

**New Zealand Radio Yacht Squadron
Onepoto Lagoon, Northcote, New Zealand**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the soccer clubrooms at Onepoto Lagoon on Sunday 18 November 2007 at 3:30pm.

Present: President Richard Plinston and 17 members.

Apologies: Tom Clark and Simon Martelli

Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 5 November 2005 were received. Gerald/Harry Cd

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Discussion on Match Racing was an agenda item including a ballot. There was no further discussion and the Minutes were confirmed.

Reports:

President's Report

President Richard spoke to his report which dealt with Geoff's new course board and timers, plus reviving the club' tug. The circulation of weekly results with photographs following race days and Dave's newsletters were well presented and well received. Club membership is steady and visitors to the lagoon on race days encouraged to use the club boat.

Onepoto Lagoon Co-ordination Committee

The state of the pond is a major issue and discussion revolved around the weed problem and efforts to stem the problem. Richard has encouraged members to view the relevant websites. A new fountain is on the cards which could help the flushing process. The Electrons (Bill Herald), the Ancient Mariners (Mark Steel) have the same concerns and are helping out where possible. The community board representatives have an interest in developing a new fountain, which if placed strategically could assist the flushing process. It was felt that grass carp would not survive in the salt content of the water.

Secretary's Report

Four meetings were held during the year with most members able to attend. Thanks to Dave Harley for the use of his business premises were expressed. Membership is stable and slightly up on previous years. Controlling radio frequencies is a major responsibility to avoid a clash on the water. Members who remain financial have their frequency(s) protected.

Sailing Committee

A comprehensive report with pictures was well constructed by Geoff Atkinson on behalf of the sailing committee. Members were complimentary of the running of each Sunday's sailing programme. In spite of variable weather conditions there were good fleets for Sunday sailing.

Club Boat

The club boat gets use from spectators and members as a temporary replacement. Members agreed the incoming committee would look at renovating the club boat, possibly with a new set of sails and a re-paint.

Financial Report.

Treasurer Julie presented the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2007. A balance of \$2615.78 compares with \$2415.13 for the previous year. Ivan/David Carried with thanks. A small gift was presented to Julie for her efforts during the year and for arranging the catering for the afternoon tea.

Election of Officers

Comodore	Remains vacant
President	Richard Plinston was re-elected Peter/Harry cd
Secretary	Peter Andrews was re-elected Dave/Gerald cd
Treasurer	Julie Adamson was re-elected Peter/Ivan cd
Editor	Dave Harley was re-elected Harry/Gerald cd
Sailing Committee	Geoff Atkinson, Geoff McGill, Bruce Watson, John Dowler were re-elected and Neil Purcell elected. Simon/Harry cd.

General Business

Preparation of the Race Schedule

The committee has proposed that the sailing committee elected at an AGM would have the responsibility to plan the race schedule for the following year. This means the new programme is in place for the new year at the AGM. Discussion revolved around the scheduling for the Spring series and the incoming committee will have a look at it and make any changes that may be required. In effect the spring Series would be the first event for a new year.

Subscriptions

The committee had earlier agreed to raise the subs to \$30 (\$20 for under 21) and half rates from 30 April, while abolishing family rates. Murray Furness queried the need to increase the rates as it appeared the club was well funded and appeared to not require the additional funds. It was explained the new trophies cost more, plus the fact that club funds meet the costs of the hire of the hall and catering. President Richard explained the reasons why the entry fees were to be seen as a donation. Ivan proposed that the rates remain the same. A show of hands supported the changes.

Honorary Membership

A proposal to offer honorary membership to Julie Adamson was made.
Geoff McGill/Peter Cd with acclamation.

Match Racing

In the papers sent out to members there were three options for match racing.
Proposal #1-retains the current format with a Defender Series and a Challenger series.
Proposal #2-Last year's proposal. As above but with one Defender.
Proposal #3- the Challenger is the winner of the monthly (aggregate) match racing Series. The cup holder is the sole defender.

A secret ballot was held and the results were:-

Proposal # 1 4 votes
Proposal # 2 4 votes
Proposal # 3 9 votes Details of the new match racing format will be circulated to members following the first meeting of the new Sailing Committee.

Divisions

Members were advised of the changes to the divisions. A proposal to move members up and down divisions based on results to be resolved.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 5:10pm.