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QUEENSCLIFFE CRUISING YACHT CLUB INC.
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**Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting held at Royal Yacht Club of Victoria
on Tuesday 2nd October 2012 at 8:00pm**

PRESENT: Commodore Brian Golland, Vice Commodore Roger Bennett, Rear Commodore Naomi Wilbraham, Hon. Treasurer James Ide, Hon. Secretary Jonathan Crockett, Committee: Mal Billings, Brian Phillips, Bill Stubbs, Sheryl Gray and approximately 30 Members including 21 on the Attendance Sheet.

1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING:

That the notices convening the 50th Annual General Meeting as circulated on 28th August 2012, 15 September 2012 and 22 September 2012 be confirmed.

Moved: J. Crockett **Seconded** A. Sederof

Resolved: by show of hands

2. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from: Committee Members: Phil Lack, Peter Geary, Noel Essex, and from 20 Members as recorded on the Apology Sheet.

3. OBITUARIES:

The Commodore reported the death of Member Doris Little. Members observed a minutes silence as a mark of respect and appreciated her company and service to the Club.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting held at Royal Yacht Club of Victoria on Tuesday 4th October 2011 (circulated to Members on 21st September 2011) and as tabled at this meeting were confirmed.

Moved: J. Crockett **Seconded** S. Gray

Resolved: by show of hands

5. COMMODORE AND SUB-COMMITTEES' ANNUAL REPORT:

Thank you all for attending here tonight for our 50th Annual General Meeting. I am happy and honoured to report on our past year of Club operations.

Coming to office this time last year was a very humbling experience and it is certainly a privilege to lead a Club with such history and pride of place in Victorian yachting. This year as always has been busy and much has transpired, and indeed been achieved, by the Flag Officers, Committee and Members. My personal thanks and gratitude to all Committee Members for fabulous support as they took on all the tasks we were challenged with and came up trumps in every instance.

Opening Day 2011-12

Opening Day last year proved to be up to its usual best and we did ourselves very proud with maintaining our large number of special visitors and guests. Father Peter Martin, our very own local clergyman, always uses the occasion to highlight experiences and bring us back to earth,

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with his profound insights into a combination of celebration and remembrance around the Goorangai, local history and relevance of our heritage in sailing and boating.

Unfortunately we did not have the presence of Captain Mark Hill, our Patron from HMAS Cerberus as he was in transit toward his next post in Afghanistan, but we delighted in hearing Cerberus' Chaplain, Barry Porter, who stood in Capt. Hill's stead drawing on his own experiences whilst relating the prepared opening day oration of Capt. Hill to us.

Our local Maritime Museum representative Les Dusting provided a distinct service to us by firing his small cannon as Chaplain Porter broke the flag for opening of the season.

Christmas and New year Celebrations

Again last year we celebrated Christmas and New Year in style at the Club with a full house and wharf of Members and visitors including the usual "Prawns & Oysters" on New Year's Day. And we can expect an overflowing Club again this year if we can sort out a break in the weather. The Committee thanks all who contributed to our favourite time during the holiday period.

Christmas in July and mid-year celebration

For all of the Members and friends who attended, this annual celebration in July was a big and boisterous turn-out. 120 worked their way through a lovely roast and traditional pudding amongst the insane frivolities brought on by Bill and Gill Stubbs supported by a host of Committee persons and their partners who rose to the occasion to manage the decorations and pre-celebration upstairs. Well done to all.

The Club overall in 2011-12

All who have visited the Club in the past year will have seen and understood the development initiatives we are undertaking in and around this special place in our lives.

Financially, through our good Treasurer, James Ide, you will see that we are in good shape and continue to focus on balancing good amenities, Members' activities and a community of active sailors.

We continue to grow and whilst we may be in difficult times with restricting time pressures, the Club and Members have served us well. Individual visits to the Club by Members has increased from near 1700 wharf -boat days to almost 1800 days in the past twelve months. Additionally we have seen an increase in visitors attending with and alongside Members from 460 to almost 700 in the same period.

The Club Property

Our property continues to be landscaped and looked after continuously with many indigenous plantings growing prolifically, especially thanks to the wet weather we have experienced.

The causeway road has been topped, graded and rolled a number of times. With a contribution by Elstone Diving of timbers from the Hastings Wharf refurbishment, it has been lined to the east with a garden bed to assist in holding the gravel and to provide a slope for drainage to prevent potholes and minimise erosion by Swan Bay tides.

