



Laser

NSW/ACT District



Agenda of the Annual General Meeting NSW & ACT District Laser Association

Canberra Yacht Club 9.00am Sunday 25th November 2018

1. Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting 19th November 2016 at Double Bay Sailing Club
2. Chairman's Report – Kevin Phillips
3. Financial Report – Geoff Lucas
4. Election of Office Bearers:
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Vice Chairman
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Membership Secretary
 - e. Race Secretary
 - f. Measurer
 - g. Masters Representative
 - h. Women's and Youth Representative
 - i. Coaching Program Representative
5. General Business

NSW/ACT District Laser Association
Annual General Meeting
9.00am 19th November 2017
Double Bay Sailing Club

Meeting opened at 9.10am

Present

Rob Lowndes (MHASC), Kevin Phillips (GSC), Geoff Lucas (MHASC), Chris Stannage (HHSC), David Edmiston (GSC/MHASC), Clare Alexander (DBSC), John Sprague (GSC), Kath Herrmann (MHASC), Chris Meech (GSC), Ian Cameron (MYC), Mark Baker (DAC), Phil Marsh and Garry Robberds (A12ftSC), Jeff Loosemore (MHASC), Finn Alexander (DBSC)

Apologies Lauren Crossman.

Minutes from 2016 Annual General Meeting

Minutes from the AGM held at Georges River Sailing Club on 27th November 2016 were tabled. Moved Geoff Lucas second David Edmiston that the minutes be accepted – approved.

No business arising from the minutes.

Chairman's Report

Report presented by Kevin Phillips as attached.

Special mention was made in appreciation of the work of Kath Herrmann over the past 13 years as Secretary, Race Secretary and most recently Membership Secretary. Kath has decided to take a break from her involvement with the Association and she will be greatly missed.

Financial Report

Report presented by Treasurer Geoff Lucas. Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet as attached. The report is prepared on a cash basis.

\$3,186.55 loss in 2016/17 giving a balance of \$97,798.51 in accounts as of closing date 30th September 2017.

Compared to the previous year's profit of \$18,000 we lost \$3,186 in 16/17 year. The nature of the events we run and membership which varies with them accounts for most of the change. In 15/16 we ran the National Open and separately National Masters Championships which yielded some \$114,908 in revenue. This year with our normal four events this revenue was around the norm of \$28,082.

During the year we provided a \$500 gift certificate to our long term Race Officer Col Chidgey as a token of our thanks for all the work he does behind as well as at the scene of our racing events.

We retain a healthy accumulated balance of funds.

Moved R Lowndes seconded D Edmiston that accounts be accepted. Report accepted.

Election of Office Bearers

Thanks given to all committee members for their sterling work throughout the year.

- Chairman
Elected Kevin Phillips
- Vice Chairman
Elected John Sprague
- Treasurer
Elected Geoff Lucas
- Membership Secretary
Position Open
- Race Secretary
Elected Sue Phillips
- Measurer
Elected John Sprague
- Masters Representative
Elected Rob Lowndes
- Youth Representative
Elected Finn Alexander
- Women's Representative
Lauren Crossman
- Coaching Program Representative
Tristan Brown

General Business

New arrangements will prevail from this season with Australian Sailing AS. AS now has a federal organisation so state classes no longer affiliate with their state body (such as Yachting NSW) but the national body (Australian Laser Class Association ALCA for us) will affiliate with the national body (AS). We will save a small amount in fees in the change. As well AS have negotiated an insurance policy for associations which will be available nationally and which we have opted to use as it will be cheaper than our current arrangement.

The International Laser Class Association ILCA has created a new Region "Oceania" of which ALCA is now a part. This change is to structure ILCA in line with International Olympic Committee IOC's five rings representing five continents – Australia & Oceania is one such ring. Resulting from this our Laser Australian Championships will become the Australian and Oceania Championships and will be a 100 point regatta for ranking points. Under the new arrangement planning is underway for Oceania Masters and Open events outside Australia.

Australia has a strong bid in train for the 2020 World Men's and Women's Open as well as World Masters to be held in Victoria. No firm decision has been made by ILCA however the Victorian Laser Association has done a huge amount of work and is quietly confident of being awarded the events.

Some clubs have availed of the club level training program in which the Association pays for a coach and the club organises the on water facilities for a day of coaching. Most recently Lane Cove 12ft SC had a very successful session run by Brett Beyer.

The issue of the timing of National Championships was raised and although it is not a matter under NSW & ACT District's control, as the largest Australian District, it was

a view expressed that the ALCA should re-consider the timing. It was suggested that running the series some days later would allow sailors and families to spend Christmas at home. It would also reduce the gap between the conclusion of the ALCA Open Nationals and the start of the AS Youth National Championships which would reduce cost for families with sailors competing in both events. It is understood that the ALCA plans to seek views from attendees at the next Nationals at RQYS at the end of the year.

Association Regattas:

- There was discussion on the suitability of Lake Jindabyne as a State Masters venue. Details to be investigated. It was generally agreed that as the Open States are proposed for Canberra Yacht Club next season that Jindabyne be considered for the following (2019/20) season.
- Finn Alexander expressed the view that the greater variety of venue the better the experience particularly for the sailors competing at international level as they do encounter some challenging conditions and venues in international events.
- Masters on the other hand seem to appreciate venues providing good social and sailing conditions and don't enjoy extremes of wind, rain, weed, launching challenges etc.
- Dates and venues for 2018/19 season are close to being locked in and will be published when finalised. Clubs setting their schedules can contact Kevin Phillips to check proposed dates of association regattas.
- Clubs wishing to host an association regatta should express their interest to Kevin Phillips as planning looks a few seasons ahead.

Meeting Closed 9.48 am