

**NSW/ACT District Laser Association
Annual General Meeting
9.00am 27th November 2016
held at Georges River Sailing Club**

Meeting opened at 9.10am

Present

Rob Lowndes (MHASC), Kevin Phillips (GSC), Geoff Lucas (MHASC), , Tony Ryan (CYC), David Edmiston (GSC/MHASC), Lauren Crossman (RPAYC) Brett Beyer (WSC), Kath Herrmann (MHASC), Chris Meech (GSC), Rick Longbottom (RANSA/CYC)

In attendance Charlotte Stansfield (DBSC/RSYS), Tristan Brown (Aus Sailing), Clare Alexander (DBSC)

Apologies John Sprague

Minutes from 2015 Annual General Meeting

Minutes from AGM held at Wangi Amateur Sailing Club on 15th November 2015 were tabled.

No business arising from the minutes.

Chairman's Report

Report presented by Kevin Phillips as attached.

Moved Rob Lowndes seconded Kath Herrmann report be accepted. Report accepted.

Financial Report

Report presented by Treasurer Geoff Lucas. Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet as attached.

\$18,000.12 profit in 2014/15 giving a balance of \$100,985.06 in accounts as of closing date 30th September 2016.

The report is prepared on a cash basis with minor exception of accrual for payments from Queensland and Victorian Laser Associations for their contributions for a joint 3rd party insurance policy.

A healthy profit of the year and balance of funds. Our membership, regatta receipts and interest were up.

Much of this surplus derived from the Nationals at Belmont where the Club charged only direct costs for running the event and we had over budget entries which saw a surplus compared to the event budgeted break even.

Moved R Lowndes seconded B Beyer 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
Elected Kath Herrmann
- Race Secretary
Position open
- Measurer
Elected John Sprague
- Masters Representative
Elected Rob Lowndes
- Youth Representative
Elected Stuart Plenderleith
- Women's Representative
Lauren Crossman
- Coaching Program Representative
Tristan Brown

General Business

Live tracking/streaming of events - raised by Charlotte Stanfield

- Can we organise on water video feeds and fleet tracking for the interest of spectators and post event for the sailors.
- Comments on the poor service for sailing at the Rio Olympics. Some clubs are using inexpensive mobile based tracking with mixed success.

More publicity of events and happenings – raised by Clare Alexander

- Can we send out more email advice on new posts and happenings.
- As well use Social Media more and possibly email system such as Mailchimp to drive traffic to the web site.
- Agreed to follow up with Clare on ideas and things that have work for Double Bay SC.

Initiatives under consideration for funding

- The Committee have been in discussion on revamping 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.
- Around 10 club members can conveniently be catered for by one coach.

Financial support for elite level youth Laser sailors

- The Committee have been considering funding assistance for Laser youth sailors who don't qualify for Sailing Australia assistance travelling to international events.
- Propose to discuss with youth sailors and their parents in this category to determine the best way to provide sustainable assistance.

Association Regattas:

- Dates and venues for 2016/17 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 9.50 am

**NSW/ACT District Laser Association
Annual General Meeting
9.00am 15th November 2015
held at Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club**

Meeting opened at 9.10am

Present

Rob Lowndes (MHASC), Kevin Phillips (GSC), Ken Roper (GRSC), Stuart Allan (CYC), Tony Ryan (CYC), Ed Wray (MYC), Garth Riley (MYC), Nick Collis-George (MHASC), Stuart Plenderleith (MHASC), Brett Beyer (WSC), Kath Herrmann (MHASC)

Apologies Geoff Lucas, David Edmiston

Minutes from 2014 Annual General Meeting

Minutes from AGM held at Belmont 16ft Sailing Club on 23rd November 2014 were tabled.

No business arising from the minutes.

Chairman's Report

Report presented by Kevin Phillips as attached.

Moved K Herrmann seconded S Allan report be accepted. Report accepted.

Financial Report

Report prepared by Geoff Lucas. Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet as attached. \$10,964.51 profit in 2014/15 giving a balance of \$82,984.94 in accounts.

