

MINUTES

DATE: 5th June 2011

SUBJECT: MINUTES FOR ANUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 2011
HELD AT HYC ON 5TH JUNE 2011

APPOLOGIES: Don Dull, William Arnold, Jim Bennett, Jim Cox, Alex Duff, David English, Luis Ferro, Stephen Morton, the Hatton Family, and the Bradbury Family

<i>Item</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Date Req</i>
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Meeting Started at 11:25AM

01 PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Matthew Johnson (President)

Report See attached

02 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Grant Higgins (Acting Secretary)

02.AGM.1 Previous minutes read by Grant Higgins.

Accepted: Russ McDonald

Seconded: Graham Black

02.AGM.2 Business arising from the minutes – Nil.

03 TREASURER'S REPORT:

Alan Crawford (Treasurer)

Report See attached

Accepted: Grant Higgins

Seconded: Andrew Chaney

Tabled auditor's report for the 2010-11 financial year.

04 BUSINESS AT HAND:

04.AGM.1 Motion: That membership fees for the 2011/12 season be charged at the following rates. Junior \$110, Single \$220 and Family \$275 (2 adults + 2 juniors) with a discount offered to those who pay before the 1st September 2011 so that discounted fees be Junior \$100, Single \$200 and Family \$250 (2 adults + 2 juniors).

Moved: Matthew Johnson

Seconded: Graham Black

For: All

Against: None

Decision: Passed

04.AGM.2 Motion: That race fees for the 2011/12 season be charged at the following rates. Junior \$10, Adult \$20, Non-financial member Adult \$30, Non-financial member Junior \$15.

Moved: Matthew Johnson

Seconded: Graham Black

For: All

Against: None

Decision: Passed

DATE: Sunday, 26 June 2011

SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR THE AGM OF 2011 HELD AT HYC ON TUESDAY 5TH JUNE 2011

04.AGM.3 Motion: That storage fees for the 2011/12 season be kept at \$630 for the year but that key deposits be increase to \$125 to cover the increased cost of maintaining the locks. The arrangement for waiving race fees for those who store their boats in the yard is modified to reduce race fees by 50% only. Storage rates can be reduced pro-rata for part year storage but waive of race fees only applies to those who pay for year's storage up front.

Moved: Matthew Johnson
Seconded: Tony Wickings
For: All
Against: None
Decision: Passed

04.AGM.4 Motion: That the Treasurer be allowed to pay ongoing bills and accounts for the 2011/12 season for the running of the club, such as rescue boats, canteen, fuel, electricity, gas, and other incidentals, up to the combined value of \$ 5 000 per month without needing to take to a committee meeting, with all payments to be post approved at the next committee meeting.

Moved: Matthew Johnson
Seconded: Mark Dawson
For: All
Against: None
Decision: Passed

05 ELECTION OF OFFICER BEARERS:

05.AGM.1 All positions declared vacant

05.AGM.2 Election chaired initially by Russ McDonald
President:

Nominations: Matthew Johnson
Elected: Matthew Johnson (elected unopposed)

Vice-President:

Nominations: Russ McDonald
Elected: Russ McDonald (elected unopposed)

Secretary:

Nominations: Andrew Chaney
Elected: Andrew Chaney (elected unopposed)

Treasurer:

Nominations: Alan Crawford
Elected: Alan Crawford (elected unopposed)

Rear-Commodore:

Nominations: Brian Hooper
Elected: Brian Hooper (elected unopposed)

Results - Scorer:

Nominations: Graham Black
Elected: Graham Black (elected unopposed)

Canteen Provider:

Nominations: Nil received committee to seek further assistance
Elected: Nil

Media Officer:

Nominations: Mark Dawson
Elected: Mark Dawson (elected unopposed)

Club Principal Race Officer (PRO):

Nominations: Peter Bradbury
Elected: Peter Bradbury (elected unopposed)

Committee Members:

Nominations: Grant Higgins, Ken Symonds, Lucas McDonald, David Taylor
Elected: Grant Higgins, Ken Symonds, Lucas McDonald, David Taylor

Meeting concluded 12:44 pm

Matthew Johnson
President (Chair)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to welcome you all here today to the Annual General Meeting of the Humpybong Yacht Club for the year 2011, and what a year it has been. Floods and arguments over sewerage; fast sailing and even faster powerboat obstacle courses; fantastic regattas and aggravated frustration with many levels of government.