The northern area of bush was cleaned up late last year and we have seen the benefit of new growth, light penetration and more visible bird life, making the bush a delight to walk through.

Our car parking to the north of the Clubhouse has been expanded a little to allow for more and easier use by Members accessing dinghies and attending to boats on moorings as well as alongside the wharf. Car parking to the south of the building is now opened up slightly and will be more easily managed when we have busy periods such as Opening Day or Christmas in July.

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With the access road now to the east of the Clubhouse, improved traffic movement and drop off points for persons from vehicles has given us an openness we see at the front of the Club with grass/lawn between the wharf and buildings.

Major projects and Sub-Committees

Much of our concentration this past year has been on two major project issues:

1. Firstly we have a Sub-Committee, under the management of Vice Commodore Roger Bennett, working on the 50th Year Celebrations which start with opening day this year and will be commemorated through January and through July next year ending on opening day 2013. Alongside this group and working very hard is Betty Morrison who has taken on the task of interviewing past Commodores and families to research our 50 years in ten year blocks. Betty has lent on much of the past accumulated writings and research handed across to her by Ron Davies. We expect that this will provide us with information to celebrate our half century of experiences, and some people to speak during the functions we will hold in 2013.
2. Secondly we have a Sub-Committee, again under the management of Vice Commodore Roger Bennett, taking on the role of Building and Infrastructure which has taken an overall view of the Club house and its immediate surrounds toward a planned three year renovation of the fabric of the lounge, dining and recreational facilities. We expect this group to come up with a fairly comprehensive but annually managed plan to budget our way through ensuing improvements that will have longevity and allow us to expand for our larger visitations over holidays and special celebrations. The plans will be circulated as soon as possible so you as Members can see the vision and understand the expected outcomes.

Wharf Upgrades

Our wharf, as our major asset, continues to be targeted for expenditure on an annual basis to ensure it is maintained with purpose and to current standards for the load and use we put upon it. This year we have seen anodes replaced on the southern wharf together with toe rails being installed courtesy of a mini working bee in the middle of winter....yes it rained during the efforts of our volunteers.

The Committee has a plan that will provide upgrades to the northern wharf with replacement of the decking and supporting structure in the next eighteen months. We are already working on accumulating necessary materials and this is in the hands of our honorary life Member Rex Prosser along with many volunteers who will assist.

Our Bar and Upstairs Lounge

Our upstairs bar area chairs are being reupholstered as we speak and will be ready for opening day courtesy of our Committee Member Sheryl Gray and husband Paul who work in the business. If you are in Queenscliff on Friday afternoons please join the regular and growing Friday Night Sundowners Club at the Club from 4pm and enjoy the last part of the week and the sunset.

Cruising Group

Our end of year cruising last year did not get out of the starting blocks with our friend "Hughie" providing poor weather even though our Cruising Committee person in Mal Billings was keen to give it a go. However, Mal was able to manage a few events. First the Goorangai race from Brighton before Opening Day for which the weather did not do us any favours as those who raced will attest. The November Cup weekend was a great success although we did have some challenging weather on Saturday. The dinner at Royal Geelong Yacht Club had almost 60 Members and friends attend with a number of highlights to make it a place to be this year. Mal has it organised again for this coming November. Our Easter cruise to St Leonard's worked

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extremely well and we now have our good friends at St. Leonard's Yacht Club looking after us and providing all amenities in a great relationship which will strengthen with further visits and exchanges.

And as always there were reciprocal visits between the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron and Queenscliff, and we saw visits from Royal Geelong Yacht Club for The RGYC Murray McAllister Perpetual Trophy, Royal Yacht Club of Victoria for the annual Phoenix Trophy Race, Royal Brighton Yacht Club at the end of the Alan Robinson Race and the Sandringham Yacht Club as part of their Benito's Treasure Race.

Incidents

Just a quick word on incidents around QCYC in the past year:

We all know about Jeff Dusting and the unfortunate Port Fairy race outcome of his and Sarah's yacht "Inception" and "TryBooking.com" remarkably saving the day resulting in a very fortunate and lifesaving outcome last Easter. I have the ORCV report on the incident which is well worth reading and I will leave this at the Club for anyone interested to read. Additionally one of our other Members in Bruce and Sharon Rodwell took a journey to Flinders Island approximately six weeks earlier and in unfortunate circumstances lost their beloved "Andiamo" in a ferocious storm but again this was a feel good story in terms of survival. These are but two stories of experiences which our Members have in the name of cruising and it does alert us as to what may happen and sharpen our awareness for our own behavior.

