

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of the NSW & ACT District Laser Association**
held at Toukley Sailing Club
Sunday 21 October 2012

Attendees:

Kevin Phillips (Chairman), GSC	Chris Meech, GSC
John Sprague, GSC	Peter Wallace, MHASC
Geoff Lucas, MHASC	Rod Gardiner, B16ftSC
Robert Lowndes, MHASC	Frank Hillier, GSC
Michael Mills, PSSAC	Sean Atherton-Feeney, MHASC
Max Clinch, CNLSC	Kath Herrmann, MHASC
Nick Collis-George, MHASC	Kylie Upton, RPAYC
Chris Kelleway, MHASC	Barry Pownall, GSC
Stuart Plenderleith, MHASC/RPAYC	David Edmiston, GSC/MHASC
Graham Parker, WASC	Andrew Heenan, GSC (part)

Meeting Opened 9:10am

1. Minutes from Previous Annual General Meeting
Acceptance moved M Mills, seconded R Lowndes, carried
2. Chairman's Report – Kevin Phillips
The chairman's report was distributed at the meeting.
 - a. Sadly 2012 saw the passing of Colin Cain, the past chairman and sailing stalwart
 - b. It was a good season for Australian sailing at an international level. Amongst the good performances by NSW laser sailors: Tom Slingsby – Olympic gold medal, winner ISAF worlds and holding number one world ranking; Ashley Brunning and Tom Burton in ISAF Worlds medal race; Tom Burton winning Australian Championship for second year in a row; Brett Beyer winning Standard Masters and Claire Heenan winning 4.7 at the World Masters in Brisbane.
 - c. The association ran four regattas which attracted 343 entries in total.
 - d. Membership levels remained consistent with previous years; masters represent 70%, youth 14%, of the members, and 73% of the members are from Sydney.
 - e. The laser association in conjunction with Yachting NSW ran a number of coaching clinics arranged by Laura Caldecoat throughout the last season, but funding arrangements have changed this year. The association is open to suggestions for running coaching, in particular to support regular sailors.
3. Financial Report – Geoff Lucas
 - a. A surplus was reported for the year, to be invested in coaching.
Approval of accounts: moved C Meech, seconded P Wallace, carried.
4. Following Office Bearers were elected unopposed:
 - a. Chairman: Kevin Phillips, proposed P Wallace, seconded M Mills
 - b. Vice Chairman: John Sprague, proposed K Phillips, seconded F Hillier
 - c. Treasurer: Geoff Lucas, proposed K Herrmann, seconded J Sprague
 - d. Membership Secretary: Kath Herrmann, proposed K Phillips, seconded P Wallace
 - e. Masters Representative: Rob Lowndes, proposed K Phillips, seconded J Sprague
 - f. Youth Representative: Stuart Plenderleith, proposed K Phillips, seconded J Sprague

- g. Women's & joint Youth representative: Kylie Upton, proposed K Herrmann, seconded K Phillips
- h. Measurer: Michael Mill, proposed K Phillips, seconded R Lowndes
Following positions to be determined:
YA Representative (and Coaching strategist): K Phillips to follow up
Race Secretary: Position open

5. General Business

- a. Kevin Phillips to review relatively low number of youth members in conjunction with Michael Mills who is familiar with what has been done to promote youth at club levels.
- b. Committee to consider events to encourage youth, such as standalone 4.7 or youth radial.
- c. Committee to consider timing of AGM. M Mills noted that number of members attending the AGM have dropped from time when AGM was held Saturday evenings in conjunction with a meal or barbecue. Majority agreed Saturday evening would be preferable. Alternatively AGM to be held at States, provided within six months of end of financial year.
- d. Measurer reminded meeting of requirement for sail numbers to comply with class rules.
- e. Carbon top section for standard rigs has been ratified by ILCA but pending agreement by all builders. Aluminium top sections will still be acceptable.
- f. The Colin Cain trophy has been established for Radial Great Grand Masters.

Meeting Closed 9:57

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

Toukley Sailing Club

9.00am Sunday 21st October 2012

1. Minutes from Previous Annual General Meeting 16th October 2011 at Toronto SC
2. Chairman's Report – Kevin Phillips
3. Financial Report – from 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

Chairman's Report to Annual General Meeting
NSW/ACT Laser Association 21st October 2012

Sadly this year has seen the passing of Colin Cain our past chairman and Laser sailing stalwart. Colin's organising ability, hard work and dedication to Laser sailing are sorely missed. We have been lucky to have Colin in our lives and running the show.

International Sailing

It has been a great year for the sport of sailing with three gold medals and one silver at the London/Weymouth Olympics. Congratulations in particular to Tom Slingsby for holding the number one World Ranking and for his Olympic win and comeback from the disappointments of the Beijing/Qingdao Olympics. Krystal Weir did well to finish 12th in the Women's Laser.

Australia Sailing

We had a very big season in Lasers in Australia with the ISAF worlds in Perth. The Lasers won by Tom Slingsby also saw Ashley Brunning and Tom Burton in the Medal Race.

