

# **NSW/ACT Laser Association AGM 5.30pm 12th October 2013**

## **Venue South Lakes Amateur Sailing Club**

Meeting opened at 5.35pm

### **Present**

Rob Lowndes, Michael Mills, John Sprague, Kevin Phillips, Stuart Penderlith, Chris Meech, Greg Bell,, Brian Pike, Riley Pike, Lew Verdon, Peter Charlton  
Apologies Kath Herrmann, Geoff Lucas, David Edmiston

### **Minutes from 2011 AGM**

Minutes from AGM held at Toukley Sailing Club 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012. were adopted.  
No business arising from the minutes.  
Noted the recommendation from 2012 AGM for the meeting to be held on the Saturday of the Coasts after racing has been implemented. Despite running the sausage sizzle to encourage people to stay on less people are in attendance this year.

### **Chairman's Report**

Report presented by Kevin Phillips as attached.

### **Financial Report**

Report presented by Geoff Lucas. Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet as attached.  
\$1,567.36 positive trading in 2012/13 leaving a balance of \$79,885.40 in accounts.

A question was raised concerning affiliation fees. Last season we paid affiliation to YA NSW \$200 flat fee, ALCA \$1,778.00, ILCA \$2,322.74, Total \$4,300.74. We received \$9,125.00 in membership payments.

### **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  
Elected Kath Herrmann
- Race Secretary  
Elected Peter Charlton
- Measurer  
Elected Mike Mills
- Masters Representative  
Elected Rob Lowndes
- Youth Representative  
Elected Stuart Penderleith

Thanks to Peter Charlton for agreeing to take on Race Secretary role.

## **General Business**

- General discussion on training.
  - The Laser club based training trialled last season at three clubs was well accepted. The scheme replaced the joint Yachting NSW scheme which they unilaterally ceased.
  - Under the new scheme the Association funds trainers while the individual clubs organise the enrolments and logistics.
  - It was suggested that two levels of training may be more appropriate with level one for less advanced sailors run by some of the better sailors in the club – this would be self funded and managed by the club.
  - The advanced level would be presented by a Grade A trainer funded by the Association.
  - It was agreed to roll-out this scheme this season.
- General discussion on increasing regatta participation.
  - We had 330 entries in our four summer regattas last season with the Masters attendance up and the others down marginally.
  - Under 21 membership has been reduced to \$30 – previously \$60 to assist attracting youth participation.
  - NB Sailsports Winter Sprint Series was a great success with 108 sailors competing at at least one of the four venues. The generous prizes from NB Sailsports including a Laser upgrade was acknowledged and contributed greatly to the roll-up.
  - Suggestion that we need a series prize for the non masters regattas which can we won by anyone similar to the NB Sailsports Sprint Series arrangement. John Sprague pointed to the success of this with support from some suppliers in the past.
  - The fact that NSW Youth Championship was on the week before the Coasts was suggested as a reason for lower numbers of entries for the 2013 Coasts. Resolved to avoid such close proximity as well as school holidays for Association regattas.
- Measurement issues raised by Association Measurer Mike Mills:
  - All boats entered in Association events need to be class compliant. Mike noted many boats with sail numbers not matching the boat number and one with non standard numbers i.e. three digits.
  - It was resolved that all boats should be class compliant with the only exception allowed that any class standard sail number (6 digit with first two in red) can be displayed provided it is unique in the fleet.
  - The new Standard Rig radial sail is progressing with testing though no date has been set for implementation.
  - The new carbon top section seems to be on hold due to lack of agreement by the manufacturers. There has been some work on an improvement to the aluminium in the current top section. There have been considerable problems with bending in northern hemisphere top sections in particular.
- Rob Lowndes suggested the Association event entry closing one week before the event with a late entry fee of \$10 was confusing and not really needed.. It was resolved to remove the late entry fee and allow on line entry up to the day of the event.

Meeting Closed 6.20pm

Chairman's Report to Annual General Meeting  
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International and Australian Sailing

Tom Burton continues to hold ISAF world number one Laser ranking. Ashley Brunning holds 6<sup>th</sup> ranking. The skill and dedication required to achieve and hold these positions must be recognised and applauded. Tom Burton also won the National Laser Championship at Sandy Bay his third Nationals in a row. Congratulations.

As well as the dedicated band of elite level Laser sailors who travel to venues world wide to compete this year we will see 32 Australian Laser Masters travelling to Musannah Oman for the World Masters. Good luck to all - young and old.

NSW/ACT Sailing

In NSW/ACT we ran our four summer regattas which attracted 330 entries in total (Coasts Toukley 56, States Canberra YC 99, Masters Great Lakes 124 and Metropolitans RPAYC 48). We had good conditions for all events. In Canberra for the States PRO Andrew McLachlan worked very hard against the clock on the Sunday and achieved two good races to complete a five race series.

Thanks to our PRO's Col Chidgey (Coasts and Metros) Andrew McLachlan (States) and Tony Denham (Masters) and to all the clubs (Toukley – Coasts, Canberra YC States, Great Lakes SC – Masters and RPAYC – Metros) and their volunteers who made our regattas last season a great success.

We pay \$2,000 per event to the clubs this would probably just cover their running costs. 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.

A special thank you to our own small team of helpers in particular Geoff Lucas, Kath Herrmann, Col Chidgey, Michael Mills, Tony Denham, Alison Meech, Peter Whitley, Dave and Elaine Edmiston and Rob Lowndes for their work and support.