Working Bees

One of the things that is a standout for all of us is the encouragement we get from all those of our Members who turn up for working bees. There are only a couple a year and certainly the big one is coming up before Opening Day which will see the place turn into a social occasion over a BBQ to finish off. Many people see this as a once off to join with many old friends and have done so for many years. A tribute to all of us and volunteerism!

Orientation Days

The special orientation days continue to be a popular way we introduce new Members to the ins and outs of QCYC when we explain all the incidental items alongside the rules and regulations that govern our Club and attest to volunteerism as mentioned above. On each occasion we see somewhere near 20 plus new Members and their families attend and enjoy a BBQ lunch with us.

Defibrillator Grant

Late last year the Club applied successfully for a grant through local group QPLCE (Queenscliff Point Lonsdale Community Enterprise) for partial funding of a defibrillator for the Clubhouse. This unit was installed just prior to Christmas and whilst, thank goodness, it has yet to be used...we are very thankful for its placement for our use if need be!

Newsletters and our Website

Again during this past twelve months we have authored a number of newsletters with topical information to make Members aware of the goings on around the Club. As well as sending a number by "snail mail" we are regularly publicising our activities and news about the Club through our website. The Committee thanks our immediate past Commodore Ken Gayler for keeping in touch and maintaining the website as Webmaster. This is important to us and hopefully to all Members in having information in one easily accessible spot without all that paper going around. I hope you enjoy and read it with interest.

Liquor Licence Changes

This year we took it upon ourselves to review the "red line" of our licence under the guidance of our Honorary Secretary, Jonathan, who took this to the Borough of Queenscliffe. We are about to submit our final proposals to the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation and,

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if successful, we will increase the red line area to include the lawns as well as the Clubhouse to ensure we can safely and effectively manage this part of our responsibilities.

Our Rules and By-Laws updated

As you will see as part of our agenda tonight our Honorary Secretary Jonathan has overseen a review of this part of our governance during the past few months and effectively brought these documents into line with the model document as well as some changes which he will outline in a short while. The Committee's thanks to Jonathan for his work in this area. Additionally during the past year we have taken on the opportunity to update our policies which are published on our Website and provide us with distinct advantages when we discuss issues with our landlords in Parks Victoria and Dept of Sustainability & Environment and with the Borough of Queenscliffe and insurers to name but a few.

In Conclusion

In a word this was a good year and thanks to all Members, friends and families who stood together to make the year that was at QCYC such a good one even as a prelude to our 50th year coming up. Volunteerism is alive and well at QCYC in its absolutely unique position at the bottom of the bay!

Thank You.

Brian Golland - Commodore

6. REPORT ON YACHTING AUSTRALIA AFFILIATION:

The Commodore reported on correspondence and meeting with Yachting Victoria over recent months. The objective has been to negotiate a lesser annual affiliation fee (currently \$4253). In the Club's view YV did not provide promised benefits from rejoining including access to a comprehensive database for Club membership management and help on ensuring we are in a position to re-negotiate our lease. The Club wrote to YV in January 2012, met with the YV CEO at the Club in August and wrote again after this meeting. The Commodore has also had email correspondence and phone discussions with the CEO since then. So far YV has not accepted the Club's view that the current affiliation fee is excessive. The Committee agrees that if a lower fee cannot be negotiated then QCYC should cease its affiliation with YV. The Commodore will keep members informed on progress and suggested that any discussion at this AGM should be during General Business.

7. MOTION ON NOTICE:

MOTION 1:

The Commodore invited the Hon. Secretary to introduce changes to the Rules. The Hon. Secretary asked Members present to indicate if they were prepared to pass the Motion without further presentation or discussion and the majority indicated they would. However, as some Members present wished to hear some explanation of the Changes the Rear Commodore proposed that the Secretary should provide a brief explanation of the need for and nature of the changes.

The Hon. Secretary spoke briefly to the explanatory notes in support of the Motion that had been provided to all members prior to and at the meeting. He then thanked the Club's Honorary Solicitor for his considerable assistance and advice in drafting the changes to the Rules, thanked the Flag Officers for their assistance and then invited comments.

Member Ken Gayler stated that he supported Intermediate Membership. Member Rex Prosser asked what Honorary Members would pay for overnight visits to the Club and stressed the need for limiting the rights of any Honorary Members. The Commodore commented that the Wharf Management Plan and By-Laws will need to make it clear that Honorary Members made for the purpose of allowing bona-fide boating visitors to use the club unaccompanied have very limited rights.

