



NSW & ACT Laser Association

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

Venue Wangi Amateur Sailing Club 9.00am Sunday 20th December 2022

1. Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting held at Georges River Sailing Club 5th December 2021
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

Kevin Phillips

Chair NSW & ACT Laser Association

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**NSW/ACT District Laser Association
Annual General Meeting
5th December 2021 at Georges River Sailing Club**

Meeting opened at 9.10 am

Present

Kevin Phillips (Gosford SC), Geoff Lucas (MHASC), Ben Byford (RPAYC), Hans, Sue Phillips (GSC), Rob Lowndes (MHASC), David Edmiston (MHASC/GSC), Elaine Edmiston, Bruce Murphy (GRSC), Rod Nairn (PKSC)

Apologies Nil

Minutes from 2020 Annual General Meeting

Minutes from the AGM held online on 10th December 2020. Moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted – approved.

Business arising from the Minutes

Nil.

Chairman's Report

Report presented by Kevin Phillips as attached.

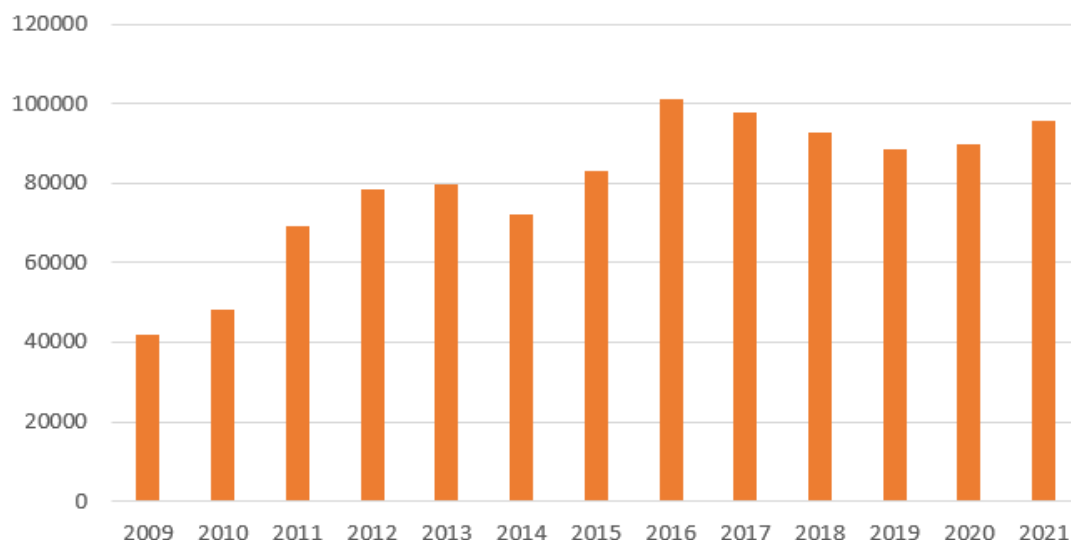
Financial Report

Report was presented by Treasurer Geoff Lucas. The report is prepared on a cash basis.

At the bottom line there was a \$6,032.26 surplus in 2020/21 giving a balance of funds of \$95,765.87 in accounts as of closing date 30th September 2019.

The total equity of the Association is healthy however it does fluctuate mainly driven by the number and size of the events which we run. The slide below shows the total equity at 30th September each year for the past 13 years.

