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Minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Brighton Yacht Club of Victoria on Wednesday 5^h October 2016 at 20:00 hrs

Approximately 45 members (including partners in family memberships) and 10 members of the Committee were in attendance.

1. *Notice Convening the Meeting*

In accordance with the rules, notice of this meeting was first given on 22nd August, more than 21 days ahead of the AGM and details of the business were sent out on 12th September, more than 7 days ahead.

2. *Apologies*

36 apologies were received prior to or at the meeting and were listed on an apology sheet.

3. *Obituaries*

Commodore Mooney reported with sadness that there have been a number of deaths during the past year. Past member Russel Evans died in December 2015. Past Commodore Ian Watson and Past Commodore Michael Bowe died in August, and past member Barry Purcell died in September this year. Commodore Mooney also expressed condolences to member Rob Hurrell on the sad loss of his wife. Members present were not aware of any other deaths of Club members.

Members stood for a minute's silence in remembrance.

4. *Confirmation of Minutes*

The minutes of the 53rd AGM in October 2015 were noted as having been posted on the website since November 2015 and copies were made available at the meeting.

Motion: that the minutes of the 53rd AGM be accepted.

Moved: Chris Laker **Seconded:** Michael Ackland

For: approximately 45 voting members present plus 22 valid proxies **Against:** Nil

Resolved: in the affirmative.

5. *Commodore's Report*

Acknowledgements

Commodore John Mooney started his report by acknowledging the tremendous support he had received over the previous year from Vice Commodore Richard Lowe and Rear Commodore Chris Laker. He also thanked Honorary Secretary Peter Stow, Club Captain Michael Phelan, Honorary Treasurer Sandy Hancock and Committee Members Alan Farman,

Doug Curlewis, Michael Ackland and Annie James. He commented that it was a great pleasure to work with a group of people who were so willing to give up their time for the benefit of the Club.

He gave special thanks to Judy Hodgkins who had single-handedly and very successfully resurrected the Prawn and Oyster Luncheon on New Year's Day this year. He acknowledged her enthusiasm and willingness to lead the event again in 2017.

Thanks were also expressed to Alan and Margot Farman for their continued commitment to the Club and to Brendon Lee for his ongoing contribution to building and maintenance work.

Sailing Activities

There has been a renewed interest in sailing activities at QCYC thanks to the efforts of Club Captain Michael Phelan. Members are encouraged to enter the Goorangai Race the day before Opening Day. Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron has reinstated the Petersville Regatta and it is hoped that there will be synergy with the Queenscliff Cup in early January 2017. Plans for the Bass Strait Cruise 2017 are also well underway and expressions of interest are called for.

Membership

Last year the Club introduced discounted family membership. This has given rise to a substantial increase in ladies becoming members in their own right. It is hoped that this trend continues. Last year Doug Curlewis pleaded with members to bring a new member to the Club. Thank you to those who have done so and a big cheer to Jim Richardson who has easily taken out the Recruiting Prize.

Social Activities

Our main social activities are Opening Day, New Year's Prawn and Oyster Luncheon and Christmas in July. Many thanks were again expressed to Judy Hodgkins for leading the way in the return of the Prawn and Oyster Luncheon. Judy has again volunteered to organise the event for 2017 and will need the support of other members. Thanks was also given to Nicole Lichter for her impassioned speech at last year's AGM that led to the purchase of sun-loungers for the clubhouse. Thanks were expressed to all those who had contributed to Cottage by the Sea.

Caps and other Club apparel have been ordered and should be available in late November/December in time for the busy season.

Governance

It has been apparent that the obligation under the Licencing Laws to sign-in guests has been somewhat tardy. There is a new book located in the foyer and members are requested to make sure that their guests are signed into the book. This includes spouses of members.

Lease

The Lease currently under negotiation is regarded as onerous to the Club and, hopefully, not the best deal that the Club is able to secure. The Committee has sought assistance from our local State Member and will continue to attempt to secure better terms.

Expenditure Policy

The Committee has taken the approach of not undertaking Capital Works until the Lease negotiations are finalised and there is security of tenure.

Website

John reminded members to visit the Club website, and thanked Peter Stow for his tireless work in maintaining the site and keeping it topical and up to date. Articles from members are always welcomed.

Wharfage payments

The wharfage system, with simplified charges, and the TryBooking payment system have both been a great success and have greatly decreased the amount of clerical work. Admiration was

expressed for the hard work of Jonathan Crockett and previous Club Secretaries in collating and handling wharfage income in the past.

Bar, RSA and Payment Facilities

It has been pleasing to see that a number of members recently undertook the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course and that more and more members are involved in running the bar. Sam Davis was thanked for his diligent research of the options for EFTPOS facilities at the bar, which will soon be functional.

The Future

The future of the Club depends on the activities of members. At QCYC there is no recurring income from permanent sources. With an additional 80 metres of waterfront being offered in the new lease, future Committees may wish to consider investing in infrastructure such as a mini-marina that might provide recurring income for the Club.