With NSW hosting the Nationals this season a healthy balance is good to have in reserve.

The main outgoings other than race expenses are for affiliation fees to Yachting NSW, Australian Laser Class Association and International Laser Class Association. The association will contribute to clubs arranging laser coaching but this expenditure was minimal last season.

In 2014/15 season our membership and regatta attendances were up which contributed to the return to positive trading, following a loss in 2013/14. The association's budget aim is to trade neutral to positive.

Moved R Lowndes seconded K Herrmann that accounts be accepted. Report accepted.

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Elected Kath Herrmann
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Position open
- Measurer
Elected Mike Mills
- Masters Representative
Elected Rob Lowndes
- Youth Representative
Elected Stuart Plenderleith
- Women's Representative
Position open
- Coaching Program Representative
Position open

General Business

Coaching/training:

- As noted in the financial report, the association sees a role for coaching for club laser sailors with clubs to arrange the coaches. The association will make a contribution to clubs running laser training and coaching sessions.
- The coaching program has dropped in recent years and a training co-ordinator is needed. Suitable person to be identified.

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Other Regattas:

- Association happy to publicise other regattas of interest to laser sailors, such as country regattas. Information to be sent to Kevin Phillips to post on web-site.

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Chairman's Report NSW/ACT Laser AGM 27th November 2016

NSW/ACT Lasers have had a successful 2015/16 season.

NSW/ACT and Nationals Sailing

In the past year we have run four District regattas which attracted 272 entries in total. The combined Open and Masters States at Wangi saw 142 boats racing and about as many mm of rain. We also ran the very successful National Open Championships at Belmont which saw 194 competitors including many internationals and several sailors who went on to compete in the Rio Olympics. We also ran the National Masters at our favourite stomping ground Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club which had 201 entries. We had good conditions for the majority of races and thanks to our top notch RO's Col Chidgey and for the Open Nationals Kevin and Ross Wilson the events ran very smoothly.

State Champions for 2015/16 were Colin Cheng Singapore Sailing in the Standards, Finn Alexander Double Bay Sailing Club in the Radial and Jack Littlechild Woollahra and Double Bay Sailing Clubs in the 4.7's. The Nationals were won by Rio Gold Medalist Tom Burton Middle Harbour Yacht Club while the Radials were won by Nicholas Conor from South of Perth and Freemantle Yacht Clubs and the 4.7's by fellow Freemantle sailor Rome Featherstone. Congratulations to the winners and all participants in these regattas.

Thanks to the host clubs for putting on a great show for us. Though we pay \$1,000 per event per day 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.

Thanks to generous sponsorship from NB SailSports we had the NBSS Sprint Series again last winter. We were unlucky with the winds with races being completed at only two of the four scheduled events namely Middle Harbour ASC (2 races) and Woollahra (3 races). We had 105 entries overall in the series.

The winners overall were Mark Bethwaite in the Standards Zac Skulander in the Radials and Jack Littlechild in the 4.7's.

We are already planning the 2017/18 season venues so if you or your club have an interest or suggestion now is the time to act.

International Sailing

Great to see Tom Burton's fabulous win in Rio following the (don't try this at your home club) manoeuvre pre-start in the Medal Race. Great to see Ashley Stoddard from RQYS

qualify for, and finish 2nd in, the Rio Medal Race and finish 9th overall. Well done the whole AST.

Australia and in particular NSW/ACT Laser Masters Sailors did very well in the World Masters in Puerto Vallarta Mexico in April/May this year. There were 222 competitors from around the Laser world. We punched above our weight winning five of the 10 age categories. Congratulations to Ozzie winners Mark Bethwaite (GGM Standard), Gavin Dagley (GM Standard), Brett Beyer (Master Standard), Rob Lowndes (GGM Radial), Vanessa Dudley (GM Radial).

NSW/ACT Membership

Overall our District membership has increased 10% YoY to 254.

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. If you have any suggestions about communications or other aspects of administration please feel free to pass them on to me.