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Motion 1 was then put to the Meeting.

Motion 1 – that the Rules of the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club be varied as follows in Motion 1.1 to Motion 1.23:

Motion 1.1

The words: “Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act (1981) Victoria” be added to the cover page

Motion 1.2

In Clause 1 the words: ‘(in these rules called “The Association”)’ be altered to read: ‘(in these Rules called “the Club”)’;

delete the second line in Clause 2 (i) which currently reads ‘ “Association” means Club and vice versa ’ ;

throughout the Rules change reference to “The Association” to “the Club” and

in the definitions in Clause 2 (i) delete the word “Special” from the definition “Special General Meeting means a meeting of members convened in accordance with the Rules”

Motion 1.3

Throughout the Rules replace “Hon.” with “Honorary” and “rules” with “Rules”;

replace “member” and “members” with “Member” and “Members” respectively when referring to Members of the Club and

replace “Constitution” with “Rules” throughout the Rules.

Motion 1.4

In Clause 2 (i) delete “The” in front of “Regulations”

Motion 1.5

In Clause 3 change the heading “Objects” to “Statement of Purposes”;

change the word “objects” in line one to “purposes” and

add to the end of this Clause the words: “including the provision of facilities to assist members in the sport and including the running of associated social activities.”

Motion 1.6

Add after (b) in Clause 5 add the words: “Senior Members being”;

Move” (i) Senior Members” to the next line to be the start of the list;

add to Clause 5 (i) (b) (iii) the words “and Absentee Members”;

add to Clause 5 (i) (b) “(vi) Honorary Life Members” and “(vii) Family Members” ;

delete 5 (i) “(e) Honorary Life Members”;

delete 5 (i) (f) “Family Members”;

delete 5 (i) “(h) Absentee Members” and

renumber list as 5 (i) (c) to (g) after these changes and the after the changes in Motion 1.7.

Motion 1.7

Add after Clause 5 (i) (c) a new grade of member: “5 (i) (d) Intermediate Members”;

move Clauses 5 (ii) (h to k) to a new Clause 5 (iii) (see Motion 1.13);

add the following words as Clause 5 (ii) (d) “Intermediate Members shall consist of persons between the age of 19 and 29 duly elected and their annual subscription, application fee and joining fee shall each be one third of the annual subscription, application fee and joining fee for Senior Members. Intermediate members shall have all the rights of a Senior Member except the right to vote at a General Meeting.”

Motion 1.8

In Clause 5 (ii) (a) second line add the words “club which preceded the” before the word Club;

delete the full stop at the end of Clause 5 (ii) (a) and add the words: “and shall have all the rights of a Senior Member including the right to vote at a General Meeting.”;

add after (b) in Clause 5 (ii) (b) the words “Classes of Senior Members” and move “(i) Senior Members shall consist...” to the next line;

add after the words: “Senior Concessional” in Clause 5 (ii) (b) (iii) the words: “or Absentee”;

add to Clause 5 (ii) (b) (v) after the words “Forty Year Members” the words: “Senior Concessional or Absentee Members, Senior Emeritus Members”;

move the words (which define Honorary Life Members and Family Membership) in Clauses 5 (ii) (e) and (f) into Clause 5 (ii) (b) and renumber them as (vi) and (vii).

Motion 1.9

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In the current Clause 5 (ii) (l) change the word "Club" to "association or club" and the word "Clubs" to "associations or clubs" and renumber this clause 5(ii) (g)

Motion 1.10

Add to Clause 5 (ii) (c) the words: "Junior Members shall have all the rights of a Senior Member except the right to vote at a General Meeting."

Motion 1.11

Replace the current Clause 5 (ii) (d) which reads:

"A member of a recognised Yacht Club, Class Association or a Member of the Australian Armed Services may be elected an Honorary Member by the Committee, such member shall not be entitled to vote at General Meeting. The duration of the appointment shall not exceed six months. The appointment may be terminated at any time by the Committee."

with the following (where important changed and added words are in bold type to highlight the nature of the changes only):

"**Honorary Members shall consist only of such** members of a recognised Yacht Association or Class Association, **members of the Police Force**, members of the Australian Armed Services **or persons who arrive at the Club's premises by boat who are approved by a member of the Committee. Such Member shall be entitled to all of the privileges of the Club** except voting at a meeting, **nomination of a candidate for membership or Office, holding any Office or having a boat registered in the Register of Boats.** The duration of the appointment shall not exceed **twelve** months. The appointment may be terminated at any time by **any member** of the Committee." and renumber as (e)

Motion 1.12

Add to the current Clause 5 (ii) (g) (which will be renumbered from (g) to (f)):

"(v) The Commanding Officer of HMAS Cerberus or the most senior officer of the Australian Navy stationed in Victoria who shall be invited to be the Club Patron."

