

**Zephyr Owners' Association  
Special General Meeting  
Pt Chevalier Yacht Club  
1900hrs, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2018**

1. **Attendance;** Twenty-nine members of the Association

Rob Ebert opened the meeting and gained confirmation that Brian Peet be Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **Apologies;** G Gager, C Moss, R Adolph, A Aitken, R Middleton, P Stokell, R MacKay, *Carried, Ebert/Peet.*
3. **Background;** Brian Peet outlined the background to the meeting, including the contribution of the Faire Report in formulating proposed rule changes. He thanked John Faire.
4. **Zephyr Class Rule Changes;** Rule changes outlined in the documentation supporting the meeting were read, queries answered. A number of issues were raised that ensured the reasons for the changes were understood, but this did not materially affect the relevance of the proposed rule changes. The exception was 2.2.1 and the definition of marine ply. There was considerable discussion on the role of standards in the plywood timber industry and how they applied to the glue and timber used. There was concern that the standard proposed in the rules did not actually exist. To resolve the issue, voting on the first part of the proposed rule change (which was defeated) occurred first and the results informed the voting on the second part. This approach confirmed the desire of the class to have a definition for marine ply and the second part was subsequently passed. The results of voting are appended.

It was repeatedly stated that the role of the class rules was to ensure that Zephyrs were as alike as possible, so sailors could concentrate on enjoying their sailing and class participation. In discussion it was intended that the adopted rules would apply after YNZ approval and be in effect for the upcoming Worser Bay Nationals in February.

5. **Zephyr Owners' Association Rule changes;** It was pointed out that the ZOA Constitution did not allow for proxy votes, so this rule change needed to be supported by the meeting vote only. There was a general discussion on the value an independent Chief Measurer would bring to the Zephyr class. Debate on the need for the Chief Measurer to physically inspect and weigh new hulls, especially given the Napier location of the nominee resulted in a proposed amendment, allowing this to be delegated. The meeting accepted the amendment of section 8.2 Duties of the Chief Measurer, to read;

*Supervising, and may delegate, the inspection and weighing of fibreglass hulls on completion of the builder's production for delivery as directed by ZOA Executive Committee.*

With this adjustment, the amended 8.0, Duties of the Chief Measurer, passed.

6. **Election of Officers;**
  - President: Peter Busfield nominee for President, was elected, there being no other nominations
  - Treasurer; Tony Miller, nominee for Treasurer, was elected, there being no other nominations
7. **Appointment of Chief Measurer;**

Brian Peet read out the brief CV of nominee Graeme Robinson. Considerable discussion on the role of a Chief Measurer, relationship with regional measurers and the possibility of paying for measurement of boats.

  - Chief Measurer; Graeme Robinson, was elected.

8. **General Business;**

- 8.1. J Faire spoke to proposal 9.9 in his report, recommending a change in the ZOA modus operandi in relation to new hulls – to keep and inventory of 2 new hulls on hand at all times and build a third in response to an order. This would allow the purchaser to be allocated one of three hulls, ensuring the purchaser has no input into Stage 1 and protecting the objective position of the builder. This resulted in considerable discussion, but was felt to be operationally feasible and worthy of further study. The incoming Executive undertook to study this more closely.
- 8.2. Rule 2.2.1; The meeting returned to the issues in Rule 2.2.1 for further discussion. The meeting confirmed the intention to confirm or refine the definition of marine ply. It was resolved that “this meeting make a recommendation to the Executive to research the practicality of rule 2.2.1 regarding the clarification of what constitutes marine plywood”  
*Carried, Busfield/Snedden.*
- 8.3. Change of President: Peter Busfield thanked the meeting for supporting him as President. He noted the ongoing success of the Zephyr class and paid tribute to all those who had contributed to the success of the class and the organisation of the Special General Meeting. He proposed a special vote of thanks to Murray Sargisson for his contribution as President, then Treasurer and Trading Officer. The meeting unanimously supported the vote of thanks to Murray. Peter noted that the running of the ZOA was becoming more complex, with increased trading revenue and the need to register for GST. This was likely to require more Executive involvement. The regional strength of the class was a positive, and it had the potential to appeal to youth and females. He felt that the ZOA had a story to tell about its progress, results and ambitions, and needed to explore how to do this. He felt that the issues underlying the need for the SGM reflected ZOA growing pains.
- 8.4. Regional Measurers; Russell Turner was confirmed as Auckland Measurer. Regional Measurers to be confirmed at a subsequent Executive meeting. It was suggested that three Auckland Measurers be appointed, for the North, South and Central areas.
- 8.5. Wellington Nationals; John Kliffen took the floor to promote the Worsler Bay Nationals and to encourage attendance.

Meeting concluded 2120 hrs

<b>ZOA Rule Changes Proposal</b>				
<b>Results of Special General Meeting Votes January 2018</b>	Yes	No	%	Result
<b>Rule 4.1.6</b> Add clause: <i>'The Builder will not permit a prospective purchaser of a Zephyr Hull to witness, improve, or interfere with the manufacture and production of the Zephyr hull in any way. This does not apply to the builder or its staff.'</i>	49 20 69	0 0 0	100	Pass
<b>Rule 1.6.3</b> Add: <i>'Purchasers shall purchase hulls from ZOA and no other person.'</i>	46 19 65	2 1 3	95	Pass
<b>Rule 4.1.5</b> Delete existing rule and replace with: <i>'The builder shall sell Zephyr hulls to ZOA and no other person.'</i>	48 20 68	0 0 0	100	Pass
<b>Rule 4.3.3</b> Replace 12 mm in last sentence with; <i>'...not less than 9 mm.'</i>	42 18 60	6 1 1	87	Pass
<b>Rule 2.1.3</b> Delete the last two sentences and replace with: <i>'Corrector weights of equal amounts shall be fixed at the keelson adjacent to the aft bulkhead and the aft section of the mast step cross member or in an equivalent position approved by the Chief Measurer for those boats which do not have a conventional mast step cross member and/or an aft bulkhead.'</i>	47 20	2 0	100	Pass
<b>Rule 2.2.1</b> Deleted the word: <i>'marine'</i> .  <i>If this rule fails to receive the required support from members present and proxies at the Special General Meeting then the following rule amendment to be submitted for voting:-</i>  <i>Insert after '...marine plywood' 'i.e. BS 1088 or the European Equivalent EN 314-3 Class 3, Exterior.'</i>	26 8 34	23 12 35	49	Fail
	46 12 58	3 7 10	85	Pass
<b>Rule 4.5.3</b> Change <i>'...in consultation with the Class Measurer'</i> to <i>'...in consultation with the Chief Measurer.'</i> Add a penultimate sentence: <i>'Prior approval where practicable must be obtained for such replacement from the Chief Measurer.'</i>	45 19 64	3 1 4	94	Pass
<b>ZOA Constitution – Duties of the Chief Measurer</b>	Nineteen in favour, nine abstentions. Proxy votes were discarded it was pointed out that the ZOA Constitution does not permit proxies!			

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