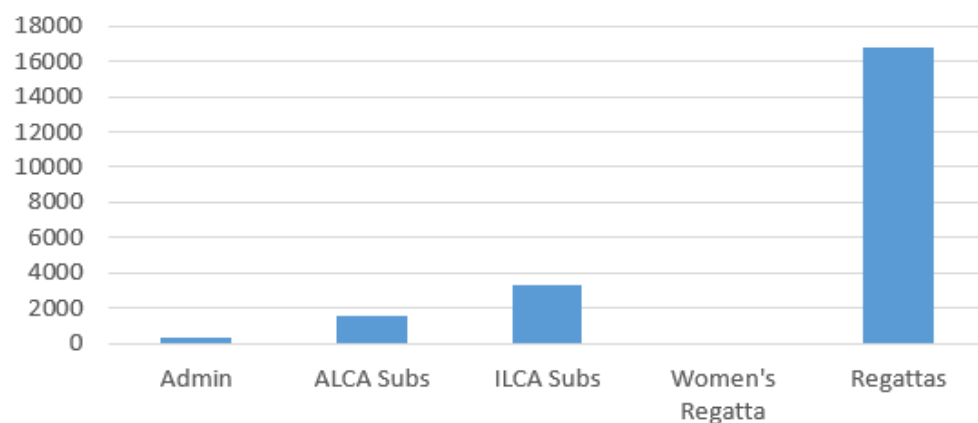
NSW & ACT Laser Equity at 30 September



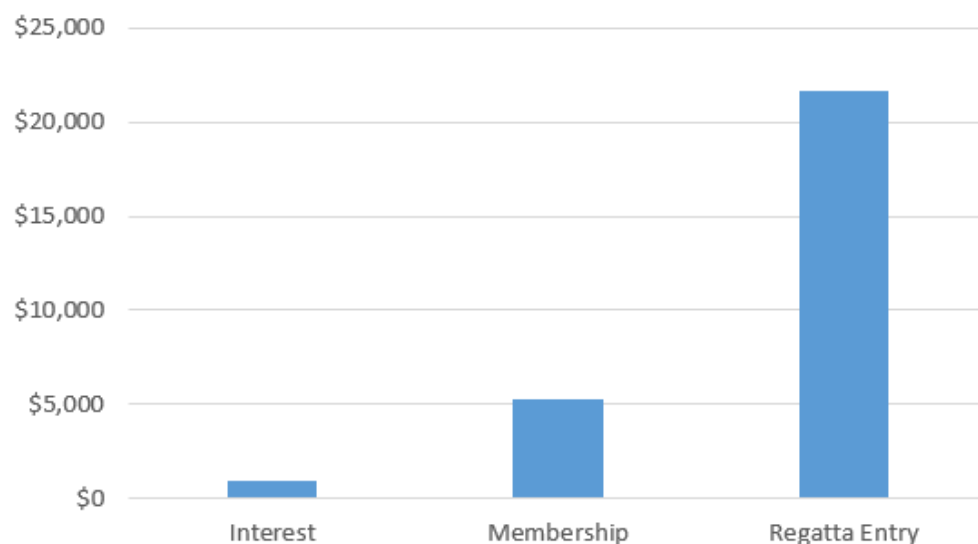
It was explained that most of the funding relates to the running of regattas as our main activity. As Geoff explained this can vary from year to year as events are held in more or less popular venues. Our endeavour is to share the events around rather than always selecting the venue which will attract the largest number of entries. The split of revenue and expenses for FY 2020/21 is shown below.

NSW & ACT Laser 2021

Expenses



NSW & ACT Laser 2021 Revenue



With the cancellation of the DBSC Women's Regatta again in 2021 due to COVID our expenses are reduced by around \$2,000. We normally contribute this sum to assist DBSC with running this event.

Moved Kevin Phillips seconded David Edmiston that accounts be accepted. Report accepted.

Election of Office Bearers

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

- Chairman
Elected Kevin Phillips
- Vice Chairman
Elected Ben Byford
- Treasurer
Elected Geoff Lucas
- Race Secretary
Elected Sue Phillips
- Measurer
Elected David Edmiston
- Masters Representative
Elected Rob Lowndes
- Youth Representative
Open Finn Alexander
- Women's Representative
Elected Clare Alexander

General Business

Event Venues for 2021/22

- Dates and venues for 2022/23 season are close to being locked in and will be published when finalised.
- Clubs wishing to host an association regatta should express their interest to Kevin Phillips as we try to plan a few seasons ahead.

Planning for 2023 Australian Championships

- ALCA and WA Laser Association were forced to cancel the 2022 National Championships originally scheduled for 1-8 January 2022 at Fremantle SC. Our Nationals will be 1-8 January 2023. The separate National Masters was scheduled for 10-13 February 2023 however ILCA has recently scheduled the World Masters in Thailand in February 2023 so our National Masters will have to be rescheduled to 13-16 January 2023.
- The two events are now so close and the originally selected Masters venue Port Stephens is very difficult to obtain accommodation in peak holiday season. Thus, running both events at Georges River is the preferred fallback plan which is being progressed.
- We will need to sign up a large number of volunteers particularly for the Georges River Nationals to manage on water, measurement, entry, registration, scoring and jury functions.