There was a big focus on Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron for the Australian, Australian and World Masters Championships and the World Radial Youth Championships. Congratulations to Tom Burton for his win the Australian Championship (his second in a row).

There were 233 competitors in the World Masters with Australia winning three divisions Brett Beyer Standard Masters, Kerry Waraker Great Grand Masters and Claire Heenan the 4.7's. Congratulations all.

NSW/ACT Sailing

In NSW/ACT we ran our four regattas which attracted 343 entries in total (Coasts Toronto 59, Masters Jervis Bay 93, States Gosford 120 and Metropolitans BYRA 71). We had good conditions for all but the Gosford event which was troubled by a storm of biblical proportions on day one and none to very little wind on day two. Thanks to Col Chidgey and the GSC on water team we (just) got a series in for all fleets and no one injured by lightning or hail.

Thanks to the host clubs for putting on a great show for us. Though 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 Toukley, RPAYC Metros, Great Lakes/Foster Masters and at the CYC in Canberra for the States.

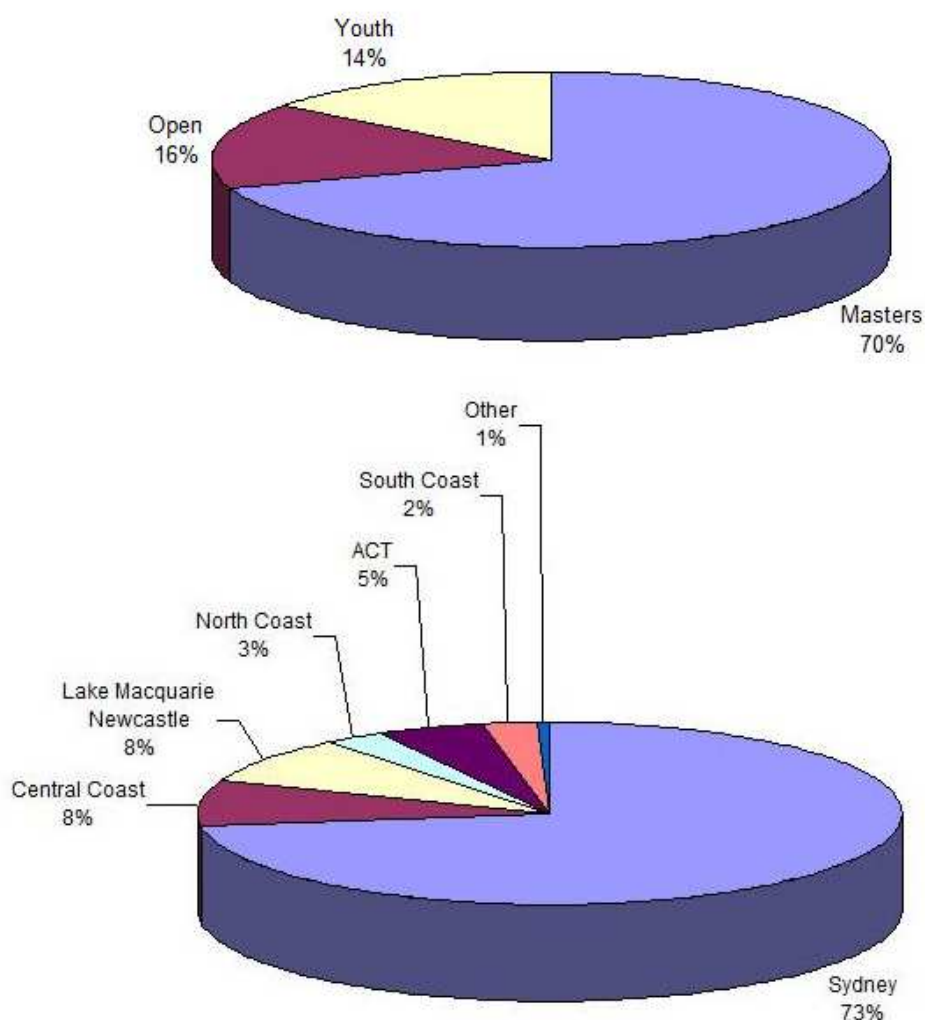
We are already planning the 2013/14 season venues so if you or your club have an interest or suggestion now is the time to act.

NSW/ACT Membership

Overall our membership has been steady with 248 members. It is interesting to see the split of members by location and by division as follows. This clearly shows we have a dominance of

Sydney location and Masters age profiles which leaves us with both opportunities and work to do to extend our appeal.

NSW/ACT Laser Members 248



Laser Sail Coaching

In conjunction with Yachting NSW and under the able direction of Laura Caldecoat we ran a number of coaching clinics in various clubs throughout last season. Funding was provided to pay the coaches and for administration from YNSW and ourselves. Thanks to Laura for her work in administering this program.

