

MIDDLE HARBOUR AMATEUR SAILING CLUB INC

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held at the Clubhouse 11.00 am 10 September 2017

Present

Rob Lowndes, Geoff Lucas, Chris Kelleway, Lew Verdon, Graham Jennings, Sean Feeney, Di Sissingh, Vanessa Dudley, Jon Adams, Jonathan Brown, Sam Dockrill, Steve Findlay. Peter Stephinson Nick Alexander, Warwick Foy, Peter Wallace, David Flakelar, Phil Bookallil, James Jagger (by Invitation), Jaime Mata, Niclas Westling

Apologies

Martin Brady, Hugh Leicester, Kath Hermann, Ruth McCane, Lachlan Thomas, John Conroy

Minutes

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 11 September 2016 were circulated prior to the meeting. There being no business arising the minutes were put to a vote. Moved Di Sissingh, seconded Rob Lowndes that those minutes be accepted.
Motion carried.

Commodore and President's Report

The Commodore's Report was circulated prior to the meeting and has been attached.

Moved Rob Lowndes, seconded Geoff Lucas that the Commodore's Report be accepted.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The financial reports together with narrative were distributed with the meeting notice and have been attached. The Club made a small profit last year of \$6,102.

With the purchase of the new motor and the kitchen transformation work in 2017 a decision will be made by the committee as the appropriate accounting treatment of both items.

Moved, Warwick Foy seconded Geoff Lucas that the financial reports be accepted.
Motion carried.

Election of Office Bearers

All existing Office Bearers and Committee Members stood down at the meeting. A valid written nomination was received for each position in addition to a nomination for Warwick Foy. Given there are seven Committee positions under our Association rules, the following members were declared elected:

President and Commodore	Chris Kelleway
Vice-President and Vice-Commodore	Graham Jennings
Treasurer & Secretary	Jonathan Brown
Club Captain	Di Sissingh
Handicapper and Web master	Rob Lowndes
Member	Warwick Foy
Member – Catering	Sean Feeney

General Business

David Flakelar requested the committee investigate a tangible memorial to Colin Cain a previous commodore who died a number of years ago. Suggestions include renaming the short race series or the rescue boat in his honour. Proposed Rob Lowndes and seconded David Flakelar.

A request was made to look at what we can do regarding slippage on the launching ramp particularly after another incident last week. Graham and Chris to follow up on looking at various non slip options

The meeting concluded at 11.30 am.

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Chairman

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Commodores Report Sept 17

First, I have to thank every one who has made this last season a great success, committee members, working bee volunteers, our sponsors Zhik and NB Sail Sports. We also had a record turn out at the presentation night, which was a great evening and we introduced some pool nights at The Oaks that were well attended.

Over winter rebuilding the club kitchen removing the timber paneling in the Club Room and general maintenance. Unfortunately, it is not finished yet, but hopefully by the end of September.

We continued as one of the best little Laser clubs on the planet. The State Masters Championships in February produced two champions, congratulations to Vanessa Dudley and Rob Lowndes, at that event we had one of the highest representation of any club and of the 6 women at the Great Lakes, 3 were from Middle Harbour. Jeff Loosmore continues to be the most prolific attendee at all regattas and has great results.

The World Masters Championships coming up in Split, Croatia later in September and we will have 10 members attending (3 Women) and a Starter, with Middle Harbour having the most members of any club in the world. We wish you all every success and will be eagerly following the results.

We start the 2017-18 season with 44 members, 39 of our 48 racks are filled which is a little down on last year. We welcome new members Jaime Angel Mata Parima, Niclas Westling and James Jagger. A range of factors are helping maintain our strong membership. Our excellent website, the Facebook page, the team app, the depth of sailing experience from, National and World champions, our wonderful location on Middle Harbour and our club house built in 1961 on the old 'hoppers wharf' and still standing and most importantly the members who race here each Sunday, the mid week sailors and the great club spirit.

The continues to be in good shape financially. You will see from the accounts that we have a solid membership revenue base and good reserves. For the third year in a row we have not increased our rates. We have just rebuilt the kitchen which we had received 2 grants totaling \$7,000 (\$5,000 sports grant and \$2,000 Mosman Council) and we have recently replaced the outboard motor on the rescue boat.

We are looking forward to the 2017-18 season. We encourage members to join the NSW/ACT Laser Association and attend the regattas. This season we will continue with a range of education events.

In 2016/17 we conducted club race management and boat licence seminars, together with some coaching seminars with Stuart Plenderlieth and will continue programs this year.

We formally commenced our 5 year Licence Agreement with NSW RMS after the Crane project was finally put to bed in March this year.

We had a change of Commodores in January with Nick Collis-George departing.

Let us acknowledge the work of key members, with out whom the club would not continue to operate. Jonathan for taking on the Treasurer and Secretaries role for last season. Rob Lowndes for the Club website, handicapping and results and for his Race Officer knowledge and experience (also acknowledged by RSYS as yachtsman of the year). I know Rob spends every Sunday night pulling his hair out trying to do the results when members forget to sign on. Diane Club Captain organising the race days and rosters. Sean for catering and supplies. Thank you again, Jonathan, Rob, Graham, Sean and Diane for your advice and support in my first year as Commodore.

Chris Kelleway
Acting Commodore
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