

# **New Zealand Trailer Yacht Association**

## **Committee Meeting – Skype**

**10 May 2016 – 20:00**

### **Present:**

Alan Simpson – Chair

Alex Bruce

Colin McDonald

John Cullens

Philip Kidson- Secretary

Mike Dunlop – Joined meeting at 20:15

Absent: Dean Roe

Apologies: None

Before any business was begun, John Cullens asked if there was any objection to starting the meetings earlier in future. There was general consensus a 19:30 start would be acceptable.

AS – Minutes of previous meeting and draft financial report have been circulated.

### **Matters arising:**

JC – Shane Smith is 'on board' and Naval Point will begin setting the programme for the South Island Champs - date to be set for early February.

AS – regarding YNZ issuing T numbers to Sports Boats. YNZ failed to invite AS to the meeting to discuss this – matter pending.

The submission from NZTYA regarding the changes to the Safety Regulations decided at last meeting was accepted by YNZ.

AB – Has some outstanding actions from last meeting and will deal with these before month end. AB has collected the items identified by CMD, including the common seal, from Liz Heseltine. These will be handed over at the AMR

CMD/AB- Otago Harbour Classic – possible dates were discussed – 26 November proposed. Possible clash with Canterbury Show Weekend and N22/N25 championship. AB to confirm.

### **Reports:**

CMD – Pretty quiet of late with light winds. Te Anau Downs Long Distance Race had strong winds and a fleet of nine boats, some of which withdrew.

Proceeds from the Southland Boatshow have been donated to:

- Te Anau Primary School for Life Jackets;
- paying for the Riverton Coastguard VHF repeater;
- a dunny on Dome Island.

Sailing season is over and work is progressing on next year's programme.

AB – Had a request to register a Taupo Yacht – Plyable – as a Trailer Yacht. Plans not available. Boat was built by Bernie Dale (deceased) and the design is unlikely ever to be used again. Agreement that

the boat can be admitted to the NZTYA Register and given a T number – Handicap to be set at 0.895 based on AS's experience of racing against her on Lake Taupo.

Talking to Tony Poolman – Elevation T4047, a modified Elliott 7– regarding handicap. Should be set similar to The Boss and Spring Loaded – seems well matched to R780. Results of recent racing submitted but agreement to keep the handicap unchanged.

JS – Asked if Tristan Ormsby had built a new N22 – some interest and general discussion about why his boat looks as good as it does.

A new Shaw yacht built by Malcolm Bloomfield suffered a mast collapse recently and had to be towed home. Questions raised about the design of the rig.

Winter Series – 23 boats competing. It appears Sunday afternoon (and Wednesday Twilight) racing is the most popular format.

MD – North Island Regatta – end of March - attracted 10 entries.

Wellington Trailer Yacht Champs out of Lowry Bay attracted a good number of boats – R780's and E7's. Seems to be a resurgence of trailer yacht sailing in Wellington with the R780 proving popular – hence one Williams 7 may be up for sale.

### **Membership Report**

AS – Except for two, everyone from last year has paid their subscriptions. Membership has increased for 509 to 519. A number of Website enquiries have directed interested people to appropriate local clubs. There are about 30 individual members who have joined through the website and haven't been contacted adequately and may need to be informed of the pro's and con's of membership. AS will contact them individually by email to see if their membership – and hence subscriptions - are appropriate for what they expect from NZTYA.

### **Financial Report**

AS presented the draft of the 2015/16 financial statement.

CMD requested clarification around the Handicap | Measuring Equipment on the Balance Sheet.- to be renamed SRI Testing Kits. AS to ask Treasurer to attend to this.

The deficit report this year is as a result of the costs of setting up the website with The Business Studio – one off cost.

Retrospective approval of two payments sought:

- Trophy engraving - \$90
  - Website hosting fees - \$51.75 and a further \$51.75 yet to be paid
- AS moved – JC second – approved.

Dean Roe asked for a discussion about whether the NZTYA needed to have the accounts audited.

This is no longer mandatory as NZTYA are not a charity, but required by the NZTYA constitution. DR asks for a remit to be put to the AMR to have the constitution amended to remove the requirement for Audit. Substitute this with the requirement for an 'Accounting Best Practice Review' or similar (a

good examination by someone competent) to see no improper use of funds was occurring. Likelihood and opportunity for fraud is very limited but such a review would protect office bearers.

### **Other Business**

AMR date set as 16 July – Evans Bay Yacht Club – 10:00 start. MD to make arrangements for clubhouse to be available. AS to arrange catering (as was done last time).

AS to put out Notice of Meeting soonest. Remits to be in by end of May.

Suggestion we invite someone to come and speak to us after the AMR – (Todd ? – new Commodore Plimmerton). Other suggestions of going for a sail were proposed (eagerly).

Accommodation - Brentwood Hotel – within walking distance of Evans Bay – was proposed. Or the Bella Vista Motel. AS/PK to investigate.

MD – Asked about where/when the 2016/17 NZTYA Nationals were going to be held. Wellington (out of Evans Bay). Date to be decided but will be a January date, possibly to align with the N22 Nationals – 20-21 January (Wellington Anniversary Weekend).

No date yet out of Plimmerton for the North Island Champs

No other business

Meeting Closed – 21:18