

AIADCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINTUES

Meeting held 30th December 2009 at Safety Beach Yacht Club

Meeting opened 12.50pm and attended by 36 members

Previous minutes read: moved Roger Coleman, 2nd Graeme Harbour

President Report read and accepted. Congratulations to Glenn Ashby on winning the world titles. Copy of report attached to these minutes.

Secretary Report: – video update, it has been viewed by 1300 members worldwide.

Recommend media promo event 2-3yrs.

Treasurer Report:- delivered by Glenn Brown

Copy of AIADCA Statement & 2009 Worlds/Nationals Statement attached to these minutes.

- Clarified re NSW grant for Worlds - \$10,000 (was verbally advised within the last 8hrs prior to the event)
- Worlds broke even for the event
- No NSW titles
- Vic titles-subsidised to encourage attendance
- Darwin regatta-interstate entries subsidised
- Net \$1,500-\$2,000 surplus
- Bank interest rates negatively affected
- \$10,000 in the bank
- Dave McKenzie – queried competition giveaways \$3,900
- Stuart Scott – queried refreshments/entertainment \$4,000
- Stuart Scott- queried logo/banner \$2,100
- Dave McKenzie – queried if above included Jury fees

STATE REP REPORTS

NORTHERN TERRITORY

delivered by Jack Benson & Michelle Jones

- advised 20 boats at Darwin SC 8-12 regular sailing
- good Top of Aust Champs
- expression of interest for future AIADCA Nats (mid yr)

- 2012 Darwin Multihull regatta 24th June 2012 – 30th June 2012 (this will include the T nationals)
- Request Darwin be put into the rotation.

Points to be considered for rotation:

Storm – how many interested

Glenn B- suggested committee review feasibility

Storm – container cost approx \$10.000 to Darwin via truck/train (fit 6-8 boats)

Jack - \$1,000 petrol plus 40hrs on the road to Vic, \$400 for petrol to Brisbane

Graeme Parker advised that Darwin had great water facilities and party organisation

Glenn B suggested 3yr program by end of March

Hamish Sinclair – queried will this replace the Christmas Nats, show of hands requested

80% majority YES

Action – Expression of Interest review for Darwin to be placed on the Vic website by mid Feb.

QUEENSLAND

DELIVERED BY John Dowling

- Inland regatta held
- States @ Lake Cootharabra – good number of boats
- 4x 2nd hand boats purchased
- Nats to be hosted at Lake Cootharaba

VICTORIA

Delivered by Michael Kopp

- 20 Vics at 2009 nationals
- 2010 States to be held at Balnarring – Westernport Yacht Club
- 2 new members
- 4 new boats

NEW SOUTH WALES

Delivered by Steve Brewin

- States 15 boats held at Tanilba Bay
- Lost Gavin Vize
- Gained Chris Cairns
- Expression of interest for Sydney Harbour event to promote class (invitation only as a small area of water)
- 2010 States to be at Kalala Bay in Feb

2010-11 NATIONALS

Delivered by John Dowling & Neil Caldwell

- to be hosted by Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, Queensland
- provisionally 2nd-9th January (to fit into Sat-Sat accommodation)
- big camping area
- 15 houses available for rental
- Motel & Cabin accommodation
- 20 minutes from Noosaville
- Small village, no security issues
- Club boats – 2 tinnies & 2 ducks

- Ian Johnson proposed vote that that Cootharaba Sailing Club be accepted for 2010-11 Nationals
- Accepted by 90% majority
- Cootharaba Sailing Club confirmed

President's Report

Delivered by Ian Johnson (Storm)

First of all I would like to remark on the difference this past year has been to my previous years as President. It has been very refreshing to see the help provided by other sailors to the organisation.

