

New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron
Onepoto Lagoon, Northcote, Auckland

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the AAFL clubrooms at Onepoto Lagoon on Sunday 03 November 2013 at 4:00pm

Present: President Richard and 13 members

Apologies: Terry O'Neill and Gary Irwin

The Minutes were received by John Macaulay and seconded by Geoff McGill. Cd

Reports:

Matters Arising

The proposal from John Macaulay and Geoff to purchase Seawind parts has not been acted on as yet.

President's Report

While membership is down we are still getting a good number sailing with us each Sunday. There is however a need for a promotion and some ideas have been canvassed. Neil thought a Flyer in hobby shops might help.

Mention was made of the contribution by Geoff Atkinson who donated the chart board and timer in addition to Toot the tug.

The club boat is in need of major refurbishment.

The fate of the ABS version is still unclear and we remain hopeful that supplies hold up as well as spare parts. The ready kit version is under way and is said to be competitively priced. The single colour in blue may add to confusion on the water.

Regarding the investigation into alternative sailing venues a number were discussed; we will however, await the outcome of discussions into the actual work to be undertaken as defined in the contract. Carol will discuss later in the meeting.

Secretary's report

Peter re-affirmed the need for diligence in collecting entry fee donations as the income makes a material difference to the bottom line. The parts held in stock and sold to members also help.

President and Secretary's reports were received by Geoff and seconded by Neil. Cd

Financial Report

While there was a small cash loss for the year the stock in hand when sold should improve the position. The club has no liabilities and while the bank balance is healthy more members are need for a viable future.

The report was moved by John and seconded by Ivan. Cd

Sailing Committee

Kevin's report covered most events noting success by John Macaulay with Carol winning a series scratch race. Match race finals went down to the wire with Kevin holding out Geoff to win the cup for 2012. John Macaulay and Geoff McGill will race off to challenge Kevin for the 2013 match racing championship.

Dan Bush retained the President's Cup with a perfect score. Gary Irwin won the Anniversary Regatta winning 4 races out of 6.

We welcomed two new members in James Keogh and Noel Heerdegen. James has been active but we have not seen Noel for a while. John Dowler has returned to San Diego.

Kevin thanked the sailing committee for their efforts as well as well as Richard and Peter.

Election of Officers

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| Commodore | Kevin Webb | Geoff/John |
| President | Richard Plinston | Geoff/Neil |
| Secretary/Treas | Peter Andrews | John/Ivan |
| Sailing Committee | John Macaulay | Neil/Geoff |
| | Neil Purcell | John/Dan B |
| | Dan Bush | Bruce/John |
| | Terry O'Neill | Neil/Dan B |
| | Bruce Watson | John/Ian Cd |

Subscriptions

Current rates of \$30 or \$25 remained unchanged. John/Bruce Cd

Sailing Programme

Richard circulated a proposed schedule for 2014 and after discussion was approved. Bruce/Geoff Cd

State of the "pond

In addition to what Richard wrote for the AGM of the work undertaken by the Onepoto Lagoon Co-Ordination Committee of which Richard and Carol are key members, Carol subsequently prepared a paper which is detailed below:-

"The timeframe for de-silting the ponds is March to November 2014.

The physical works will be up for tender early in the new year and the contract document will include a clause requiring the desilting contractor to liaise closely with Parks and the Onepoto Lagoon Coordination committee in order to minimise the number of days the ponds will be unavailable, and to prepare a programme giving the dates of availability of the ponds for recreational use during the contract period.

If suction dredging is the adopted option, it may be possible to use part of a pond being dredged, during weekends. It will be necessary to stipulate this, in addition to the requirement to liaise, in the tender. This will incur price implications due to no

weekend work for the contractor, and for securing, arranging and re-arranging the equipment, pipeline, etc. prior to and after weekends.

One thing to bear in mind is that the programme can be finalised only after selecting a contractor. The advance notice available to recreational users, from the time of agreeing a programme to start implementing it, could be as little as 2 to 3 weeks.

So, we have to be flexible, we are not being excluded from continuing to use the pond but we still need to have an alternative venue we might use occasionally if necessary. Also, we will need to place and recover the buoys each weekend while the sailing pond is being desilted.”

Awards

In addition to the published prize list John Macaulay was voted “Most Improved Sailor”, Peter Andrews for “Services to Radio Control Yachting” and Ivan received the Sandbaggers award.

In closing Richard thanked Carol for organising the catering.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 5:45pm.