

MINUTES (in Review)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Name:	Zephyr Owners' Association (Inc)
Date:	Wednesday, 14 August 2019
Time:	7:00 PM to 10:15 PM
Location:	Armadillo's Tavern, 155 Colombo St, Christchurch
Board Members:	Peter Busfield (Chair), Brian Peet, Steve Pyatt, John Kliffen, Peter Stokell, Richard MacKay, Tony Miller, Daniel Smith
Attendees:	Rob Ebert
Apologies:	Clive Wright, Andy Knowles, Graeme Robinson, Llewellyn Viljoen, Glenn Tassiker

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Welcome

Chairperson Peter Busfield introduced himself and opened the meeting, welcoming members, especially those from out of town. He invited all attendees to introduce themselves with their name, region and sail number.

1.2 Apologies and Attendance

1.3 Confirm Minutes

ZOA Annual General Meeting 23 Aug 2018, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

1.4 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

2. AGM Reports

2.1 President's Report

Peter Busfield alluded to his previously circulated report, elaborated on the strength of the local fleets being essential to the class. The Zephyr remained a competitive, attractive boat, and still the largest dinghy class in NZ. The continued demand for new boats has been reflected in the intended development of the fibreglass boat. Rule changes addressing the weight distribution in the class seem to have had a desired "soothing effect" removing the incentive to create boats with weight concentrated in the middle. Further rule changes are planned.

2.2 Treasurer's and Trading Report



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Treasurer Tony Miller spoke to previously published accounts- showing a loss of \$8k. Current balance sheet was \$70k, with cash reserves of \$40k.

In response to questions; #607's purchase was not listed as a capital item as it has no value. There is no depreciation allowance in the accounts as the ZOA does not pay tax. Current stock, some plywood, veneer and hull #607 stored at Lane Plastics. The original mould for wooden boat construction has been destroyed.

Moved "that the Treasurer's Report and Financial Accounts be accepted". John Boraston/Peter Stokell

Decision Date: 14 Aug 2019

Outcome: Approved



Subscriptions Recommendation

"That subscriptions for the coming year be unchanged at \$40 incl GST." Tony Miller/John Kliffen

Decision Date: 14 Aug 2019

Outcome: Approved

3. Election of Officers

3.1 Election of Officers and Appointments

The following Officers were elected;

Patron	Alex Aitken	Busfield/Wenham
President	Peter Busfield	Ebert/Miller
Secretary	Rob Ebert	Busfield/Aitken
Treasurer	Tony Miller	Ebert/Busfield
Financial Scrutineer	Gerald Turnbull, Turnbull and Associates	Miller/Ebert
Executive		
Steve Pyatt	Auckland	Miller/Peet
Glenn Tassicker	Wellington	Kliffen/Ebert
Llew Viljoen	Auckland	Peet/Ebert
Mark Thomas	Hamilton/Tga	Ebert/Busfield
Cathryn Bridges	Christchurch	MacKay/Smith
Regional Chairs		
Brian Peet	Auckland	
Geoff Collins	Hamilton/Tga	
John Kliffen	Wellington	
Richard MacKay/Daniel Smith	Christchurch	Daniel to succeed Richard in a few months.
Chief Measurer	Graeme Robinson	Peet/Ineson

4. Other Business

4.1 Nationals 2020/21

Picton Nationals, 2020

Richard MacKay provided an update on the next Nationals.

Host club QCYC is doing most of the planning, with a draft NOR in preparation. QCYC will have a new club house by the time of the event and this will be the base for all activities. Picton is a container port, so boats could be transported that way. Bluebridge also apparently allows boats as freight so cars don't need to be brought across the Strait. Accommodation will be tight in the town, so contestants advised to book early.

Nationals 2021

Manly have been approached to hold the event in late March, (week before Easter) to work around the America's Cup programme - which makes it difficult to find a spot in the calendar. We are waiting on their decision.

4.2 ZOA On-line subs proposal



ZOA On-Line Subs

Rob Ebert outlined the tabled on-line subscriptions proposal which prompted considerable discussion.

The problems with the current method of subs collection were acknowledged, making it difficult to know who ZOA members were and what boats they sailed. Wellington in particular, valued continued local collection of subs, seeing it as a way of establishing a connection with members.

There were also concerns about the ZOA not remitting subs to the regions in the event of cash flow problems, but it was acknowledged that the ZOA held the subs in trust on behalf of the regions.

