of this product in improving and streamlining ZOA administration continues. Some associated cost, though it would eliminate much of the administration around collection and forwarding of subscriptions.

8. Election of Officers;

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

Patron; Alex Aitken, *Sargisson/Ebert*

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, *Sargisson/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 2016.*** ZOA Executive to decide the location for the 2016 Nationals. Worsler Bay expressed interest.
2. ***Building Report***
 - T Snedden outlined the building cost and quality issues as detailed in the West Wind August 2014. The willingness of Wellington owners to undertake a building programme was recognised
 - Veneer - a source of veneer had yet to be confirmed. Interior Timbers of Rangiora, had communicated that they were unable to supply veneer, though this was disputed at the meeting on the basis of an informal communication between the Wellington builder and Interior Timbers. It was suggested that veneer could be supplied if the ZOA supplied suitable logs. Veneer for 10 boats was suggested. A discussion around procuring veneer followed, but the need for a firm order and a quote was recognised. Veneer thickness and quality was felt to be important. Thought to be given to increasing the thickness of any new batch of veneer.
 - Hull Sections – samples of the traditional three skin hull panel and a possible glass polyester panel were displayed. They were virtually the same weight and of broadly similar stiffness. The glass/polyester panel was of a lay-up type used in Finns, 470s and Mistral over the years and represents proven technology.

- Wooden v Glass Zephyrs- the traditional look of Zephyrs has strong appeal for some class members, but it was also recognised that some owners and potential buyers would prefer an all-glass option. It was agreed that the continued supply of hulls was essential for the future of the class. The possibility of a two track solution, with both glass wooden Zephyrs made available should not be discounted.
- Wellington Builder – in the event of veneer being available, there would be value in having the Wellington builder visit Auckland to familiarise himself with the building process and meet those with experience of it.
- Development process – there was considerable discussion around potential development pathways for glass hulls. Estimated cost of a mould was around \$6-10k. Opinions varied as to whether a rule change should precede the development investment – do we build a boat for evaluation by the class and are there risks with “non acceptance”? Preferred strategy is to build a polyester/glass shell and fit bulkheads, side-tanks and centre case as at present, but in a way that does not preclude the eventual development of an all glass Zephyr.
- To conclude the discussion it was moved “that the AGM endorses the development of a glass/composite Zephyr using class funds” *Accepted Grey/Lloyd*

3. **Carbon Rule**

Rob Bryant inquired as to the status of the rules governing the use of carbon fibre. With the recent defeat of the rule change allowing carbon fibre, the rules remain silent on its use.

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