6. Vice Commodore's Report

Vice Commodore Richard Lowe outlined the Lease negotiations with Parks Victoria, using three graphics to illustrate the lease area. The existing lease expired on March 31st 2016 with a cost to the Club of \$12,000 pa. However, \$8,000 of that sum was offset in recognition of the cost of providing access to contractors, giving a net cost to the Club of \$4,000 pa.

The berthing area was not previously part of the Lease agreement but Parks Victoria is now offering a Lease that includes both land and sea areas. The Committee is in the process of negotiating the cost for each area. It had proposed a sum of \$24,000 pa, with an offset of \$16,000, giving a net cost to the Club for the new lease of \$8,000 pa.

However, the net fee currently proposed by Parks Victoria is \$17,000 pa net. The Committee is in the process of negotiating on the basis that, due to restricted access to the clubhouse and facilities, the proposed cost of leasing the land is excessive and that the Club should also continue to be granted a significant offset. A meeting has been held with Lisa Neville MP who has been supportive. The Committee is hoping to have a further response from Parks Victoria in the next few weeks.

Past Commodore Jeff Gray questioned the duration of the lease, to which the reply was 21 years. He commented that the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria had a 60 year lease, but with a commitment to spend considerable sums of money on a marina.

The numbers of berths available on potential wharf fingers and the availability of electricity was questioned. It is likely to be 24 berths, with the supply of electricity to be explored at the time.

Motion: that the Reports by the Commodore and Vice Commodore be accepted.

Moved: Jeff Gray **Seconded:** Ross Anderson

For: approximately 45 voting members present plus 22 valid proxies **Against:** Nil

Resolved: in the affirmative.

Presentation of the 2015 Club Person of the Year.

Past Commodore Roger Bennett had introduced this initiative. This year's award goes to local couple Sam Davis and Glenda Fowler. Sam and Glenda sail 'Don Pedro' from Queenscliff and have been stalwarts at manning and organising the bar over the past year. In particular, Sam has updated many bar procedures and explored options for the new EFTPOS facility and programming of the new till, as well as quietly carrying out many other tasks around the Club. Sam and Glenda are truly worthy recipients and there was warm applause at the announcement of the award.

7. Wharf Management Committee Report

Doug Curlewis, Chairman of the Wharf Management Committee (WMC), began his report by commenting that the wharves are the Club's most important and vulnerable assets. He

described the constitution of the WMC, commenting that Rex Prosser has been a huge contributor to the wharf structure for some time.

The WMC has recently reviewed the strategy for the maintenance of the wharf. In the past, Siri Gunawardana had produced a report recommending a preventative maintenance approach with high capital requirements (\$105,000 pa for a number of years). However, the WMC had considered an alternative strategy of replacement before failure. This strategy would depend on appropriate and accurate triggers to identify potential failure. It therefore requires the best consultant advice and discussion of the most suited providers for this task is currently underway.

In pursuing this strategy, Doug proposed that it would be vital to put aside funds for a reserve fund, equivalent to \$100,000 pa at current valuation.

Motion: that the Wharf Management Committee Report be accepted.

Moved: Michael Ackland **Seconded:** Jonathan Crockett

For: approximately 45 voting members present plus 22 valid proxies **Against:** Nil

Resolved: in the affirmative.

In discussing the report, Ross Anderson commented that the cost of an expert would be high, and questioned whether there was a member of the Club who might provide the service at lower cost. In reply Doug Curlewis commented that this was a tricky technical area and that, although Past Commodore Brian Cherry had provided some invaluable expertise in the past, the Club needed the best possible advice. A quote of \$22,000 had been received. However, the provider will not be commissioned at present, with the WMC instead concentrating on the south wharf piles.

8. Treasurer's Report

Honorary Treasurer Sandy Hancock presented his report (audited report attached to these minutes) with the help of slides summarising the accounts.

He summarised the accounts and commented that there had been consistency in income and expenditure with income being steady and reliable, and expenditure explicable. In particular, wharfage income had been good since the adoption of payment via TryBooking and bar income had also been steady. The result was a cash profit of \$77,000 to \$89,000 over the past 3 years providing a good reserve that might provide a foundation for the reserve fund proposed by the Wharf Management Committee. The General Committee was also considering placing some funds in an investment account.

Motions 1 and 2 attached to the agenda were then put to the meeting:

Motion 1: that the Application Fee, Joining Fee, the Boat Register Joining Fee, the annual Boat Register Fee and Subscriptions for each category of membership be adjusted for the 2017-2018 financial year as listed in the Notice of Meeting.

Moved: Sandy Hancock **Seconded:** Karen Stow

For: approximately 45 voting members present plus 22 valid proxies **Against:** Nil

Resolved: in the affirmative.

Motion 2: that the financial statements for 2015-2016 attached to the Form 1 certificate in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 be accepted.

Moved: Sandy Hancock **Seconded:** Michael Ackland

For: approximately 45 voting members present plus 22 valid proxies **Against:** Nil

Resolved: in the affirmative.