Moved

That on line subscriptions be offered to members, with remittance of regional subs collected, twice yearly, or upon request. It is acknowledged that regional subs are collected on behalf of regions and held on their behalf. A transition year to allow for proper processes to be established and refined was agreed, and that a separate email prompting subs collection be sent to members.

Aitken/Kite

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Outcome: Approved

4.3 Travel Subsidy



Travel Subsidy Reinstatement

R MacKay lamented the removal of the travel subsidy at last year's AGM. It was recognised that this was a motion and decision from the floor of the meeting, but the subsidy did have a demotivating effect on National Championship participation by South Island sailors who had to travel North more frequently. The option of only offering the subsidy to Sth Island sailors was suggested.

The potential effects on ZOA finances was recognised - historically the travel subsidy had come from trading profits, but these had been reduced by GST registration, with the surplus from trading now only \$2k.

Moved "that the travel subsidy of \$100, including GST, for contestants crossing Cook Strait to attend National Championships, be reinstated". MacKay/Hay, Carried, with three members opposed.

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Outcome: Approved

4.4 Funding Applications for the Nationals



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The need to seek support for the Picton Nationals was acknowledged.

"That the ZOA support the CZOA application for charitable donations for the Picton National Championships" MacKay/Ebert

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Outcome: Approved

4.5 Fibreglass Zephyr

The Fibreglass Zephyr proposal was outlined. It will require the development of moulds for the bulkheads and deck, thought to be around \$20k.

It's basis was advice from the Tauranga Nationals Skipper's Forum that a wooden decked Zephyr was no longer an attractive option for prospective Zephyr sailors, though subsequent input from the Auckland Owners suggested there might still be interest. The traditional and distinctive wooden decked Zephyr was still thought to have value and it would be a pity to lose the traditional look.

As a result, MacKay Boats had been approached with a view to developing an all fibreglass Zephyr and this proposal has now been modified to include a wooden deck option. MacKay's were recognised as competent and able builders.

The rule change was proposed to enable expenditure on the project to be approved - as opposed to developing the all fibreglass boat and making the rule change contingent upon trialling and general acceptability.

Considerable time was spent on costs and building options. Dave Norris, local boat builder, with experience in building and restoring Zephyrs thought the intended c\$20k cost for a complete Zephyr was excessive, commenting he was building fibreglass Sunbursts for substantially less but we did not currently have a breakdown of costs for a detailed comparison. Quality problems with changing builders has been a problem in the past and the ZOA did not want to repeat these. The experience with fibreglass Starlings from MacKay's had been overwhelming positive and had led to an increase in good quality second hand boats becoming available. Those sailors wanting the traditional Zephyr, still had access to older wooden boats.

The build cost of a new Zephyr could be mitigated by shopping around alternative builders, such as Dave Norris. Alternatively, the \$20k mould costs could be spent on subsidizing the current fibreglass/wooden bulkheads/deck configuration. This method does have more weight variation due to the larger wood component.

The prospective \$20k purchase price does include \$500 to the ZOA.

4.6 Rule Change Proposals

This canvassed the proposed partial carbon fibre rule change proposal - seen as disadvantaging those with older hulls wanting to extend their longevity. It was queried as to whether carbon fibre provided an advantage.

In background a past ZOA rule interpretation had determined that carbon fibre sheathing was not allowed under the rules. Neither was fibreglass sheathing but a rule interpretation had not been requested on this. A subsequent rule change allowing unrestricted sheathing materials did not pass, so theoretically, both carbon fibre and fibreglass were not currently permitted by the rules. The proposed rule would therefore widen the materials legally able to be used.

Carbon fibre was perceived to be slightly superior to fibreglass, with a small weight saving possible in its use for sheathing. However, it was still possible to get older hulls down to weight with fibreglass use.

This prompted a discussion on the merits of the ZOA being a closed class, with more detail of what is permitted being required in the rules leading to their rule being quite extensive. Heritage classes, such as the Zephyr, do generally have a provision around allow generally accepted features, to avoid onerous rule development. However, in tightly controlled closed classes things like repairs need Class Measurer supervision and permission.

Peter Busfield reiterated that the aim of the rule change proposals was to promote greater alignment with the rules and the class- by modifying the rules or requesting changes to some boats perceived as outliers. At the moment there was an unacceptable degree of divergence.

4.7 Mast sleeving

The proposal to allow sleeving of masts prompted a query as to what internal section might be used. There is nothing readily available.

4.8 Promotional Zephyr

Recommended that thought be given to using #607 as a promotional Zephyr.

5. Close Meeting

5.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: ZOA Annual General Meeting - 19 Aug 2020, 7:30 PM

Signature: _____

Date: _____