



MINUTES OF 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

76th Annual General Meeting of the Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club Inc
held via Zoom and at the Club on Sunday 13 October 2024 at 1000hrs

Members present (127):

00066 David Barnes	00909 Bronwyn McIlveen
00205 Nicholas Cable	00948 James Mighell
00206 Virginia Cable	00949 Harry Mighell
00259 Neil Cathels	00951 Alison Mighell
00264 Greg Chisholm	00972 Anne Moffatt
00274 Kay Christian	00979 Victor Mulder
00292 Ian Cockman	00981 Barbara Mulder
00293 Suzanne Cockman	01063 John Phillingham
00339 Graham Cunningham	01113 Tony Reed
00340 Ann Cunningham	01125 Adam Richards
00523 David George	01126 Alice Richards
00542 Stephen Gillon	01179 Duncan Scott
00546 Diane Gillon	01247 Olivia Stewart
00549 Ruth Gollings	01315 Jane Tiernan
00559 Trevor Gray	01374 Margaret Walsh
00562 Bruce Griffiths	01421 Virginia Williamson
00580 Paul Gulliver	01425 Linda Wilson
00583 Lorraine Gulliver	01428 Ralph Wilson Jnr
00587 Phillip Haas	01488 Robert Richardson
00614 Peter Hannah	01722 Jos Law
00615 Sally Hannah	01723 Sally Law
00668 Michael Heaton	01741 Peter Alan Osbourne
00706 Elizabeth Hoyle	02072 Scott Llewelyn
00707 David Hoyle	02096 Nicole Llewelyn
00714 Richard Hurley	02392 Christopher Malkin
00785 David Law	02448 Noela Burfurd
00797 Warwick Leeming	02559 Kevin Hall
00798 Susan Leeming	02566 Nikki Schwarz
00822 Lou Lockwood	02567 Ronnie Schwarz
00830 Jonathan Long	02616 Joby Graves
00861 Donna Osbourne	02617 Camilla Graves
00883 Ross McAllan	02620 Sue Owen
00884 Bev McAllan	02650 John McNamara
00901 Bob McDonald	02723 Henry Cockman
	02892 Timothy Entwisle
	03108 Mark Klemens

03109 Cathy Klemens	05927 Amanda Pearce
03403 Ann Elizabeth Philpot	05928 James Menzies
03458 Ron Caddy	05941 Debra Kwasnicki
03582 Michael Tiernan	06228 Alison Kitchen
03655 Charlotte Moore	06245 Andrea Harris
03671 Margaret Marks	06254 Kirsti Anne Wright
03708 Jane Belinda Morgan	06375 Andrew Scott
03991 Dean Joel	06541 Louis Lachal
04029 Richard Wright	06542 Jane Lachal
04033 Peter Buckingham	06680 Jennifer Doubell
04123 Robert Sandaver	06693 Serena Doyle
04362 Sally Clapp	06694 David Gibson
04418 Timothy Collett	07576 Kaye Caulfield
04430 Andrew Plummer	07628 Charlotte Wright
04658 Zoe McKenzie	07629 Oliver Wright
04767 Ken Owen	08342 Murray Browne
04952 Robert Caulfield	08356 Lachlan McKenzie
04971 Robert Beck	08483 Penelope Cottle
05036 Alister Wright	08495 Joe Healy
05037 Rollo Wright	08496 Tiffany Healy
05077 Prudence Wright	08516 Andrew Lane
05078 Faye Lorraine Burton	08529 Dan Nestel
05119 Robert Bruce	08654 Andrew Wilkinson
05157 Marcus Brandt	08680 Anna Davison
05166 Deborah Hodgson	08684 William Duffield
05251 Elisabeth Hales	
05495 Richard Martin	Members on Zoom (4):
05571 Robert Silverwood	06292 Colin Arcaro
05573 Scarlett Silverwood	08632 Whitney McLaren
05574 Frederick Silverwood	07159 Bret Levenspiel
05713 Howard Critchley	07160 Michelle Levenspiel
05714 Suzanne Critchley	

Commodore Georgie Silverwood welcomed members to the 76th Annual General Meeting.

She noted that the number of members in attendance was 131 and this constituted a Quorum. There were no proxies recorded.

Apologies from Richard Horton, Ben Fels, Gerald Vaughan, Marshall Bailleu, Brendon & Robyn McCormack, Graeme Heine, Ian Harrison, Mark Durran, Andrew Skinner, Liz Gibson, John Manfield, Jim McDonald, Carol Sisson, Robbie Hiam, Max Chester and Andrew Skinner.

Rules of the meeting were outlined including how to vote.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion: That the minutes of the 75th Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 15th October 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of those proceedings.

