

**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

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

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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.

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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.

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Meeting Closed 9.50 am



Chairman's Report NSW/ACT Laser AGM 19th November 2017

NSW/ACT Lasers have had a successful 2016/17 season.

NSW/ACT District Sailing

In the past year we have run four district regattas which attracted 378 entries in total. This is an increase of 40% over last season.

The State Masters at Great Lakes was our largest regatta with 114 entries. As usual GLSC was a great venue with good breezes though the weed troubled many sailors. The States at Georges River saw the usual very good true breeze and we enjoyed the excellent facilities of the GRSC. The down stairs café was also a hit with the sailors.

We had a really good rollup for our non-cube regattas with 83 travelling to South Lakes in October 2016 for the Coasts and 80 in March to Double Bay for the Metropolitan Championship.

We had good conditions for the majority of races and thanks to our top notch RO's Col Chidgey the events ran very smoothly.

State Champions for 2016/17 were current World Masters Champion Brett Beyer WSC in the Standards, Finn Alexander DBSC in the Radial and Nathan Bryant RPAYC in the 4.7's.

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 to 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.

We are already planning the 2018/19 season venues so if you or your club have an interest or suggestion now is the time to act.

International Sailing

Australia and in particular NSW/ACT Laser Masters Sailors did very well in the World Masters in trying conditions at Split Croatia in October this year.

There were 350 competitors from around the Laser world. We punched above our weight winning three age categories and 8 cubes over all. Congratulations to Ozzie winners Brett Beyer (Master Standard), Martin White (GM Radial) and Kerry Waraker who beat the Laser immortal Peter Seidenberg to win the Legends (75+).

NSW/ACT Membership

Overall our District membership for the year was slightly down at 227. We like to keep our membership numbers healthy not so much for revenue as we pass around half our collected membership fees onto ALCA and ILCA 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 international events.

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, VC and measurer John Sprague, regatta helpers Sue Phillips Dave and Elaine Edmiston, Youth representative Stuart Plenderleith, Women's representative Lauren Crossman 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 our events. Without people just stepping up as required we could never have managed the tasks involved in staging these events.

A special thanks to South Lakes ASC, Georges River SC, Double Bay SC and Great Lakes SC for their support in hosting events for us last season.

Cheers

Kevin Phillips
Chair NSW/ACT Laser Association

NSW & ACT District Laser Association Inc.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2017

<u>2016</u>			<u>2017</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			<u>NIL</u>
	<u>Current Assets</u>		
32,202.39	Westpac-Royal Exchange	29,319.99	
68,000.00	Westpac-Interest Bearing Term Deposit	68,000.00	
304.15	Qld Laser Assn.For 3rd Party Insurance	-	
<u>478.52</u>	Vic Laser Assn.For 3rd Party Insurance	<u>478.52</u>	
<u>100,985.06</u>			<u>97,798.51</u>
100,985.06	<u>Total Assets</u>		97,798.51
NIL	<u>Less Liabilities</u>		NIL
<u>100,985.06</u>	<u>Net Assets</u>		<u>97,798.51</u>
	<u>Members' Funds</u>		
82,984.94	Retained Earnings 1st October 2016	100,985.06	
<u>18,000.12</u>	<u>Add Current Year's Earnings (Loss)</u>	<u>- 3,186.55</u>	
<u>\$ 100,985.06</u>	<u>Total Equity</u>	<u>\$ 97,798.51</u>	

NSW &ACT District Laser Association Inc.

Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 30th September 2017

<u>2016</u>			<u>2017</u>
	<u>Income</u>		
104,145.11	Regatta Income	17,920.00	
9,100.00	Membership Subscriptions	8,435.00	
1,662.95	Interest Received	1,727.49	
<u>114,908.06</u>	<u>Total Income</u>		<u>28,082.49</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>		
	<u>Regatta Expenses</u>		
4,264.04	Coasts	5,252.39	
1,227.92	NSW Masters	8,943.90	
1,621.92	Metropolitan	4,499.94	
10,418.58	NSW Open	6,826.28	
34,416.29	Australian Masters	-	
38,786.36	Australian Open	-	
<u>90,735.11</u>	<u>Total Regatta Expenses</u>		<u>25,522.51</u>
	<u>Other Expenses</u>		
-	Bank Charges	60.00	
-	Computer & Web Expenses	150.00	
115.00	Office of Fair Trading-Filing	44.00	
358.22	Insurance	1,812.69	
	Postage & Secretarial	109.65	
1,935.00	Subscriptions- ALCA	-	
3,544.61	Subscriptions- ILCA	3,070.19	
220.00	Subscriptions- YANSW	-	
-	Travelling & Accomn Gift Card-Col Chidgey	500.00	
<u>6,172.83</u>	<u>Total Other Expenses</u>		<u>5,746.53</u>
<u>96,907.94</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>		<u>31,269.04</u>
<u>\$ 18,000.12</u>	<u>Net Profit for the Year</u>		<u><u>-\$3,186.55</u></u>