In particular I would like to thank Michael Kopp, Stewart Scott and Glen Brown for the work they have done over the year. Michael has virtually taken over the Secretary role and organised the Vic States, Nationals and the publication of the video taken at the States and distributed via You Tube. Stewart has helped enormously with the preparation of the Nationals here at Safety Beach. Glen has taken care of all our financial concerns and data base. I would also like to thank Jo-Anne for accepting the position of secretary at last year's AGM. Through the good work of Michael and Glen we have managed to restrict Jo-Anne's workload to a minimum.

I would also like to thank Robyn and Kate (the girls behind our web pages) for the work done to keep the sites updated and our advertisements current.

This year we attended a very successful top end regatta in Darwin. My thanks to the 5 Victorians and 4 Queenslanders who made the trip to help boost the numbers. The regatta was well organised and we all enjoyed close racing, and playing with the tides. There are plans to repeat this regatta along with the Tornado nationals in 2012. So I would strongly urge you all to think about avoiding our winter and supporting this event.

Unfortunately this year we lost 2 well known characters of our sport. Bruce (Lambs) Fry died of a massive heart attack whilst we were all travelling home from the Belmont Worlds. Lambs was a character we will sadly miss. Gentleman John Goodier passed away in September. John was a National Champion in the 60's and a stalwart of the Kurnell Catamaran Club. I am sure the sailors at Kurnell are missing John greatly this season.

In closing I would like to thank the Safety Beach Sailing club for holding our championships this year and thank the sailors for attending. It is always a pleasure to see 50 odd boats at one of our championships and proves the strength of our class, particularly in attracting international sailors.

IACA REPORT

Delivered by Ian Johnson (Storm)

This year the IACA committee have been in discussions with ISAF due mainly to a new person in the technical department. The discussions have revolved around the building plaque which has been an issue for over 20 years. In the past we have been able to avoid paying this fee on the grounds of free construction class but ISAF have now put pressure on us to comply from the 1st Jan 2010.

From that date the onus will be on the builders to pay the building fee to ISAF and affix a plaque to each new boat built. The fee at this stage is GBP 39.85 (approx \$72) for each boat and is levied on all International classes as part of the agreement with ISAF.

There is discussion within the ranks that ISAF needs us more than we need them and they have shown disrespect for multi-hulls by removing us from the Olympics.

I am also concerned about the amount of money IACA is currently stock piling and believe AIADCA should put forward 4 proposals to the next World General Meeting held at Cesenatico. The proposals I recommend are:-

- 1) Wild cards are granted to the first three place getters in the previous worlds, and their entry fee paid by IACA. This is to ensure we attract the top sailors to the WC.
- 2) The subscription currently set at 4 Euros per member be reduced to 2 Euros

- 3) IACA contribute up to 3,000 Euro to the organising committee towards jury expenses for World championships
- 4) The rotation of world championships be reviewed so that two out of every three held in the Southern hemisphere be hosted by Australia. This is because of the associated strengths of Southern Hemisphere fleets and the previous attendances at world and Europeans championships, plus the results of Australians at these events.

Queries re IACA report:

Wayne Mercer: suggests IACA be re-asked to pay for the promotional video

Steve Brewin: suggests IACA be asked to subsidise Worlds containers

Glenn Ashby: suggests IACA be asked to support non-established countries (eg: South Africa)

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

President

Ian Johnson nominated by Michael Kopp

Seconded by John Dowling

Steve Brayshaw nominated by Steve Brewin

Ian Johnson was confirmed

Secretary

Michael Kopp nominated by Graeme Harbour

Seconded by Steve Brewin

Michael Kopp confirmed

Treasurer

Glenn Brown nominated by David MacKenzie

Seconded by Ben Geisker

Glenn Brown confirmed

Bank Account

Resolved that the three executive officers would have access to and control of the bank account and all other previous signaturies would be removed.

