

# NZTYA Committee Meeting

Minutes of Skype Meeting 2 February 2016 - 20:00

**Chair:** Alan Simpson

Present:

Alec Bruce

Mike Dunlop

John Cullens

Dean Roe

Colin MacDonald

Philip Kidson

**Apologies:** None

**Matters Arising** from Previous Minutes: None

**Reports:**

**Colin McDonald**

Reported his sailing has been curtailed by the ill health of Lorraine (Committee passed on their best wishes to the McDonalds)

Queenstown Donald Hay regatta coming up. Race Committee has arbitrarily moved the date to Waitangi weekend which now clashes with other events (Master's Games) and will reduce the fleet. Regatta Committee has been using the Aviemore Classic distribution list to contact prospective sailors.

- AS of the opinion those wanting to use NZTYA 'property' should join. Information should not be available to non-members.
- AB of the opinion we should still put 'non-member' group's regatta and event information on our Website /FB page – additional traffic will be good for us too.

Newest Trailer Yacht design - Leech 8m Trailer Yacht has been launched. Appears a bit tender but very quick on the water.

**Mike Dunlop**

Most of Wellington's spring season has been blown out. Only one day of racing which was marginal.

People seem to be buying boats – lots of 'new' boats joining the fleet (Hartley 16's, N25's). Ross 780's doing well.

Lowry Bay Have just opened their season and will be hosting an April Regatta – NOR expected soon. Will also host the 780 Nationals this year and the Hartley Nationals next year.

Plimmerton have not replied about hosting the NZTYA Nationals year after next – MD to follow-up.

Expect a good number of Wellington boats for LTYC Easter Regatta.

**John Cullens**

11 Boats competing in N25 Champs

N22 Championship two weeks back

This sparked a general discussion about moving regional and National Championships around different locations to test sailors' skills/ abilities in different conditions. Also, N22 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year after next. Suggestion to recognise Auckland sailors' willingness to travel by getting them to host a Regional national Championship Regatta.

## **Financial report:**

Not submitted. AS reported there has been little expenditure since the AMR (Website costs mainly) but the financial situation was healthy.

AB asked if NZTA Association were members (he had been asked). Payment records indicate they have paid sporadically in the past few years. Would be invoiced in the latest round of invoices which AS has just sent out.

## **Alan Simpson:**

There is money on the accounts – we are definitely not broke.

Has been busy on the website and Facebook – plenty of traffic and some queries, technical and general.

People buying boats without knowing anything about them – AS directing them to local clubs.

List of Championship Trophy Winners has been compiled and put on the Website. The only record of previous winners appears to be the engraving on the trophies as the notebooks in the trophy cases have gone missing

Alex has a lot of NZTYA information/stuff in his basement which should be looked at. Relevant stuff (minutes, technical information, previous Sailway magazines) should be scanned and recorded on the website. Common Seal to be sent to Secretary please. Colin has offered to store NZTYA material permanently but there may be stuff which can be dumped. There are some NZTYA Medals and possible die for making more which would be useful to have. Suggestion Medals should be struck and given to future Champions to keep rather than just getting to hold the trophy for a few minutes.

## **General Business:**

### **Hartley 16 Rating**

Question raised whether the 'Modified' Hartleys racing qualify as Trailer Yachts. Issues of cabin height, Water Line length, weight were mentioned. Also the question of whether the Hartley ever met the TY requirements of cabin height.

MD reports most Modified Hartleys still measure within the class rules and care has been taken to ensure this (although there are some may not measure – up to the Class association to check this).

Suggestions made:

- See if the Hartley meets the TY requirements and, if not, make a dispensation to include them on Historical grounds. (General agreement this was acceptable)
- Have a 'Modified Hartley' rating to accommodate the faster boats in mixed fleet regattas – the old rating is no longer relevant for the latest boats. This was contentious as it would be hard to determine where on the 'Modification Spectrum' a boat would be. More support for taking the latest race results and recalculating the rating for the fleet. Those with old boats would have to upgrade or fall off the bottom.
- Get race results info from clubs running mixed fleets (Ngaroto) and recalculate the rating
- Get the Hartley Association to participate in more NZTYA events

### **NZTYA Championship Regatta Format**

Some dissatisfaction has been voiced about the last South Island Championship being decided in a series of only three races. (Shane Smith)

Suggestion and general support for a NZTYA Regatta Template to be compiled to be used by future race committee hosting Championships. Should be a two day, seven race series with a minimum of three or five races to count. This template would serve as a guide only and the Race Committee could ultimately decide on the details – especially if conditions dictated fewer races could be sailed. (It would be better to have a result on fewer races than specified than not getting a result at all, if races were blown out or there was no wind).

The Aviemore Classic regatta presented a few special challenges in organising such a regatta due to weather conditions, lake depth, etc, and should be avoided in future for being used to determine the Championship, despite the large number of boats which turn up.

Shane Smith should be 'Invited' to help organise the Naval Point Champs Regatta next year. (Good luck John).

### **YNZ Safety Regulations Review**

Only one relevant issue – Anchors carried over Prows when racing. This remit was discussed at length at the last AMR and defeated in the form submitted (Clause of automatic disqualification was unacceptable). The modified remit (which is likely to be submitted at the next AMR) was voted on and accepted - 3 for (CMD, JC, PK; 3 abstentions (AB, DR, MD); none against. AS did not vote. Secretary will write to YNZ to ask for modified remit to be included. 'Anchors shall be safely stowed within the outer perimeter of the boat and not carried over the prow during racing'.

The buoyancy aid/lifejacket issue has been covered in the Regs. (Part 5 Rule 12)

### **Self Righting Index.**

AB asked if we were prudent to be approving new designs of boats with SRI's less than 1.0 – essentially unstable designs. Discussion followed. Suggestion to put the issue on the website /Facebook and see what opinions are voiced by our public.

### **Insurance Schemes**

Crombie Lockwood Trailer Yacht Insurance Scheme faces competition from AON/ ClubMarine. Relative benefits appear similar. NZTYA will continue to promote Crombie Lockwood and are grateful for their contributions.

### **Stored Technical information.**

MD asked if access to the information in the 'mythical container' could be had to use the technical information. AB stated this was possible but not to be encouraged as it was an imposition on YNZ which required quite a lot of effort on their part. Decided to investigate digitising this information and storing it on the website to make it more available. AS, AB and PK to follow this up with YNZ.

### **Sail Numbers**

YNZ issuing T sail numbers to Sports Boats. Kelly at YNA apologetic. Angry Dragon has already got a T number and we should request they remove the T but not change the numerals. YNZ should update form to request the type of boat and be careful to issue the correct number. AS, AB to follow up.

Meeting closed 22:10