

Zephyr Owners Association

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Date: 20 September 2022 - 7:30 pm.

Location: Online Zoom Meeting.

Attendees:

Matt Mitchell, Brian Peet, Tony Miller, David Tildesley, Steve Pyatt, Cathryn Bridges, John Kliffen, Mark Thomas, Llew Viljoen, Hansie Eichholz, John Boraston, Chris Bridges, Dennis Conway, Rob Dunne, Rob Ebert, Andy Knowles, Rob Martin, Gary Newland, Tony Gable, Paul Mason, Paul Pearson, Rob Marin, Nik Burfoot, Robin Simpson, Dion Mead, Andrew Patterson.

Apologies:

John Faire, Daniel Smith and Glenn Tassicker.

Opening Meeting:

ZOA President and meeting chairman, Matt Mitchell, welcomed members to the Zoom ZOA AGM. Matt thanked David Tildesley for agreeing to run the Zoom side of the meeting.

Minutes from 2021 AGM:

Previously circulated in West Wind and via membership email – taken as read. No discussion from the floor. Adoption moved Rob Ebert/ Rob Martin - approved.

Matters Arising from 2021 AGM

Matt Mitchell reported the arrival of 20 mast extrusions and the Forged Fabrication's schedule for these to be tapered late September. Four more Mackay GRP hulls were built in the last quarter, all sold, bringing total production to 13 hulls.

2021 AGM Reports:

President's Report

Previously circulated via membership email – taken as read. No discussion from the floor.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Report

Previously circulated via membership email – taken as read.

Adoption of Financial Report – no questions from floor – approved.

Tony Miller reported the previously used Debit Success for subs billing is to be replaced by a facility in the new website which enabled direct membership billing. He also recommended subs increase to \$55 to incorporate nationally a \$5 increase in the regional component.

Moved Tony Miller/Mark Thomas – Approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report

Previously circulated via membership email – taken as read.

Election of Officers

The following were available for re-election. No other nominations received.

President Matt Mitchell, **Secretary** Brian Peet, **Treasurer** Tony Miller.

Executive Steve Pyatt, Glenn Tassicker, Llew Viljoen, Cathryn Bridges and Hansie Eichholz.

Regional Chairpersons. After regional elections, each chairperson became an ex-officio member of the Executive. AZO – Tim Willets, HZO - Mark Thomas, WZO - John Kliffen and CZO – John Boraston.

Chief Measurer Graeme Robinson.

General Business

Electronic Aides

Steve Pyatt's previously circulated paper titled, 'Use of Smart-Watches/Fitness Trackers' was email circulated - taken as read. Steve spoke to the existing class rule impact from advanced electronics permeating all aspects of yacht racing. General discussion whether the Zephyr Class Rules should be amended or whether the Measuring Interpretations document on the class website was a more suitable repository for any AGM decision. The latter was the consensus view - moved Steve Pyatt / Cat Bridges: -

'Rule 3.9 permits the use of digital compasses and timing devices and specifies that all other electronic aids are prohibited. A trial interpretation is that other electronic aids, including watches, and fitness devices that incorporate other features such as position and course tracking etc., and cameras are permitted, provided that data from such devices cannot be

accessed on board when racing or between racing. To remove any doubt, establishing and accessing information on the starting line and locations of marks using electronic devices is prohibited while racing.' Passed unanimously,

Rob Ebert's submissions

Rob's paper regarding hull panel stiffness across the fleet was submitted and taken as read. Rob spoke in support of his motion, then members discussed a range of points including hull panel stiffness through the various hull iterations, the 2012 ban on carbon sheathing and subsequent race-result experience. The question of how nation-wide stiffness testing could be carried out and what would be done with the results was raised.

After a thirty-five-minute discussion it was moved by Rob Ebert / Chris Bridges: -

'That the ZOA adopt a method to determine the stiffness of Zephyr hulls so that comparisons between Zephyrs can be reliably made.' Twenty-six attendees - votes in support five – motion failed.

Rob then spoke to his submission regarding a full re-write of the class rules on the basis they are no longer fit for purposes. Brief discussion followed with the view expressed that our 1980s drafted rules, although regularly amended since that time, are not specific enough and could fall short in a protest or court room situation.

It was moved by Rob Ebert / Andy Knowles: - 'That the ZOA revise the Zephyr Class Rules.' Twenty-six attendees - votes in support nine – motion failed.

2023 Nationals at Worsler Bay

John Kliffen reminded meeting of the Worsler Bay nationals scheduled for 2-6 Feb 2023.

Nationals Trophies

Member asked if there was a trophy for first Townson built boat. There is and it was the former national's trophy that went missing 20 years ago. Des Townson found it, then his widow Sue donated it back to the ZOA for re-purposing.

Cat Bridges suggested a Whanau Cup for inter family competition. To be referred to ZOA Exec for progressing.

Rob Dunne asked if anyone knew where the Gordon Tonkin Memorial Trophy for interclub racing was located. Gordon was a former Zephyr sailor killed in the TEAL DC 8 crash in 1966 at Auckland Airport. Members were requested to keep an eye out for this trophy.

Meeting Closed 8.40 pm.