

**Minutes of the TWENTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the CLASSIC YACHT ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC**

**held at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Chairman Rod Marler presided over the Annual General Meeting and welcomed the 28 members present.

**Apologies:** Tony Butcher, Mervyn & Lesley Aitken, Alan Good, Derek Brandt, Charles Scoones, Joyce Talbot, Bruce Tantrum, Craig Hopkins, Chris Due, Bill Falconer, Eric & Mike Mahoney, Warren Tuohey, David Glen and Iain Valentine.

**Confirmation of Notice of the Annual General Meeting**

The Chair confirmed that notice of the 2015 Annual General Meeting had been issued. *Carried*

**Adoption of Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting:**

RM provided an overview of matters raised at the last AGM noting that further exploration of vessel classification will be required of the new committee 2015 – 2016 and the ANZAC trophy organised by Hamish Ross was presented for viewing at the Annual Prize Giving.

Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting were circulated.

Moved "that the Minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record"

*Hamish Ross/Nathan Herbert - Carried*

**Annual Accounts:**

The Annual Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 prepared by Robert Taylor of Christmas Gouland Ltd Chartered Accountants, were circulated and presented by Robert Taylor. He noted that the Classic Yacht Regatta were in a stable financial position with a modest surplus for the year of \$5000. RT thanked TA for her management of the CYA accounts.

RM made a request for comments and questions to the attending members. No comments or questions received.

Moved 'that the Annual Accounts be received and adopted'

*Angus Rogers/Guy King - Carried*

**Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman's Annual Report was read by Chairman Rod Marler.

RM made note that the CYA was at a crossroads, especially after such a mixed bag of a season. Getting the balance right is key, with the plan to organise fewer but better quality events; consolidation and focussing on membership retention imperative. RM thanked the current executive committee. A full report will be made available on the website.

Moved 'that the Chairman's report be accepted'

*Hamish Ross/ Alan Houghton*

**Election of Executive Committee Members:**

Chairman	Rod Marler	Steve Cranch/Jason Prew
Vice Chairman	Peter Mence	Jason Prew/ Nathan Herbert
Yacht Captain	James Mortimer	Dan Renall/Jason Prew
Launch Captain	Nathan Herbert	Alan Houghton/ Jason Prew
General Committee	Adrian Sully	Jason Prew/ Steve Cranch
	Iain Lowrie	Dan Renall/ James Mortimer
	Guy King	Ian Cook/ Chad Thompson

The Executive Committee and General Committee were duly elected as listed above. - carried

## General Business:

RM called for General Business

1. Dan Renall (outgoing Yacht Captain) provided an overview of the **Calendar of Events for 2015-2016**, noting that most sailing races will be hosted by other clubs. There will be no challenge series, however there are five planned Passage Races and 7 Harbour Races. Tania Ruri (Ponsonby Cruising Club) advised those present that the PCC would like to improve liaisons with the CYA and is happy to assist with the Round Rangi and Mahurangi Race.

2. RM raised the matter of **Subscription Levies** for members and proposed on behalf of the committee that all boat owners be charged the full subscription of \$85 unless specified otherwise: i.e. youth, country or overseas. Bert Woolcott noted that it would be easier to charge \$85 across the board. He feels that veterans would be mainly happier to continue paying the full fee, and there could be something else put in place to recognise veterans.

A discussion on the matter covering the pros and cons of the change ensued.

Angus Rogers moved that the rate be fixed at the full membership rate for all boat owners, with the exception of youth, corporate, country and overseas members. 2nded: HR. Carried.

3. RM noted Iain Valentine's correspondence regarding the forthcoming **CYAA Regatta** to be held in Melbourne 2015. (Not sure if you mentioned the 2015 event here Rod????) I know we discussed it at the EC meeting prior, to be mentioned in the AGM

4. Wooden Boat Festival. Steve Cranch provided a power point presentation on Wooden Boat Festivals around the world with the idea of running a similar festival here in New Zealand, providing that the CYA membership is supportive of the idea. From research Steve noted the key factors that make a great festival:

- Wooden Boats: quantity and quality
- Variety of stall holders
- Interactive activities for public young and old
- Volunteers
- Street performers
- Food and Beverages

Steve provided an overview of multiple overseas festivals and summarised that for the CYA to hold such an event that there would be some key requirements:

- Enthusiastic participants with quality boats, who are happy to engage with the public
- One dedicated full time organiser plus part time specialists as required
- Support from local bodies
- Key sponsor
- Group of volunteers
- Venue

In order to proceed, the CYA will need to make a decision to make it happen, and allocate time to the event.

Guy King noted that the next tall ships race will be coming to NZ in 2018, providing the obvious date for timing of the event. He also noted that it would be worthwhile having the Maritime Museum involved, the expertise of Mayo & Associates and Roy Claire, director of the Auckland Museum.

RM commented that showcasing classic wooden boats in a festival would need to be driven by the CYA Membership. Such a festival would ignite the passion and interest in classic wooden boats, vital to the survival of classic boating in New Zealand.

Guy King added further that the Lake Rotoiti Wooden Boat Festival is successful. It would be important to have overseas interest as well the involvement of Auckland Tourism & Events.

Vicki Lowrie noted that the most successful Gaffers Festival in England is held on the Isle of Wight. It was reiterated that the success of small town festivals, is due to the events being well- executed and the lack of other events competing for the public's attention and dollar.

Marg Woolcott noted that it is often a struggle to get people to 'man' boats and noted the lack of commitment from boat owners to support public events. Bert Woolcott saw that there would be an opportunity to incorporate Classic Cars as well with such an event.

RM suggested that this subject will generate a lot of interest, however we need to be proactive to promote it and that it is an initiative that is supported by those present at this evening's AGM.

5. Hamish Ross proposed for consideration by the Committee, the nomination of Harold Kidd as a Life Member of the Classic Yacht Association. It was agreed between Messrs Ross, Thompson and Marler subsequent to the AGM to include Robin Elliott to Hamish Ross' request of the new committee to consider nominating Harold Kidd as a life member of the CYA for outstanding contributions to the classic boating movement.

6. Bert Woolcott kindly offered the continued use of Patio Bay for CYA events.

7. Guy King suggested that the CYA could join in with the RNZYS Annual Picnic. This could be considered however there is an annual CYA picnic usually about the time of Waitangi Weekend.

**RM closed the Annual General Meeting at 8.24 pm.**