Motion 1.13

Replace Clauses 5 (ii) (h) to (k) which read:

"(h) Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club, but shall not be liable to pay any subscription.

- (i) Honorary Life Members shall only be removed from the category of Honorary Life Membership upon the recommendation of the Committee confirmed by a resolution passed with a majority of votes at a properly constituted General or Special Meeting of Members.
- (j) **The number of Foundation and Senior Members shall be limited to four hundred provided however that Junior Members eligible to become Senior Members shall not be precluded from Senior Membership by the limit of 500.**
- (k) An Absentee Member shall be a Senior Member who, having been a Senior Member for a period of over three (3) years, becomes resident outside the State of Victoria and remains outside the State for a period of not less than (1) year.

Application for Absentee Membership shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

In addition when an Absentee Member resumes residence in the State of Victoria that member shall resume full membership and pay pro-rata subscription within one (1) month of resuming Victorian residence.

- (i) Absentee Members shall be retained on the Register for a period of five (5) years unless application is received for an extension of this period.
- (ii) Absentee Members shall be charged a reduced subscription which will entitle them to receive copies of Newsletters but will not entitle them to voting rights."

where words in bold have been deleted

with a new Clause 5 (iii) where new words introduced are in bold for clarity only reading:

"(iii) Incidents of Membership

- (a) **Senior Members shall be entitled to all of the privileges of the Club.**
- (b) Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Club, but shall not be liable to pay any subscription.
- (c) **Foundation Members and Senior Members shall comprise at least 60% of the membership of the Club.**
- (d) Honorary Life Members shall only be removed from the category of Honorary Life Membership upon the recommendation of the Committee confirmed by a resolution passed with a majority of votes at a properly constituted General or Special Meeting of Members.
- (e) The number of Senior Members including Family Memberships where one Family Membership is counted as one individual Member shall be limited to 500 provided however that Junior Members eligible to become Senior Members shall not be precluded from Senior Membership by the limit of 500.

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- (f) An Absentee Member shall be a Senior Member who, having been a Senior Member for a period of over three (3) years, becomes resident outside the State of Victoria and remains outside the State for a period of not less than (1) year. Application for Absentee Membership shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary. In addition when an Absentee Member resumes residence in the State of Victoria that member shall resume full membership and pay pro-rata subscription within one (1) month of resuming Victorian residence.
- (i) Absentee Members shall be retained on the Register for a period of five (5) years unless application is received for an extension of this period.
- (ii) Absentee Members shall be charged a reduced subscription which will entitle them to receive copies of Newsletters but will not entitle them to voting rights.
- (g) **No visitors shall be allowed on the Club premises unless introduced and accompanied by a Foundation Member or a Senior Member who shall remain with and be responsible for such visitor until the latter leaves the premises, and shall not be supplied with liquor in the Club premises unless in the company of a Member of the Club.**
- (h) **A visitor being introduced to the Club is to have his/her name immediately entered in the Wharfage Book or the Visitors' Book by the Member introducing such visitor with the date of arrival and the Member's name. If staying aboard a boat overnight the date of departure shall also be entered in the Wharfage Book."**

noting that (g) and (h) are currently incorrectly included as Clauses 31 (vii) (a) and (b) under "Finance" from which they shall be deleted.

Motion 1.14

Change the current wording in Clause 6 which is:

- "(i) Every candidate for Senior or Junior Membership shall be proposed by a Senior Member, a Forty-Year Member, a Senior Emeritus Member, a Family Member, a Gold 10 Year Member, a Foundation Member, or an Honorary Life Member, who shall apply to the Honorary Secretary for a Nomination form.
- (ii) Such application in writing shall give the full name, address, age if under 18 years, occupation of the candidate, and any other information the applicant may wish to provide to the Committee. Such application shall be accompanied by a fee set by the General Meeting, and payable by the Proposer. Upon acceptance by the Committee of the application such application fee shall be nonrefundable.
- (iii) Such application shall be seconded by a Senior Member, a Forty-Year Member, a Senior Emeritus Member, a Family Member, a Gold 10 Year Member, a Foundation Member, or an Honorary Life Member.
- (iv) A nomination form requiring such information as the Committee may from time to time decide shall be issued to the proponent and, if not completed and returned to the Honorary Secretary within one calendar month from the date of issue, the application for nomination shall be deemed to have lapsed.

