



Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

74<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club Inc  
held via Zoom and at the Portsea Camp on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 1000hrs

### Members present:

#### Zoom (26 attendees)

David Barnes	Andrew
Amanda	Andrew Scott
Anne Tucker	Ben Fels
Bruce Griffiths	Cameron Anderson
Camilla Graves	David Beck
Deb Kwasnicki	Fonda Valasis
Greg Chisholm	James Millar
Joby Graves	John Skinner
Julie	Kay Christian
Michael Cantwell	Peter Tolliday
Ruby Draper	Serena Doyle
Susie Lachal	Tricia O'Brien
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#### In person (91 attendees)

Member No.	Member Name	Member No.	Member Name
	New Naska		MARK KLEWENS
	Shirley Brown	4975	SURAN GILMERS
	A. van der Grinten	201	MEK CABLE
	Barbara Hammo	06016	JOE STRANCZYNSKI
9010	CAMERON SMITH	3442	Grace Cockman
3367	DAVID + ETHAN MURPHY.		Henry Cockman
	SUE CRITALEY	293	Sue Cockman.
5141	JANE + RYAN + BOB FELGATEL	1381	Pete Watson
	Michael Franklin	5927	Amanda Peavo.
2863	Naomi McKay	972	Annie Mollatt
		2982.	CHRIS MAHONEY
		3166	Deb Hodgson

Member No.	Member Name
	MARY PAULA WILLIAMSON
	Rob Williamson
	DARREN VASEY
	David Lang
576	Phil Harris 5
05251	Elisabeth Hales
0988	Harley MOFFATT
87?	ROS MARTIN
02651	Kerry McNamee
02650	Jean McNamee
1125	ADAM RICHARDS
1126	ALICE RICHARDS
1050 340	Ann Cunningham
6366	Dennis W. G.
	LEAN KATHOL
5087	Rollo Wright
	Gavin Kesteven
5094	CARDY VINEY
4443	Conrad Collett
979	Vivian McNamee

Member No.	Member Name
1414	Simon Williams
	Stephen Ann
	AUCIA NUSKE
	TANIA GRIMSHAW-WOOD
	Pippa MacDonald
5786	Paul Kelly
5077	TRUDENCE WRIGHT
4029	RICHARD WRIGHT
0789	ROBIN MORRIS
	PHILLIP WISE
	BRUCE DUNNELL
	NORMAN GIBSON
2866	Terry O'Sullivan

Member No.	Member Name
	JENNIFER SHAW
	DAVID + DEBRA BLUNDER
	NICK WILLIAMS
	Debra Blunder
	JESAN RENOLF
	PATRA MCKEAN

Member No.	Member Name
5495	RICHARD MARTIN
	NIKKI SCHWARZ
	RONNIE SCHWARZ
3708	John Morgan
5572	Georgie Silverwood
	Michelle Giderson
	Jon Pepler
	WARICK LOEMING
	SUR WIERING
339	Spahn Cunningham
	Andrew Skinner
	TOBY KINSMAN
	David Gibson
5571	ROB SILVERWOOD
1488	BOB RICHARDSON
	Tim Collett
6534	RHYE TURNER
981	BARBARA MULDER
2241	Les Mongoni
830	Drud Munt

Member No.	Member Name
825	Georgina Oakley
	JAMES SHAW
	Garry McKell
	WILL PHILLIPS
	MAX CHESTER
	R. HOLEY

Commodore Georgie Silverwood welcomed all members to the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

She noted that the number of members in attendance constituted a Quorum. The AGM had 117 recorded attendees and 4 proxies. Three sit with the Commodore and one with Deborah Hodgson

Apologies from Donna & Peter Osbourne, Liz Gibson, Darryn Hartnett, Bronwyn McIlveen, Stephen Atherton, Scott Llewellyn, Robbie Hiam & Anna Kinnear.

Quite a few young members joined the meeting late and did not sign in.

Condolences to Barbara Allen and Richard Toye who had passed away.

Rules of the meeting were outlined including how to vote.

## **1. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- (i) Resolved: That the minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 be confirmed as a true & accurate record of those proceedings.

Motion: Howard Critchley

Seconded: Phil Wise

Motion Carried

## **2. Annual Reports of the Committee**

### **2.1 Commodore's Report**

Commodore Georgie Silverwood delivered her Annual Report. She thanked members for attending the meeting

Some of the highlights of her report were:

- Beginning the season with high hopes but the Club was opened and closed due to Covid outbreaks over the summer season
- Lloyd group working hard to get building done in time for summer season
- F&B turned a small deficit due to season being impacted due to Covid
- Great to see many members using temporary clubhouse
- Club remains sought after by members and sponsors. Club has secured new sponsors for the upcoming season
- Increase in next Gen category of members
- Next member intake December 2022
- Sailing training, increasing sailing participation in the Club. Coutu Boat training and use of Ripple, increased use of involvement of Next Gen

- Discussed financing of the club redevelopment and the improvement of the Club's governance & reporting
- Highlighted the fantastic efforts from those competing in Tokyo and other overseas representatives of the Club
- Thanked Deb Kwasnicki for work in the Community engagement sub committee
- Other Club initiatives included She Sails Task Force and Next Gen Day
- The Club will embark on new strategic plan and master plan for Club once redevelopment has been completed
- Thanked the committee, staff, management team and volunteers for their work

Georgie's report will be available on the SSCBC website.