Promotion and Events for 4.7s

- Discussion was held on initiatives to increase 4.7 fleets and possibility of running dedicated 4.7 events at venues which are more easily accessed by typical 4.7 sailors many of whom don't have ready access to road transport.
- The possible resurrection of the Association sponsored 4.7 rig (sail and bottom section) rental/loan program was discussed.
- Discussion on making the 4.7 more attractive to older sailors. Beyond having Masters categories for 4.7s ideas on this would be appreciated.
- The current trend is for Opti sailors to move to 29'ers was discussed as was how to make the Laser 4.7 – Radial – Standard path more attractive. Victoria has had success with a program – details will be sought from them.

Meeting Closed 9.46 am



NSW & ACT Laser Association

Chairman's Report

NSW & ACT Laser Association AGM 20th December 2022

NSW/ACT District Sailing

NSW/ACT Lasers had a successful 2021/22 season with interest in interclub racing gradually increasing after the impacts of COVID.

We had 130 boats at the State Masters at Port Stephens in February following the COVID affected entries for the State Championships at Georges River. Great racing was enjoyed at both cube events. Both enjoyed strong breezes especially the Masters which really tested the sailors with six races over two days mostly between 20-25 knots.

It was sunshine at Sunshine for the Coast Championship in October 2022 with 52 sailors enjoying very pleasant conditions and close racing. It was especially pleasing to stage this event after it had to be cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID travel restrictions.

Thanks to Royal Prince Alfred YC for running the Metropolitan Championships in March 2022. 52 boats enjoyed the sailing and the fabulous facilities and organisation at RPAYC. There was some close racing in conditions which started NE light and variable on Saturday and finished at 20 knots from the south on Sunday. It was great to see the roll up and great competition in the 4.7s.

The DBSC's very popular Women's Regatta was again victim of COVID health orders. This regatta will be back larger and better than ever on 3 December.

Thanks to the host clubs for putting on a great show for us. The on the water and in the club house teams make the events work. They do it just for the love of the sport and we thank them one and all.

We attempt to share regatta venues around. Our program for season 2023/24 is still open so if your club has an interest in running any of our events please be in touch. We manage and fund prizes, handouts, entry registration, scoring etc and we pay the host club to cover their costs incurred in running the event for us.

National Championships & Planning

Following the disappointment of the cancellation of the National Championships in both 2021 and 2022 due the closure of the WA state border we are all looking forward to the 2023 event at Georges River. This event will be combined with the 2023 Oceania Championships which carries World Sailing ranking points. The event will be held 1-8 January 2023.

Planning for this event is well advanced with most on water staffing and logistics resourced. We still need volunteers for on land tasks with dolly, boat retrieval and washing which requires an hour or so each day.

The Oceania & Australian Laser Masters Championships will be held at the Bay Sailing Centre Port Stephens - 10-13 February 2023 we still have work to do in resourcing this event. Running the State Masters at the venue last season showed up the challenges of running a big regatta at a small though very enthusiastic club. Bay Sailing Centre has Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club behind it as its manager. NCYC was Australian Sailing Club of the Year in 2022 so we are confident that collectively we will have a great event.

The focus in 2024 will be Adelaide Sailing with the National as well as World Masters and World ILCA 7 Open Championships all being run there.

- 2024 Oceania & National Open & Youth Championships 1-8 January 2024
- 2024 Mens ILCA 7 World Championship 24-31 January 2024
- 2024 Masters World Championships 2-9 February 2024

International Sailing

After difficulties of travel due to COVID it was good that our sailors were able to compete again at all the World Championship events. Several NSW & ACT sailors were in the teams for each Youth, Open and Masters events.

Notable performances by NSW & ACT sailors included;

- Evie Saunders from Manly Yacht Club finished second in the 56 boat ILCA 6 fleet in the World Sailing run 2022 Allianz Youth World Sailing Championships in July in The Hague, Netherlands. Evie was announced as the 2022 Australian Sailing Youth Sailor of the Year in the gala event at the Australian National Maritime Museum in November.
- In May at the Open ILCA 7 Worlds sailed from the Vallarta Yacht Club in Mexico Finn Alexander was the best-placed Australian in 13th equalling his best-ever World Championship result. Finn had consistent places in other world circuit events with a 15th in Princess Sofia Regatta in Palma, Spain, 12th at the French Olympic Regatta in Hyères as well as the 13th in the Worlds.
- The ILCA 6 World Masters also sailed from the Vallarta Yacht Club resulted in an emphatic win for Jeff Loosemore in the GGM Division. Jeff won nine of the 12 races and had three seconds to win by 25 points.
- Brett Beyer was a clear winner in the Grand Masters division of the ILCA 7 World Masters in Mexico. Brett finished with eight bullets in the 12 race series for a convincing win. This was Brett's 14 Laser/ILCA World Masters win.



