

Zephyr Owners Association

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

Date: 16 September 2024 - 7:30 pm.

Location: Online Zoom Meeting.

Attendees:

Matt Mitchell, Brian Peet, Tony Miller, Keith Phillips, Mike Renner, Murray Sargisson, Steve Pyatt, John Kliffen, Hansie Eichholz, John Boraston, Paul Pearson, Glenn Tassicker, Robin Simpson, Jo Jones, Bruce Craies, Tony Taine, Graeme Henry, Hamish Atkinson, Rob Ebert, Ian Watson, Peter Busfield, Gary Newland and Russell Salmon.

Apologies:

John Faire, Tony Gable, Rod Dawson and Rob Dunne.

Opening Meeting:

ZOA president and meeting chairman, Matt Mitchell, welcomed members to the Zoom ZOA AGM.

Minutes from 2023 AGM:

Circulated by email prior to meeting – taken as read. No questions from the floor. Adoption moved Tony Miller / John Boraston - approved.

Matters Arising from 2023 AGM

No matters from the 2023 AGM were raised for discussion.

2024 AGM Reports:

President's Report - verbal

"We've had a quiet year. Not a lot to report, apart from the ongoing good work of our volunteers. We've had a successful year selling masts, booms, sails and boats. We've managed to spread a few spars to the regions, so we have spares available. We've sold our last glass boat. Given the economic situation we're not in a hurry to order four more hulls – we'll wait for two firm orders. Hulls have been a roaring success – it's gone better than anyone could have imagined, 17 built and sold."

Treasurer's Report and Financial Report

Previously circulated via membership email – taken as read - no questions from floor.

Tony Miller recommended subs remain at \$55 - \$20 of this sum is returned to the sailor's region.

Election of Executive

President Matt Mitchell, **Secretary** Brian Peet, **Treasurer** Tony Miller. No other nominations received - incumbents remain.

Executive Committee – five positions

Of the current committee Steve Pyatt, Glenn Tassicker, Hansie Eichholz and Graeme Henry were available for re-election.

One vacancy existed and Bruce Craies was the sole nomination: - Brian Peet / Matt Mitchell. No other nominations. Positions confirmed.

Regional Chairpersons.

Following regional AGMs, the respective chairpersons became an ex-officio member of the Executive. HZO - Mark Thomas, WZO - John Kliffen and CZO – John Boraston.

AZO – Tim Willets unavailable for coming season, replacement sought at the upcoming AZO 2024 AGM.

Chief Measurer

Graeme Robinson available for re-election. No nominations – position confirmed.

General Business

2025 Nationals

Hansie Eichholz advised planning for the Tauranga nationals was on track, 4-8 March 2025.

Yachting NZ Survey

YNZ are surveying classes to gauge support for various tweaks to national championship requirements. Triggered by the ZOA seeking a reduction to a minimum four races, which was declined - YNZ policy is to not give individual class dispensations. The ZOA case was based on climate change weather variability and potential no-result nationals. Consequently, YNZ are

reviewing their entire section covering nationals. ZOA's application came from the Sailors Forum at our recent Lyttelton champs and was endorsed by the Exec. YNZ will advise classes of their policy decision.

Female National Champion

In YNZ's comms to ZOA, it was noted the 2024 nationals had five female entrants, one less than the required six to permit awarding title of Female National Champion. The class was invited to apply, with justifying reasons, for a dispensation. Secretary supplied compelling reasons why Amanda Hargreaves should be recognised by YNZ as the 2024 Zephyr Female National Champion. Awaiting reply.

Halyard Locks

Currently the majority of Zephyrs sail with YNZ safety regs non-compliant halyard locks. Sailors Forum previously requested posting compliant option descriptions/imagery on class website. Secretary to action.

Nationals Travel Subsidy

It was re-affirmed that the ZOA individual subsidy of \$100 per boat will apply to South Island entrants attending the 2025 Tauranga nationals.

Meeting Closed 7.51 pm.