9. *Election of Office Bearers and General Committee*

The Commodore announced that Nominations received have been:

Commodore: John Mooney
Vice Commodore: Richard Lowe
Rear Commodore: Chris Laker
Hon. Treasurer: Sandy Hancock
Hon. Secretary: Peter Stow

Members of the General Committee:
Michael Ackland
Doug Curlewis
Alan Farman
Annie James
Michael Phelan

As the number of nominations for Officers and General Committee Members does not exceed the positions available, an election was not held and the Commodore declared these members duly elected. There was warm applause from the members present.

10. *Rule Change*

The Commodore invited Honorary Secretary Peter Stow to outline the proposed change to the Club Rules and the background reasoning.

Peter Stow spoke to a slide summarising the need for change Rule 5.3.6 (definition of family membership).

The Honorary Secretary then put Motion 3 to change Rule 5.3.6 to the meeting.

Moved: Richard Lowe **Seconded:** Annie James
For: approximately 45 voting members present plus 22 valid proxies **Against:** Nil
Resolved: in the affirmative.

11. *Appointment of Honorary Solicitor:*

Commodore Mooney advised that Andrew Green has agreed to remain as Honorary Solicitor for one more year.

Motion: that Andrew Green be re-appointed as Honorary Solicitor.
Moved: Doug Curlewis **Seconded:** Jonathan Crockett
For: approximately 45 voting members present plus 22 valid proxies **Against:** Nil
Resolved: in the affirmative.

12. *Next AGM*

Motion: that the next AGM be held on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club at 20.00 hrs.

Moved: John Mooney **Seconded:** Jonathan Crockett
For: approximately 45 voting members present plus 22 valid proxies **Against:** Nil
Resolved: in the affirmative.

13. General Business

Commodore Mooney asked Members present if there were any matters of general business they wished to raise.

Member Susan Gray commented on the cost of Club insurance and the importance of obtaining properly paid consultant advice on the wharf structure. Susan questioned the size of the excess payable. The figure was not at hand and the Hon Secretary agreed to advise.

Christiana McIntosh enquired about bookings for a planned evening on the Blues Train. In response, it was noted that this was not a Club event and that bookings should be made direct to the Blues Train. Christiana also commented that Judy Hodgkins was seeking assistance with the Prawn and Oyster luncheon on January 1st 2017.

Brendon Kruger queried the depth of water alongside the wharf. In response, Doug Curlewis explained that the Club had undertaken a series of depth soundings that had showed that there are some very shallow spots. There was discussion about who should be liable for dredging. Parks Victoria has previously acknowledged responsibility for the fairway, which was currently of adequate depth, but not the water at the wharf. Brendon asked if it was possible to mark shallow spots with marker paint on the wharf. John Mooney said that this had been proposed in the past and was under consideration. Michael Ackland asked about the effect of proposed fingers on further siltage. There was also a question on whether the lease of the seabed and any proposed extension would ensure that the dredging of the berthing area the Club's responsibility.

14. Closing Remarks

In closing the meeting, Commodore Mooney thanked all Members attending and invited them for refreshments in the Bar.

Meeting finished: 21:00

Attachments:

Details of Motion 1 (Fees)

Audited financial statements for 2015-2016

Signed: _____

John Mooney, Commodore

Motion 1:

That from 1st July 2017 the Application Fee, Joining Fee, the Boat Register Joining Fee, the annual Boat Register Fee and Subscription for each category of membership (inclusive of GST) be confirmed as listed:

| Annual Subscription | Current 1 July 2016 | Proposed 1 July 2017 |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Senior Member | \$210.00 | \$220.00 |
| Forty Year Member | \$210.00 | Not applicable |
| Disabled Member Concession | \$70.00 | \$70.00 |
| Intermediate Member (age 18 to 29) | \$65.00 | \$70.00 |
| Honorary Member | Nil | Nil |
| Honorary Life Member | Nil | Nil |
| Family Member (per Family) | \$260.00 | \$275.00 |
| Absentee Member | \$125.00 | \$125.00 |
| Emeritus Senior Member | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Senior Emeritus Member Plus Family | \$250.00 | \$155.00 |
| Non-Member Causeway User & Dinghy Storage (both) | \$70.00 | \$75.00 |
| Gold 10 Year Senior Membership | N/A | no new |
| Gold 10 Year Family Membership | N/A | no new |
| Joining Fee | Current | Proposed |
| Junior / Student Member | N/A | N/A |
| Senior Member | \$220.00 | \$225.00 |
| Family Member (per Family) | \$275.00 | \$280.00 |
| Intermediate Member (nil if transfer from family) | \$70.00 | \$70.00 |
| Boat Register | Current | Proposed |
| Boat Joining Fee | \$190.00 | \$200.00 |
| Annual Boat Registration Fee (includes dinghy storage) | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Boat Joining Fee for Intermediate Member | \$60.00 | \$60.00 |
| Dinghy Registration Fee (Member) | Nil | Nil |
| Application Fee | | |
| Application Fee | Nil | Nil |

Motion 2:

that the financial statements for 2015-2016 attached to the Form 1 certificate in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 be accepted