Brett Beyer in a familiar position on the podium

Laser/ILCA Changes

The six new class builders are all now up and running. These added to long term builders PSA and PSJ (the Japanese builder) make eight ILCA/Lasers builders worldwide. Supply of boats and parts in many countries where there were problems before has improved markedly as a result. We are fortunate to have PSA continuing to supply quality boats and equipment.

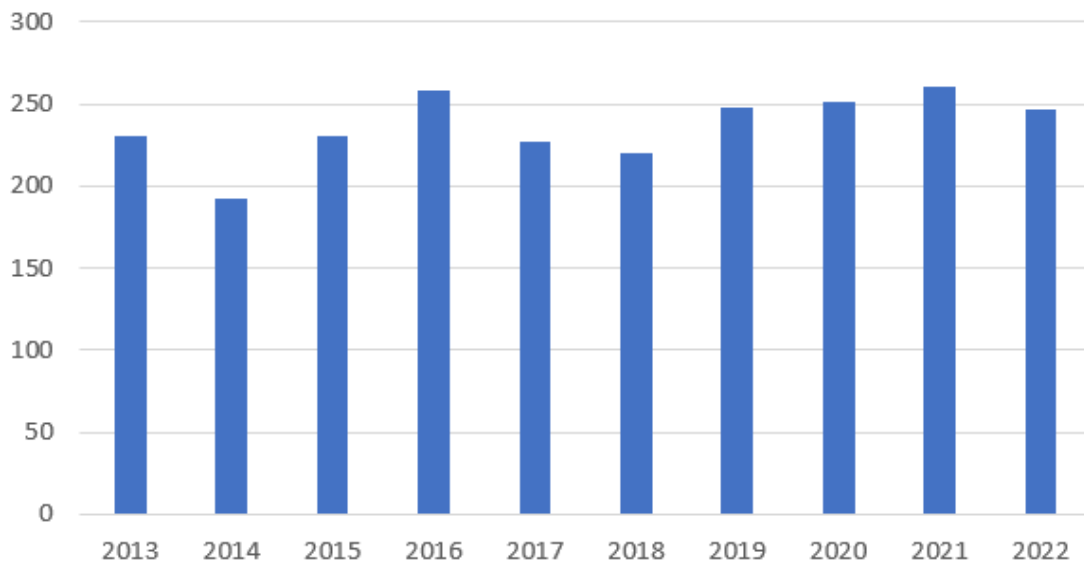
Due to Laser trademark issues explained in an ILCA post at <https://www.laserinternational.org/blog/2020/06/12/progress-report-on-new-class-builders/> the class is compelled to use the ILCA brand and logo going forward. As well, to avoid costly legal defence threatened by ex UK builder Laser Performance, the terms Radial and 4.7 are no longer used instead the boats are termed ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4. All equipment and documents will reflect the new naming going forward. We will be changing the naming of our districts as well as ALCA and Oceania OLCA once ILCA in Texas (the holder of the trademark) approves this.

The revised class constitution has been approved by the necessary 2/3rds majority of the membership and by World Sailing and will come into operation from 2023. The changes involve ILCA naming changes and streamline World Council membership and voting. It also provides an additional voting WC member from EurILCA recognising that Europe is over 2/3rds of the class.

NSW/ACT Membership

Our District membership for the year decreased slightly to 247 (from 261 in 2020/21 and 251 in 2019/20 season). Our 10-year average membership is 236.

NSW & ACT Memberships



We pass more than half of our collected membership fees onto ALCA and ILCA through affiliations (\$23 per member to be exact) to help to support their activities. The greater the number of Australian Laser sailors we have as members the larger our allocation of places in limited entry World Championship events.

District Administration

Hopefully we are keeping sailors informed on sailing, events, results and Laser sailing happenings through laser.asn.au. We try not to barrage members and others on our email list with endless messages. We currently have 580 people on our email distribution list.