A special thank you to our own small team of helpers in particular RO's Col Chidgey and Andrew McLachlan, our treasurer Geoff Lucas, membership secretary and regatta helper Kath Herrmann, measurer Michael Mills, regatta helpers Sue Phillips Dave and Elaine Edmiston, Youth representative Stuart Plenderleith and advisor and Masters Representative Rob Lowndes for their work and support.

A special thanks to the many people who helped out with administration and on the water for the two National Championships which we ran last season. Without people just stepping up as required we could never have managed the tasks involved in staging these big events.

A special thanks to Belmont 16foot Sailing Club and Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Clubs for their support hosting these events.

Cheers

Kevin Phillips
Chair NSW/ACT Laser Association

NSW & ACT District Laser Association Inc.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2016

<u>2015</u>				<u>2016</u>
	<u>Property & Equipment</u>			
1,824.83	Lap Top & Printer-Cost	1,824.83		
<u>1,824.83</u>	<u>Less Accum. Depreciation</u>	<u>1,824.83</u>		
NIL			NIL	
2,237.20	VHF Radios(12) & GPS(2)-Cost	2,237.20		
<u>2,237.20</u>	<u>Less Accum. Depreciation</u>	<u>2,237.20</u>		
NIL			NIL	
NIL				NIL
	<u>Current Assets</u>			
15,687.98	Westpac-Royal Exchange	32,202.39		
68,000.00	Westpac-Interest Bearing Term Deposit	68,000.00		
2,261.96	Prepaid Expenses-Cubes	-		
760	Prepaid Expenses-Wrist Bands	-		
-	Qld Laser Assn.For 3rd Party Insurance	304.15		
-	Vic Laser Assn.For 3rd Party Insurance	<u>478.52</u>		
<u>86,709.94</u>				<u>100,985.06</u>
86,709.94	<u>Total Assets</u>			100,985.06
	<u>Less Liabilities</u>			
2,000.00	Prepaid Income-Sponsorship			
<u>1,725.00</u>	ALCA Levy	-		
<u>3,725.00</u>		-		-
<u>82,984.94</u>	<u>Net Assets</u>			<u>100,985.06</u>
	<u>Members' Funds</u>			
72020.43	Retained Earnings 1st October 2015			82,984.94
<u>10,964.51</u>	<u>Add Current Year's Earnings</u>			<u>18,000.12</u>
82984.94	<u>Total Equity</u>			<u>\$100,985.06</u>

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Profit and Loss Statement for the Year Ended 30th September 2016

<u>2015</u>			<u>2016</u>
	<u>Income</u>		
21,116.50	Regatta Income	104,145.11	
8,340.00	Membership Subscriptions	9,100.00	
<u>2,268.42</u>	Interest Received	<u>1,662.95</u>	
<u>31,724.92</u>	<u>Total Income</u>		<u>114,908.06</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>		
	<u>Regatta Expenses</u>		
907.95	Coasts	4,264.04	
5,247.40	NSW Masters	1,227.92	
4,973.30	Metropolitan	1,621.92	
3,585.93	NSW Open	10,418.58	
-	Australian Masters	34,416.29	
-	Australian Open	<u>38,786.36</u>	
14,714.58	<u>Total Regatta Expenses</u>		90,735.11
	<u>Other Expenses</u>		
19.96	Bank Charges	-	
400	Coaching	-	
276	Computer & Web Expenses	-	
53	Office of Fair Trading-Filing	115	
142.26	Credit Card Processing	-	
-	Insurance	358.22	
1,725.00	Subscriptions- ALCA	1,935.00	
3,209.61	Subscriptions- ILCA	3,544.61	
<u>220</u>	Subscriptions- YANSW	<u>220</u>	
<u>6,045.83</u>	<u>Total Other Expenses</u>		<u>6,172.83</u>
<u>20,760.41</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>		<u>96,907.94</u>
<u>\$10,964.51</u>	<u>Net Profit for the Year</u>		<u>\$18,000.12</u>