by deleting (iv) and changing the remainder to:

- "(i) Every candidate for Senior, Family, Intermediate or Junior Membership shall be proposed by a Senior Member, a Forty-Year Member, a Senior Emeritus Member, a Family Member, a Gold 10 Year Member, a Foundation Member, an Honorary Life Member or an Intermediate Member.
- (ii) Such application shall be seconded by a Senior Member, a Forty-Year Member, a Senior Emeritus Member, a Family Member, a Gold 10 Year Member, a Foundation Member, an Honorary Life Member or an Intermediate Member.
- (iii) Such application in writing using the form available on the Website qcyc.org.au shall give the full name, address, year of birth, age if under 18 years, occupation, skills of the candidate, and any other information the applicant may wish to provide to the Committee. Such application shall be accompanied by a fee set by the General Meeting, and payable by the applicant. Upon acceptance by the Committee of the application such application fee shall be nonrefundable. Submission of completed applications by email is acceptable."

re-number the current Clause 6 (v) as 6 (iv) and

add a new Clause 6 (v):

"The Committee may recommend to a General Meeting a candidate for Honorary Life Membership provided the candidate has been nominated by three Foundation Members or Senior Members. The nomination must include supporting information and the names and signatures of the nominating members and must be received 90 days prior to the General Meeting at which the nomination will be considered. The Committee will have the final say in whether to recommend the appointment of an Honorary Life Member to the General Meeting."

Motion 1.15

Add to Clause 7 (i) the words "Joining Fee" after "The" and the word "Joining" after the words "Boat Register"; change the last two words in Clause 7 (i) to: "the Annual General Meeting.";

Replace the words in Clause 7 (ii) with: "The annual Subscription and annual Boat Register fees shall be charged to new members pro-rata from the date of the Committee Meeting at which they were accepted for the remaining full quarters in the financial year." and

add a new Clause 7 (iv) "On resignation of a Member fees already paid need not be refunded but may be refunded if the Committee so resolves." and

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add a new sub-clause (iv) to Clause 9 “Register of Boats” worded: “Credit for moneys due for use of the Association’s wharf may only be extended to a Member with a boat on the Register of Boats and only for the Boat on the Register of Boats in the name of that Member.”

Motion 1.16

In Clause 12 (iii) (c) replace the words “in accordance with the regulations” with the words “an amount not exceeding \$500”;

add a new sub-clause 12 (viii) worded: “The Committee may, but is not required to, refund any moneys paid by a Member who has been expelled.” and

add to Clause 13 a new sub-Clause: “(iv) to set the Joining Fee, the Boat Register Joining fee, the annual Boat Register Fee and Subscription for each category of membership.”

Motion 1.17

Change Clause 14 which reads:

- “(i) Members desiring to bring forward Motions at any Annual General Meeting shall deliver to the Hon. Secretary notice of the same in writing at least 21 days clear before the date of such Meeting.
- (ii) The Hon. Secretary shall forthwith notify Members of the Notice of Motion at least 7 days before the date of the Meeting.”

to read:

- “(i) Any Member desiring to bring forward special business at any General Meeting may do so by Notice of Motion and shall deliver to the Honorary Secretary notice of the same in writing at least 21 days before the date of such General Meeting.
- (ii) The Honorary Secretary shall notify Members of the special business the subject of any Notice of Motion in accordance with Rule 16(i).”;

change Clause 16 by deleting sub-Clause 16 (iii) and altering 16 (i) to read:

“The Honorary Secretary of the Club shall, at least 7 days before the date fixed for holding a General Meeting of the Club, cause to be sent to each member of the Club at his address appearing in the Register of Members, a notice by pre-paid post, or email, stating the place, date and time of the Meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the General Meeting.”

Motion 1.18

Delete all reference to “Constitution” in Clause 20 by changing it to read:

“20 RULES AND RESOLUTIONS BINDING ALL MEMBERS

Upon becoming a Member of the Club a person shall be deemed to know the contents of the Rules and shall be bound thereby and by the terms of all resolutions passed at any Special General or Annual General Meetings whether the Member shall have been present at such Meetings or not.”