A special thank you to our own small team of helpers R.O. Andrew McLachlan, our treasurer Geoff Lucas, race secretary Sue Phillips, regatta helpers David & Elaine Edmiston and VC Ben Byford. Dave wears the Measurers hat as well. Thanks also to Masters Representative Rob Lowndes for his work, wise advice and support.

Thanks to the many people who helped out with administration and on the water for our events. Without people just stepping up as required we could never have managed the tasks involved in staging these events.

Cheers

Kevin Phillips
Chair NSW/ACT Laser Association



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Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 30 September 2022

Our Association continues to remain financially buoyant with total funds on hand as at 30 September 2022 of \$91,678.28.

The three Association regattas held during the sailing season 2021-2022, resulted in a net loss of \$3,615.59 compared with a net surplus of \$11,130.50 from the same three regattas held the previous year. Attendance at all three regattas was well down on 2020-2021 season as participation was again affected by COVID.

This year Rob Lowndes kindly archived a lot of our Association's past newsletters and material to the Association's website at a cost of \$1,298.00 and a new set of marker buoys was purchased for \$1,617.00.

After taking into account Total Other Expenses of \$7,926.43 as detailed in the Income & Expenditure Statement, operations for the year ended with an excess of expenses over income of \$4,087.59 as compared with the previous year's surplus of \$6,032.26. This is a turnaround of \$10,119.85 for the year basically as a result of the two additional previously mentioned one off costs totalling \$2,915.00 and the 35% reduction in gross regatta receipts.

Thank you

Geoff Lucas
Hon. Treasurer
11th October 2021



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Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

<u>2021</u>			<u>2022</u>
	<u>Income</u>		
	<u>Regatta Income</u>		
-	Coasts	-	
8,539.50	NSW Masters	7,902.36	
3,800.00	Metropolitan	2,222.46	
9,320.00	States	2,831.96	
21,659.50			12,956.78
5,315.63	Membership Subscriptions	6,908.13	
943.70	Interest Received	546.30	
6,259.33			7,454.43
27,918.83	<u>Total Income</u>		<u>20,411.21</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>		
	<u>Regatta Expenses</u>		
-	Coasts	-	
6,384.22	NSW Masters	5,100.09	
3,350.66	Metropolitan	6,139.28	
5,553.45	NSW Open	5,333.00	
1,500.00	Laser 50th Anniversary Regatta	-	
16,788.33	<u>Total Regatta Expenses</u>		16,572.37
	<u>Other Expenses</u>		
216.97	Computer & Web Expenses	98.00	
47.00	Office of Fair Trading-Filing	48.00	
	Archiving Costs	1,298.00	
-	Sailing Marker Buoys	1,617.00	
1,506.00	Subscriptions- ALCA	1,566.00	
3,328.27	Subscriptions- ILCA	3,299.43	
5,098.24	<u>Total Other Expenses</u>		<u>7,926.43</u>
21,886.57	<u>Total Expenses</u>		<u>24,498.80</u>
\$ 6,032.26	<u>Excess of Expenditure over Income (2021 Surplus)</u>		<u>\$4,087.59</u>



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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2022

<u>2021</u>			<u>2022</u>
	<u>Property & Equipment</u>		
	Lap Top & Printer-Cost	-	
	<u>Less</u> Accum. Depreciation	-	
			-
2,237.20	VHF Radios(12) & GPS(2)-Cost	-	
<u>2,237.20</u>	<u>Less</u> Accum. Depreciation	-	
NIL			<u>NIL</u>
	<u>Current Assets</u>		
27,765.87	Westpac-Royal Exchange	91,678.28	
68,000.00	Westpac-Interest Bearing Term Deposit	-	
<u>95,765.87</u>			<u>91,678.28</u>
95,765.87	<u>Total Assets</u>		91,678.28
NIL	<u>Less</u> Liabilities		NIL
<u>95,765.87</u>	<u>Net Assets</u>		<u>91,678.28</u>
	<u>Members' Funds</u>		
89,733.61	Retained Earnings as at 1 October 2021	95,765.87	
<u>6,032.26</u>	<u>Less</u> Current Year's Loss (2021 Surplus)	- 4,087.59	
<u>\$ 95,765.87</u>	<u>Total Equity</u>	<u>\$ 91,678.28</u>	