Our events this season should be top notch with great sailing venues here at South Lakes, Port Stephens for the Masters and Georges River for the States and Lane Cove the Metros.

We are already planning the 2014/15 season venues so if you or your club have an interest or suggestion now is the time to act. It will be our turn for the Nationals and National Masters in season 2015/16 so with ALCA we are already thinking about venues and arrangements for these.

NSW/ACT Membership

Overall our membership has been steady with 233 members. Our membership comprises 70% Masters and is over 70% based in Sydney. This leaves us with both opportunities and work to do to extend our appeal. We ran the States in Canberra last season and this attracted good entries with a lot of local interest and success. We are keen as always to promote local regattas around the state and in the ACT.

Laser Sail Coaching

Last season Yachting NSW withdrew its training co-operation with us (and other classes) in favour of running training programs directly with individual clubs. Only one Laser club that I am aware of (Hunters Hill) actually benefited from this YA training last season.

For our part we have sponsored Laser training at three clubs. These have been managed by the club with the costs of the trainers picked up by the Association. These events have been well attended and beneficial so we propose to continue to support them this season.

We are open to suggestions for other coaching initiatives in particular those targeted at lifting the standard of regular Laser sailors across the age and skill level spectrum.

#### High Finance

We have traded quite well throughout the year. Considering that we did not have the block buster events in NSW/ACT and that we have spent money on training to finish with a small surplus is a good result.

Thanks to NB Sailsports for the donation of a new Laser trade for the NBSailSports Winter Sprint Series. NB also supplies us with gift certificates for our non cube events at 80% of their face value. Thanks to Rob McMillan and his team.

Thanks to our ever diligent Treasurer Geoff Lucas and the wise direction of previous committees we retain a healthy bank balance. Our challenge is more to find appropriate, effective programs and initiatives which will add to joy of Laser sailing in our Region. Any suggestions are welcome at any time.

#### Administration

Thanks to Membership Secretary Kath Herrmann and Treasurer Geoff Lucas for their work in keeping the Association ticking over with the minimum of fuss.

As previously it would be great if we could find a Regatta Secretary to work with Kath to smooth entry and results for our events. Dave Edmiston and Alison Meech have helped with this work last season and I thank them for this.

We have now set up a new web site which is easier to navigate and to update. Thanks to Jye Murray for his work on the old web site over several years Jye's demanding work commitments made it hard for him to continue running our web site.

We have persevered with the Yachting NSW event entry system last season and this season. Their IT system is problematic and I apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result.

#### Thanks for the Ride

Thanks to everyone for the help and guidance through the year. I appreciate the guidance of people around who know what has worked and what has not in the past thus helping to avoid repeating old mistakes while hopefully we look for new things to do and improvements to promote Laser sailing in our Region.

Thank you.

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## Profit & Loss Statement for the Year Ended 30th September 2013

| <u>2012</u>        |                                |           | <u>2013</u>        |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
|                    | <u>Income</u>                  |           |                    |
| 25,245.00          | Regatta Income                 | 18,513.45 |                    |
| 200.00             | 4.7 Rig Hire/Sale              | -         |                    |
| 8,900.00           | Membership Subscriptions       | 9,125.00  |                    |
| 3,557.96           | Interest Received              | 2,807.50  |                    |
| 275.00             | VHF Radio Hire                 | -         |                    |
| 300.00             | Miscellaneous Income           | -         |                    |
| -                  | P.O. Box Refund                | 37.00     |                    |
| 5,810.00           | Coaching Receipts              | -         |                    |
| <u>44,287.96</u>   |                                |           | 30,482.95          |
|                    | <u>Total Income</u>            |           |                    |
|                    | <u>Expenses</u>                |           |                    |
|                    | <u>Regatta Expenses</u>        |           |                    |
| 4,834.74           | Coasts                         | 4,238.10  |                    |
| 7,912.24           | NSW Masters                    | 5,679.46  |                    |
| 2,978.33           | Metropolitan                   | 4,194.35  |                    |
| 5,690.15           | NSW Open                       | 5,624.99  |                    |
| <u>21,415.46</u>   | <u>Total Regatta Expenses</u>  |           | 19,736.90          |
|                    | <u>Other Expenses</u>          |           |                    |
| 5.75               | Bank Charges                   | 23.50     |                    |
| 7,450.00           | Coaching                       | 1,050.00  |                    |
| 308.70             | Computer & Web Expenses        | 267.00    |                    |
| 1,200.00           | Depreciation                   | 1,222.03  |                    |
| 49.00              | Office of Fair Trading-Filing  | 51.00     |                    |
| 1,378.79           | Credit Card Processing         | 334.84    |                    |
| 758.66             | Insurance                      | 1,722.98  |                    |
| -                  | Repairs & Maintenance          | 206.60    |                    |
| 241.24             | Postage & Secretarial Expenses | -         |                    |
| -                  | Subscriptions- ALCA            | 1,778.00  |                    |
| 2,349.13           | Subscriptions- ILCA            | 2,322.74  |                    |
| 200.00             | Subscriptions- YANSW           | 200.00    |                    |
| <u>13,941.27</u>   | <u>Total Other Expenses</u>    |           | 9,178.69           |
| <u>35,356.73</u>   | <u>Total Expenses</u>          |           | <u>28,915.59</u>   |
| <u>\$ 8,931.23</u> | <u>Net Profit for the Year</u> |           | <u>\$ 1,567.36</u> |