## **2.2 CEO's Report**

CEO, Henry Dyer delivered his CEO Report.

Some of the highlights of his report were:

- Summer Drinks was a sell out and a very successful event at the Club in December 2021
- Club was open and closed over summer due to Covid outbreaks, however Club pivoted quickly and worked hard to ensure Club kept running smoothly
- Lot of work has been going on to ensure redevelopment is managed well
- Built sailing shed over 2021/22 summer
- Tidied up Lavender Hill and BBQs. No marquee on hard stand once redevelopment done
- New sponsors Acacia Energy, Jellis Craig, Mr Trampoline, TLC Healthcare, Mullies Underwater Services
- Thanked member support, takeaway, limited in-house dining
- Next Gen meet regularly & ensure sailing remains relevant to this group and provides a platform for young people to socialise and sail
- Sailing - Dave and Ben have Julia assisting with sailing admin
- Special mention to Heritage Committee making sure new clubhouse is honoured from an historical point of view
- Thanked Rollo for work done under infrastructure committee
- Thanked staff and general committee

## **2.3 Club Captain's Report**

Club Captain, Tim Collett delivered his Club Captains Report.

Questions from the members included:

- concern about junior sailing numbers & culture of club representing only Couta bout clubs and kids sailing (OTB)
- Fleet numbers smaller than prior years

These points were addressed by David White at the meeting & in the days that followed.

## **2.4 Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Shaun Chalmers delivered his Finance Report.

Shaun discussed the next 2 years will be more challenging than the last two. Deficit around \$85,000 in the financial results included April - June 2022 expenses (15 month year due to change of financial year) with minimal income.

Subscriptions are the lifeblood of the Club

Main CAPEX besides club redevelopment was sailing shed and duty maintenance of boats

Shaun's slides and Treasurer's Report are available on the SSCBC website.

Resolved: To adopt the financial statements of 2021/22 as presented today

Motion: Phil Wise

Seconded: Warwick Leeming

Motion Carried

## **3. Election of Officers and Ordinary Members of the Committee**

Georgie announced that the number of candidates equals the number of vacancies. There are no elections required.

Commodore Georgie Silverwood introduced the Committee:

Commodore:	Georgie Silverwood
Vice Commodore:	Scott Llewelyn
Rear Commodore:	Mark Klemens
Treasurer:	Shaun Chalmers
Secretary:	Nikki Schwarz
Club Captain:	Tim Collett

Committee:	
Howard Critchley	Richard Martin
Rollo Wright	Adam Richards
Deb Kwasnicki	

#### **4. Election of Auditors**

Resolved: To re-elect Accru as auditors for the 2021/22 financial year.

Motion: Howard Critchley

Seconded: Chris Malkin

Motion Carried

#### **5. Honorary Life Members**

Andrew Plympton

Nick Williams spoke about Andrew at the Opening Ceremony in November 2021.

Resolved: To nominate Andrew Plympton as an Honorary Life member

Motion: Rod Martin

Seconded: Richard Hurley

Motion Carried

#### **6. General Business**

Andrew Skinner gave tribute to Barbara Allen who passed away recently. She was an active and well regarded member of the Club

##### Questions from the members:

Questions about redevelopment – Club has only spent about 20% of budget, can't do 80% of cash flow in 12 weeks which is all the time left until Christmas (41 days working days).

Member wants an independent review about completion due date

Rollo answered to this about spend being around 40% and also the Club's Plan B if the building is not ready by Christmas. Discussed partial occupancy, and the continuation of the F&B services from a marquee on the hard stand and using the temporary clubhouse. Liquor licence runs to NYE

\$6.75m total budget incl furniture & consultant's allowances and contingency allowances

Members want the committee to communicate fall back plan, elaborate more on back up plan to members

Questions from member wanting to know implications of a partial handover and the Club's contingency plan if we take partial handover. Are there penalty clauses (Rollo answered yes to this)

Concerns from members about fixing defects in the clubhouse if we obtain occupancy too early and builders cannot access the building to rectify

Members want more communication including contingency plans

Members want Committee to control/address rumors around the Club about redevelopment and its timeline

Members want a cost estimate if unfinancial members don't pay subs due to the redevelopment

Members want to know costs of partial certificate of occupancy and ramifications thereon. If we cannot get access with a partial certificate of occupancy and liquor licence ends on 31/12/22, what is the contingency plan.

Member Cameron Smith brought up treatment of disciplinary matter earlier in the year. He didn't like the email, and he wants the Committee to look at processes around disciplinary action and align it with our culture and values. It should be aligned with national integrity framework.

Georgie responded to this and mentioned the Club is currently revising and reviewing processes

Warwick Leeming has requested that there be a spending cap of \$1m on the general committee wants rules to be changed to ensure members approval spend over this. Warwick has been contacted and advised that this will be tabled at the next Committee meeting.

Nick Williams demanded a public apology to Jeffrey Richardson from the Committee.

Charlie Dixon asked what are the long term plans about bringing younger members onto general committee?

Emma Phillips commented that she thought the committee was negligent in terms of its spend on the redevelopment

Georgie answered Next gen committee is stepping stone to committee, anyone can come on to the committee

Mary asked F&B that the menu could be expanded to offer more low carb alternatives

Liz Gibson – why haven't we run an event for Olympic sailors? Georgie answered, once we get to open club we will celebrate them

## **7. Conclusion**

Georgie Silverwood announced the business of the meeting has been completed. The meeting was declared closed at 11.54am.