Motion 1.19

Alter the wording of Clause 21 (b) and (c) from:

- “(b) may, subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by Special General Meetings of the members of the Association; and
- (c) subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association”

to read:

- “(b) may, subject to these Rules, the Regulations and the Act, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Club other than those powers and functions that are required by these Rules, the Regulations or the Act to be exercised by the Club in General Meetings of the members of the Club; and
- (c) subject to these Rules, the Regulations and the Act, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Committee to be essential or desirable for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Club.”

Motion 1.20

Delete from Clause 23 (i) (b) the words: “and who shall be elected by a class of members that constitutes not less than 60% of the total membership including temporary or honorary members.”

Motion 1.21

Add a new sub-clause at (iv) to Clause 31 Finance:

“Payment of any amount to an officer or servant of the Club by way of commission or allowance from the receipts of the Club for the supply of liquor is not allowed.”

and re-number subsequent sub-clauses.

Motion 1.22 Minor Corrections, Clarifications and Simplification and Updating of Wording

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In current clause 5 (ii) (g) (i) which will be renumbered to 5 (ii) (f) (i), change the words: “or such other electoral district as the Club **may is situated** from time to time”

to read:

“or such other electoral district as the Club **may be situated within** from time to time.”;

in Clause 31 (iv) (b) replace “my” with “any” to correct a typographical error;

in Clause 31 (iv) delete unnecessary capitalisation of the listed instruments in (c) and change the “Stock Exchange of Melbourne Ltd.” to “the Australian Stock Exchange.”;

in Clause 34 (“Notice”) sub-clause (ii) substitute the word “notice” for “document” and “Member” for “person”;

in Clause 35, “Winding up or Cancellation” alter the wording in lines 4, 5 and 6 to read:

“...purposes similar to the purposes of the Club which prohibits the distribution of its income and property amongst its Members to an extent at least as great as the Club, such institution to be determined...”

from the current:

“...purposes similar to the purposes of the Club and which shall prohibit the distribution of its income and property amongst its members to an extent at least as great as it imposed in the Club, such organisation to be determined...”;

alter the wording of Clause 36 “Custody of Records” to read: “Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Honorary Secretary shall have custody or control of all books, electronic records, documents and securities of the Club.”; and

make such other changes to formatting and set out and correct any further errors noted in the final drafting of the variations to the Rules as necessary to improve the clarity and correctness of the Rules without changing their meaning.

Motion 1.23

Add a proxy form as an appendix to the Rules.

Proposed: Jonathan Crockett

Seconded: Andreas Sederof

Resolved: by show of hands with none against

MOTION 2:

That from the 1st July 2013 annual Membership Fees (including GST) shall be increased to:

i. Annual Subscription	Current (1st July 12)	Proposed (1st July 13)
Senior Member	\$180.00	\$ 190.00
Forty Year Member	\$180.00	\$ 190.00
Disabled Member Concession	\$70.00	\$70.00
Intermediate Member (age 18 to 29)	\$60.00	\$60.00
Junior / Student Member	N/A	N/A
Honorary Member	Nil	Nil
Honorary Life Member	Nil	Nil
Family Member (per Family)	\$275.00	\$ 285.00
Absentee Member	\$106.00	\$110.00
Emeritus Senior Member	\$100.00	\$100.00
Causeway User & Dinghy Storage	\$60.00	\$ 65.00
Gold 10 Year Senior Membership	N/A	N/A
Gold 10 Year Family Membership	N/A	N/A
ii. Joining Fee	Current	Proposed
Junior / Student Member	N/A	N/A
Senior Member	\$212.00	\$ 220.00
Family Member (per Family)	\$265.00	\$275.00
Intermediate Member (zero if transfer from family)	\$70.00	\$70.00
iii. Boat Register	Current	Proposed
Boat Joining Fee	\$180.00	\$190.00

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Annual Boat Registration Fee (includes dinghy storage)	\$94.00	\$94.00
Boat Joining Fee for Intermediate Member	\$60.00	\$60.00
Dinghy Registration Fee (Member)	Nil	Nil

iv. Application Fee	Current	Proposed
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Application Fee	\$Nil	\$Nil
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Proposed: Jonathan Crockett

Seconded: Jill Golland

Resolved: by show of hands with none against

MOTION 3: TREASURERS REPORT:

The Hon. Treasurer, James Ide, presented his report and audited accounts to the meeting.