Victorian Representative

Michael Kopp stepping down, nominated Steve Brayshaw

Seconded by Glenn Ashby

Steve Brayshaw confirmed

NSW Representative

Steve Brewin nominated by Glenn Brown

Seconded by Ben Geisker

Steve Brewin confirmed

QLD Representative

John Dowling nominated by Neil Caldwell

John Dowling confirmed

NT Representative

Michelle Jones nominated by Jack Benson

Michelle Jones confirmed

WORLDS 2010

- Cesenatico (Italy)
- Starts 26.06.2010
- Definite AIADCA member interest required by Feb 2010
- Show of hands – 15 interested as of today (30.12.2009)
- Glenn Brown proposes \$360 deposit to be paid by 1st Feb 2010
- ACTION: AIADCA will send EoI by email to all members

ALLOCATION OF SPACES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Delivered by Ian Johnson (Storm)

Australia will have one place allocated for every 10 financial members plus a wild card entry for Glenn Ashby as the current World Champion.

In reality this means without the help of wildcards from the organising committee or IACA we will only have 7 - 8 places available. In the absence of a National ranking system, places for past WC's have been allocated on a performance basis from results at the previous Nationals.

This year a larger than normal number of sailors have shown an interest in attending the 2010 Worlds at Cesenatico. Scott Anderson, who can't attend this year's Nationals due to son's Michael's sailing commitments has asked for a position. I believe we addressed this issue in a previous AGM at Blairgowrie, but cannot support this with a copy of the minutes.

Scott is arguably one of the best A cat sailors in the World and has attended every WC and EC in the past 10 years (and more). As a twice World champion in the class and always in the top 10 at these events, I believe he has every right to be allocated a position.

Ian Johnson will be canvassing IACA to take up any of the unallocated places left by other Nations, but at this stage we need to be sure of exactly how many Australians are wishing to attend.

Open discussion re allocation of Wildcards:

- Storm: propose review – opened to floor
- Steve Brewin: recalls there was a vote at BYS nationals – is this in previous Minutes?
- Glenn Brown: proposes all Worlds allocations be based on Committee decision (not just Nationals results)
- Matt Firth: suggests that selection process cannot be changed mid-Nationals
- Campbell Miller: proposes that allocations not based on Committee decision alone
- Ben Deed: proposes a Ranking system be put in place
- Steve Brayshaw: suggests that it is unfair to include Worlds results in a Ranking system
- Steve Brewin: proposes a AIADCA subcommittee review a Ranking system
- Horst Kopp: proposes AIADCA subcommittee research Laser Assoc. ranking system
- Hamish Sinclair: suggests we apply current selection process for 2010 Worlds

- Glenn Ashby: proposes Scott Anderson be offered a Wild Card place
- Storm: proposes 2010 Worlds selection process be based on 2009-10 Nationals result plus a paid deposit
- Resolution: no change to process for 2010 Worlds (as proposed by Storm)
- Resolution: to review ranking process via subcommittee for next Worlds

CHANGE TO RACING RULES

Delivered by Ian Johnson (Storm)

- There has been a change to rules re mark roundings & overlaps
- Roger Coleman: proposes for Worlds, the 1st windward leg should be longer to provide cleaner air

WORLDS ROTATION

Delivered by Ian Johnson (Storm)

- Current: 2x Europe, 1x North America, 1x Southern Hemisphere
- 2013 Worlds: New Zealand have expressed interest in next Southern Hemisphere Worlds, at Takapurna (Auckland) – where 2010 NZ Nationals were held
- ACTION – need to investigate possible locations for an Australian Worlds

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Glenn Brown: 10% membership drop this year
- Roger Coleman: suggest discussion re 2-3 year membership discount (eg: 5% 2nd year, 10% 3rd year)
- Conrad suggests \$100 membership fee, with lower rejoining fee
- John Dowling suggests extra fees may aggravate re-joiners
- Neil Caldwell – will be difficult for those who don't go to interstate Nationals
- Matt Firth: proposes \$50 rejoining fee for those with lapsed memberships that wish to rejoin
- Proposal seconded by Glenn Brown

- Vote: 11x for, 9x against
- Proposal accepted

MEETING CLOSED 14.25hrs