Proposer: Adam Richards

Seconder: Scott Llewelyn

Motion Carried

2. Annual Reports of the Committee

2.1 Commodore's Report

Georgie Silverwood (GS) delivered the Commodore's Report. The full report is available on the club website. Major points:

- Final report as Commodore. Very proud to have represented members for the last three years.
- Winning club of the Year testament to years of work by many people
- Treasurer will report a trading surplus for the year and our plans to manage debt from the rebuilding program
- Membership numbers remain stable
- Some changes in management and we now have a very strong team
- Thank you to staff, committee, volunteers and everyone for your support

2.2 General Manager's Report

Gavin Wall delivered the General Manager's Report. The full report is available on the club website. Major points:

- First full season in clubhouse a great success despite some building glitches and delay in mounting memorabilia
- Launch of club strategy follows extensive consultation with members and committees.
- Renewed emphasis on sailing and volunteers. The sense of community amongst members is outstanding.
- Restructuring of food and beverage operations has provided more options and special events for all members
- Improvements to security and asset management will ensure club facilities are available to members
- Thanked the committee, operational team and members for their support

2.3 Club Captain's Report

Harry Mighell delivered the Club Captains Report. The full report is available on the club website. Major points:

- Couta Boat fleet has seen robust growth
- Major award winners acknowledged
- Junior OTB fleet had a very successful year
- Working on transitioning junior sailors to your fleet
- Thank you to staff, volunteers, race officers, committees and parents

2.4 Treasurer's Report

Andrew Scott delivered the Treasurers Report and Financial Statement. The full report is available on the club website. Major points:

- Club recorded strong financial performance with a net profit, EBITDA, net Assets and cash at bank all ahead of budget
- The clubhouse development debt at 30 June 2024 was \$3.98m with the development complete. The debt is set to be repaid over 6.5 years.
- The club continues to maintain strong operational, financial and budgetary controls. A new finance sub-committee has been formed.

Questions - Sue Cockman asked why the club spent money on an interior designer when the club was in debt. Rollo Wright responded it was a relatively small investment against the cost of redevelopment and was focused on the display of heritage items.

3. Adoption of the Financial Statements

Motion: To adopt the financial statements of 2023/2024 as presented today.

Proposer: Andrew Scott

Secunder: Graham Cunningham

Motion Carried

4. Election of Auditors

Motion: To re-elect Accru as auditors for the 2024/25 financial year.

Proposer: Andrew Scott

Secunder: Mark Klemens

Motion Carried

5. Honorary Life Member

James Mighell moved a motion that Jos Law become an honorary life member of the SSCBC. He spoke warmly of her long association with the club; her care and encouragement of young members; and her creation of unique trophies treasured by sailors at home and around the world.

Proposer – James Mighell

Secunder - Richard Hurley
Motion Carried

6. Presentation to 50-year members

Commodore Georgie Silverwood announced the Committee would begin honouring those who had been a member of the Club for 50 or more years. She acknowledged their contribution and passion for the Club, and asked those present to come forward to receive their 50-year pin.

- Greg Chisholm
- Kay Christian
- Sue Cockman
- David George
- James Gibson
- Paul Gulliver
- Sally Hannah
- Darryn Hartnett
- Kerry Hartnett (recently deceased)
- Leonie Hartnett
- Elizabeth Hoyle
- Richard Hurley
- David Long
- Pat Long
- Ross McAllan
- Bob McDonald
- Donna Osbourne
- John Phillingham
- Alice Richards
- John Riley
- Duncan Scott
- Ralph Wilson Snr
- Ralph Wilson Jnr
- Annie Moffat
- Ruth Golings

7. Election of Officers and Ordinary Members of the Committee

Commodore Georgie Silverwood announced the number of applications for Committee positions equalled the number of vacancies and therefore no election was required.

- Commodore Georgie Silverwood retired under rule 54 and a nomination was received for Scott Llewelyn for the Commodore role
- Scott Llewelyn stepped down as Vice Commodore and a nomination was received for Howard Critchley for the Vice Commodore role.

- Mark Klemens retired as Rear Commodore under rule 54 and a nomination was received for Richard Martin for the Rear Commodore role.
- Treasurer Andrew Scott retired under Rule 54 and stood for re-election.
- Secretary Tim Collett retired under Rule 54 and stood for re-election.
- As per the rules the Committee consists of 3-5 Ordinary Members. Deb Kwasnicki, Howard Critchley and Richard Martin retired by rotation under rule 52.1. Deb Kwasnicki stood for re-election. Jessica Hansen is continuing and does not need to stand for re-election. Rollo Wright is retiring and does not wish to stand for re-election. Alison Kitchen, Philip Bainbridge and Ken Vaughan were nominated.

Commodore Georgie Silverwood introduced the new Committee:

Commodore:	Scott Llewelyn
Vice Commodore:	Howard Critchley
Rear Commodore:	Richard Martin
Treasurer:	Andrew Scott
Secretary:	Tim Collett
Club Captain:	Harry Mighell*

Committee:	Jessica Hansen
	Deb Kwasnicki
	Ken Vaughan
	Alison Kitchen
	Phillip Bainbridge

Commodore Scott Llewelyn assumed the Chair; thanked members for their support; acknowledged the leadership of Georgie Silverwood through three challenging years; talked to the history of the club; and spoke of an exciting year ahead.

*Harry Mighell was re-appointed as Club Captain by Committee immediately after the AGM.

8. General Business

- Sally Law asked why Cousta Boat owners had to pay a \$450 season race entry fee and suggested this be reduced. Another option would be a rebate for boats used in the KPMG event. Scott Llewelyn said it would be considered by the Committee.
- Member asked about cars parking in the handicapped zones. Scott Llewelyn said the club would continue to monitor and manage.

9. Conclusion

Commodore Scott Llewelyn announced the business of the meeting had been completed. The meeting was declared closed at 11.10am.