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Treasurer's Report for 2012. Copies of the audited financial accounts are available at this meeting.

The Club achieved a profit of \$14,230 in 2012, compared to deficit of \$19,080 in 2011.

There were improvements in almost all areas, but most notable was the improved contribution of the bar in 2012, with trading profit substantially up \$12,300 from 2011 due to increased turnover and tighter purchasing. John Gleeson and Peter Geary have been instrumental in controlling bar costs and increasing turnover.

Other large contributors to profit not present in 2011 were the income from sales of stubby holders and a \$1,600 grant received towards the cost of the defibrillator. Wharfage income, which includes causeway user's fees and visitors fees was also higher in 2012.

Overall our expenses were 3% higher this year, but this compares well to the 34% increase in income achieved. A critical reason for this performance was the reduced level of expenditure on repairs & maintenance in 2012. However repairs and maintenance are expected to increase again in 2013 with planned works on both the south and the north wharfs which may cost up to \$40,000 over and above the usual road and wharf maintenance costs.

Additionally the Committee is considering options to upgrade the kitchen area and the dining room. If these proceed, we will need to ensure that we have a healthy cash balance as we plan to pay for these works in stages over a period of three or four years. This said, the cash position of the Club is sound at the present time and we are well placed to be considering these improvements.

Motion 3: That the Hon. Treasurers annual statement as audited be accepted.

Proposed: James Ide

Seconded: Greg Scott

Resolved: by show of hands with none against

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE.

Nominations received were as follows:

COMMODORE
VICE COMMODORE
REAR COMMODORE
HON. TREASURER
HON. SECRETARY

BRIAN GOLLAND
ROGER BENNETT
NAOMI WILBRAHAM
JAMES IDE
JONATHAN CROCKETT

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PETER GEARY
BRIAN PHILLIPS
PHILIP LACK
SHERYL GRAY

MALCOME BILLINGS
WILLIAM STUBBS
NOEL ESSEX

As the number of nominations for Committee Members does not exceed the positions available an election was not held and the Flag Officers and Committee Members listed above were announced by the Commodore and declared elected.

9. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR

Mr. Anthony Clarke was thanked for his services over the past year and was renominated for appointment as Honorary Auditor.

Proposed: Jonathan Crockett

Seconded: Ken McAllister

Resolved: by show of hands

10. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY SOLICITOR

Mr. Andrew Green was thanked for his services over the past year and was re-nominated for appointment of Honorary Solicitor – elected unopposed

Proposed: Jonathan Crockett

Seconded: Brian Cherry

Resolved: by show of hands

11. COMMODORE'S COMMENTS ON THE BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR 2013 -2015

The Commodore commented that we must leverage off our policies and plans to ensure that we are well placed to renew our lease when it expires in 2016. He noted that a Vegetation Management Plan has been put in place which has been favourably received by Parks Victoria, to the extent that that suggest it may be suitable for receiving an award. The Commodore stressed that our most important asset is the wharf and that we have done and will be doing a lot of work on it with guidance and management by Member Rex Prosser to ensure that it remains in good and suitable condition for the heavy use it at times receives. In particular the Commodore noted that we have received Engineering advice that the South Wharf must be strengthened by addition of props to the piers, especially as more large boats are using the wharf.

12. MOTION FOR THE NEXT AGM

That the 2013 (51st) Annual General Meeting of QCYC be held on Tuesday 1st October 2013 at RBYC.

Proposed: Jill Golland

Seconded: Sheryl Gray

Resolved: by show of hands

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Member Betty Morrison has asked for any further information from past Commodores to be sent to her as soon as possible. She also would like photographs of Past Commodores Bill Ross (1968 -1970) and A. G. Wilson (1978-1980).
2. The Commodore invited comments on ongoing membership of YV noting that BMYS and RMMYS are no longer affiliated. One member asked what benefits YV provided and the Commodore noted that there is little benefit provided to the 40% of Silver Card Holders who are senior members of yacht clubs since YV's emphasis has been on encouraging children. There is in particular little benefit to cruising yachtsmen and yachtswomen. The Hon. Secretary raised the fact that there are some 20 QCYC members who are keen to retain Silver Cards.

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3. CLOSING REMARKS

The Commodore thanks Members, Past Commodores, the Committee Members and their partners for all they have done to make the Club what it is. He commented it has been a pleasure to work with the Committee during 2011-2012. He then declared the 50th AGM closed.

The Meeting concluded at 21:26