

Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Incorporated

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for Year 2008

Held at Safety Beach Sailing Club, Victoria, at 0900hrs, Friday 2nd. Jan 2009

1. Attendance and Apologies:

1.1 OFFICERS:

President: Ashley Parkinson

Secretary: Mike Simpson

Measurer: Phillip Johnson

1.2 DELEGATES:

Victoria

Ashley Parkinson

Andrew Graham

South Australia

John Gratton

Rob Gale

Queensland

Peter Skinner

Susan Hextell

Tasmania

Andrew Bradshaw

Matt Westland

New South Wales

Not represented

1.3 NON-DELEGATES:

QLD: Anne Mussett

TAS: James Hall, Finn Prosser Wood, Andrew Szabo, Eric Szabo

VIC: Keith Atherton, Wayne Bates, Breanna Collins, Kelvin Collins, Chris Dance, John Dixon, Stephen Early, John Foley, Fiona McCulloch, Chris Masters, Andrew Morrison, Trevor Naismith, Geoff Smith, John Petschel, Peter Reid, Geoff Smith, Kirsten Binns Smith, Pam Webster

1.4 APOLOGIES: Catherine Masters (Vic)

2. Notification of Proxies:

The Secretary advised that no proxies had been received.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the Year 2007 Annual General Meeting held at the Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club, South Australia, on Wednesday, 2nd. January 2008, were confirmed as distributed.

Moved Mike Simpson, Seconded Ashley Parkinson. CARRIED

4. Treasurer's report:

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2008.

Moved: Mike Simpson, Seconded: Ashley Parkinson - That the financial statements be received and provided to Consumer Affairs Victoria in the annual statement. CARRIED

5. President's Report:

The outgoing President, Ashley Parkinson, presented his report on the year 2008.

Appreciation was expressed for the great support given the National Championships by the organising committee, and noted was the significant number of sponsors obtained for the event.

Moved: Ashley Parkinson, Seconded: Mike Simpson - That the report be received. CARRIED

6. National Measurer's report:

National Measurer, Phillip Johnson, gave his report for 2008. He noted most new boats were FRP and that good plywood was very difficult to obtain. There appears to be some justification for introduction of amateur-built stitch & glue foam sandwich hulls and some discussion took place on the pros & cons of this format. The matter was left for someone to come up with a proposition for the use of the system.

Gippsland Measurer John Foley suggested that boats required to carry ballast have the quantity marked on the measurement sticker for visible reference. Phil agreed this could be done henceforth.

John also asked about test weights for scales and was informed these were available from the State Measurer.

The Secretary reiterated his previous undertaking to investigate the issue of metal gauge sets to measurers.

Moved: Ashley Parkinson, Seconded: Mike Simpson - That the report be received. CARRIED

7. Reports from Member States:

7.1 Victoria

Ashley Parkinson presented the report, commenting on the large number (13) of new boats, mainly FRP from YMS in Adelaide, and the election of Fiona McCulloch and John Dixon as life members in recognition of their long service to the Victorian Association. The most active Sabre clubs continued to be Black Rock and Blairgowrie.

7.2 Tasmania

Matt Westland reported current membership at 30, with 12 at Lindisfarne, 4 at Midway and 5 at Dover.

Eight new boats numbers were issued over the year.

Evening races have been introduced with a series of very short races conducted each evening.

7.3 South Australia

John Gratton presented the report from the South Australian President:-

Following the 07/08 titles, South Australian fleet numbers have been maintained with 38 boats registered at Brighton and another 11 at Victor Harbour. Sabres are also sailed at Port River, Port Pirie and Wallaroo.

The fleet has also seen the addition of four new fibreglass boats.

Good boats for sale are still hard to locate with many sold soon after listing.

Timber boats are certainly in the minority with only 3 entered in the state championships for this year.

There were 22 entries for the state titles, which have been held over 2 weekends with 2 more heats remaining.

This year the committee decided to hold 3 state championship races at Adelaide sailing club. ASC has shown interest in the Sabre class and Committee decided to promote the class at this venue. ASC has a substantial junior training program and the Sabre class hopes to benefit from this.

In January committee has scheduled a fleet race at Victor Harbour in order to support the members who have travelled to compete in state championship races and have continued to promote the class at their home club.

7.4 Queensland

Sue Hextell reported numbers stood at 16 financial members and one life member.

Five new boats were launched in the year.

Some training was carried out but with small response.

Some class promotion was undertaken at non-Sabre clubs.

This years State titles are to be held at Lake Cootharaba SC.

8. Election of Office Bearers:

8.1 President.....Matt Westland, current Tasmanian President, was nominated and, there being no other nominations, was declared elected President with acclamation.

Matt Westland then took the chair.

8.2 Vice President*No nominations received. No VP has been elected for some years.*

8.3 Secretary/Treasurer/Public Officer

Mike Simpson was the only nominee and was declared elected.

8.4 Two ordinary members of the Management Committee

No nominations received. No management committee has been elected for some years; management being conducted via Annual and Special General Meetings.

9. Appointment of Measurer:Phillip Johnson was the only nominee and was declared elected.

10. General Business:*The Secretary advised that no Notices of Motion had been received.*

11. Future Titles Schedule:

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| • 2009/10 | Tasmania | • 2013/14 | New South Wales |
| • 2010/11 | South Australia | • 2014/15 | Tasmania |
| • 2011/12 | Queensland | • 2015/16 | South Australia |
| • 2012/13 | Victoria | • 2016/17 | Queensland |

Matt Westland confirmed that Bellerive Yacht Club was to be the venue for the next titles.

John Gratton advised that the next SA titles would probably be at Brighton & Seacliff, Largs Bay or perhaps Adelaide SC, which had recently expressed interest in establishing a Sabre fleet.

The Secretary advised he had not dropped NSW out of future cycles in the hope that the capability to run the event be established and a suitable venue identified. It was suggested that, given the small number of Sabre sailors in NSW, a non-Sabre club that could take on most of the event organisation might be sought.

12. General Discussion:

Andrew Graham raised a proposal for a set of indicated preferences for titles management including issues like program format, maximum wind speeds, signing on, sponsor stickers, use of other starting systems such as gate starts. Sue Hextell suggested that many of these things were location specific and flexibility should be allowed.

Matt Westland raised the possible use of "Tack Trackers" as a training aid, as had been demonstrated in the invitation race. Aspects of use were discussed and it was recommended that formal rule changes necessary be brought to a Special General Meeting in the future.

13. Date/Location of Next Meeting:

Saturday 2nd January 2010 at Bellerive Y.C., Tasmania, in conjunction with the 09/10 National Titles.