

Minutes of the Skype meeting of NZTYA held on 14 April, 2014 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Alan Simpson, Alex Bruce, Jackie Holt, Monique Princen and Jo Martin

**Apologies:** John Cullens, Colin McDonald

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were taken as read.

**Reports:**

**Financial:** Some clubs have paid their fees, including Lake Taupo, Noelex 25 Assn and the Elliot Owners. Are still waiting to hear back from some clubs and owners associations, including Lake Brunner, Whangarei and Tauranga. Have 497 in voting numbers. The last of the ASB cheques have been cleared.

Bank Balances: current a/c \$19737.32

Request that we put \$10,000 into a term deposit. Agreed. Monique and Alan to complete.

Jackie is to talk to the Tauranga committee to see where they stand. Clubs who pay after 31<sup>st</sup> May will be late. Do we acknowledge clubs/members when they have paid? No.

**Alan.** Sailed in the Evans Bay regatta. There were 15 – 20 trailer yachts from across a wide spectrum in a range of conditions. There was 50 – 60 boats on the water including keelers. It was very well run. Four of their boats will be coming up to Taupo for Easter. It is important to keep spreading the word..

**Jackie.** BOPTYS have finished the summer series with a day/night race in perfect conditions. One boat came up from New Plymouth. The winter series begins next month.

**Alex.**

1. There is a new person at YNZ to contact when a new boat requires a sail number. They have missed “approved yacht design” off the form. Should we be writing to YNZ to get approval on their new form? Alan will go ahead and talk to YNZ.
2. Canting keel issue. Have got some drawings. Several points were not clear enough to approve the design, and am waiting for a reply about them. One potential sticking point is the issue of ballast. There was a lot of discussion about this issue and the difference, or not, with yachts that have swing keels. A lot of questions arose. E.G. how does it stay water tight? How does it meet the self righting index? Is it possible we don't have enough information on how it works to decide? Were we to accept this, should it be a type 3 yacht? Yes. Moving forward do we need to be restricted? We're happy to have swing keels and dagger boards. Is it another variation? What are the ramifications if equipment fails? If the mechanism breaks and it is left swinging around uncontrollably? Can he lock the keel in place? If it were to race as a sports boat or trailer yacht he would need to do a SRI test early on to see where to classify it. Does a canting keel conform to the rules? Is there a loop hole that would preclude it?

Alan suggested that we should accept the design subject to confirmation at the AMR. Questions about the serviceability of the mechanism and safety issues could be answered by then.

**AMR:** We can use the Evans Bay clubhouse. The Brentwood Hotel will be \$138 per night including GST for two people. Have booked 8 rooms. Alan will send an email around with the details. There are limited rooms available. Individuals need to make their own bookings. Lunch will be catered. They have a room we can use for a meeting on Friday night. Alan met with Tod Olsen the North Sails rep in Wellington, and we are welcome to have a look in their loft. We may be able to go for a sail on the harbour on Sunday. Send Alan an email to let him know our intentions for next

year. Alex is happy to carry on unless someone wants to take over. We can book flights now. Rooms can be booked but we don't have to pay in advance. We just give them our credit card details to confirm the booking. The meeting should be finished by 2 -2.30pm. Are there any constitution changes? The Executive is getting smaller. Do we need two vice-presidents? Are we top heavy? Jackie suggested that we need to look at the structure of the association. Monique reminded us that we need to send out a brief email to let members know about the AMR and 2 months before send out an agenda to all clubs who have trailer yachts.

**General Business:** Nil

The meeting closed at 8.40pm. Alan will email out the next meeting date.