For this season 2012/13 YNSW has decided to run class based training themselves working directly through the clubs. YNSW claim to have approached all clubs with an offer which was

long closed before we found out about the change. As a result Hunters Hill Sailing Club is the only one which is likely to get YNSW funded coaching in Lasers this season.

We are open to suggestions for running coaching ourselves in particular to lift the standard of regular Laser sailors across the age and skill level spectrums rather than the YNSW approach which (appropriately) targets youth, elite and highly competent sailors.

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 Laser sail which we raffled at the Masters with the money going to Mens Prostate Cancer Charity Movember. 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

I will not dwell on administration as we try to emulate Colin Cain's model of low maintenance management.

We have had to move our regatta entries from our previous supplier who exited the business (Transition Zone) to Yachting NSW. This is proving problematic due to YNSW systems issues. I apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result.

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 Peter Whitley and particularly Alison Meech have helped with this work last season and I thank them for this.

Thanks for the Ride

Thanks to everyone for the help and guidance through the year. I have enjoyed the ride. Being a relative new comer to the Laser 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 2012

<u>2011</u>			<u>2012</u>
	<u>Income</u>		
	<u>Regatta Income</u>		
5,981.60	Coasts	4,120.00	
3,273.80	NSW Masters	8,870.00	
4,241.20	Metropolitan	4,395.00	
1,572.40	NSW Open	7,860.00	
27,587.70	Australian Masters	-	
<u>63,351.20</u>	Australian Open	<u>-</u>	
<u>106,007.90</u>	<u>Total Regatta Income</u>		25,245.00
	<u>Other Income</u>		
1,400.00	4.7 Rig Hire/Sale	200.00	
6,999.80	Membership Subscriptions	8,900.00	
1,170.00	Raffle Income	-	
936.72	Interest Received	3,557.96	
420.00	VHF Radio Hire	275.00	
600.00	Miscellaneous Income	300.00	
<u>5,375.00</u>	Coaching Receipts	<u>5,810.00</u>	
<u>16,901.52</u>	<u>Total Other Income</u>		<u>19,042.96</u>
<u>122,909.42</u>	<u>Total Income</u>		<u>44,287.96</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>		
	<u>Regatta Expenses</u>		
2,898.25	Coasts	4,834.74	
3,938.71	NSW Masters	7,912.24	
2,589.20	Metropolitan	2,978.33	
2,809.50	NSW Open	5,690.15	
23,462.92	Australian Masters	-	
<u>47,975.86</u>	Australian Open	<u>-</u>	
<u>83,674.44</u>	<u>Total Regatta Expenses</u>		21,415.46
	<u>Other Expenses</u>		
2,178.91	4.7 Rig Hire -Cost	-	
47.30	Bank Charges	5.75	
9,300.00	Coaching	7,450.00	
114.30	Computer & Web Expenses	308.70	
1,200.00	Depreciation	1,200.00	
48.00	Office of Fair Trading-Filing	49.00	
459.44	Credit Card Processing	1,378.79	
-	Insurance	758.66	
470.00	Postage & Secretarial Expenses	241.24	
1,599.00	Subscriptions- ALCA	-	
2,173.38	Subscriptions- ILCA	2,349.13	
-	Subscriptions- YANSW	200.00	
<u>323.20</u>	Travelling & Accommodation	<u>-</u>	
<u>17,913.53</u>	<u>Total Other Expenses</u>		<u>13,941.27</u>
<u>101,587.97</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>		<u>35,356.73</u>
<u>\$ 21,321.45</u>	<u>Net Profit for the Year</u>		<u>\$ 8,931.23</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2012

<u>2011</u>			<u>2012</u>
	<u>Property & Equipment</u>		
1,824.83	Lap Top & Printer-Cost	1,824.83	
<u>890.00</u>	<u>Less Accum. Depreciation</u>	<u>1,340.00</u>	
<u>934.83</u>			484.83
2,237.20	VHF Radios(12) & GPS(2)-Cost	2,237.20	
<u>750.00</u>	<u>Less Accum. Depreciation</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	
<u>1,487.20</u>			<u>737.20</u>
<u>2,422.03</u>			1,222.03
	<u>Current Assets</u>		
6,964.78	Westpac-Royal Exchange	17,096.01	
<u>60,000.00</u>	Westpac-Interest Bearing Term Deposit	<u>60,000.00</u>	
<u>66,386.81</u>			<u>77,096.01</u>
69,386.81	<u>Total Assets</u>		78,318.04
	<u>Less Liabilities</u>		
<u>NIL</u>	<u>Net Assets</u>		<u>NIL</u>
<u>69,386.81</u>			<u>78,318.04</u>
	<u>Members' Funds</u>		
48,065.36	Retained Earnings 1st October 2011	69,386.81	
<u>21,321.45</u>	<u>Add Current Year Earnings</u>	<u>8,931.23</u>	
<u>\$ 68,386.81</u>	<u>Total Equity</u>	<u>\$ 78,318.04</u>	