JANUARY'S FLOODS
The floods in January which devastated many areas of the state had effects that were evident even in our little club. Many of our members were directly flooded, with satellite photos showing at least one member's boat floating in the middle of his backyard. Our thoughts go out to all of those affected by these catastrophic events.

The significant flow on effect from the floods, as far as our club was concerned, was the closure of all of the beaches surrounding our racing area, from Shorncliffe to Suttons Beach by both MBRC and BCC. The level of debris in the water was astounding; just after the floods we had 25 000L polytanks and entire large trees floating past the clubhouse, four months later we were still retrieving several boatloads of timber from the water each time we put boats in. With closures enforced by Maritime Safety Queensland, both Brisbane and Moreton Bay Councils, high levels of debris in the water and reports of sewerage contamination in the bay we lost almost two months of activity around the club.

Alan Crawford and I contacted Councillor Rae Frawley regarding the hardships suffered by the club with the closures and we are delighted that she responded with a \$500 donation from her Community Support Fund. This donation will go a small way to covering the costs incurred by the club during this time while we were without income. I would again like to take this opportunity to thank the Councillor for her support of the club this year.

LEARN-TO-SAIL

Shortly before the beginning of this season our previous Learn-to-sail instructor accepted a position with Southport Yacht Club to coordinate their program. We wished him well with his relocation but this also left us without a structured approach to sail training. With the number of enquiries for the program continuing to mount up, Alan Crawford stepped up to start running informal sailing training for the club. I can't thank Alan enough for the effort he has put into keeping this program going. When most of our members were warm and dry at home because of the inclement weather, Alan was out on the water for hours on end teaching our new members about the fundamentals of the sport we all love. The feedback I have received from many of those new members is all positive, and I would invite you all to join me in showing Alan a token of our gratitude.

One of the new programs to come out of recent discussions with Yachting Australia and Yachting Queensland is the development of a nationwide, federally funded, youth involvement scheme similar to those already used by major sporting codes throughout the country such as AFL's Auskick and Soccer's Small Sided format. The scheme has been developed by Yachting Victoria and has proved very successful there. Details of the new scheme are still in development, but early indications are that it should not be a financial burden for the clubs involved and should actually help to increase numbers at the club and involvement in the sport as a whole. I have already begun discussions with Yachting Queensland so that Humpybong can be instrumental in rolling out the new scheme, particularly for the northern region of Brisbane.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Last season we expended time and money developing plans for expanding the clubhouse. Many of you will have seen the plans in various forms around the club. Unfortunately, due to an inability to secure funding for the project, it has been put on hold for the mean time.

We also last season applied for an additional area for our lease. When we spoke to the Councillor Frawley at the beginning of this season she highlighted that since the amalgamated council was still coming to a decision as to how to combine the disparate policies of the previous councils there would be no decision on our application. As we have heard no further advice from council on this matter we can only assume that they are still coming to terms with their amalgamation.

Moreton Bay Regional Council are however preparing plans to redevelop the foreshore surrounding our club. The previous works stopped just short of the rigging area and the recently released draft strategic plan for the rest of the foreshore outlines the development guidelines from this previous work to the newly completed Ted Smout Bridge. While there is very little detail present in the strategic plan as yet, they have taken our comments on board regarding maintaining the use of the rigging area and dealing with the vehicle, pedestrian and sailing interactions on the roadways. Next season's committee should maintain a close relationship with the council to ensure that HYC's interests in the public infrastructure to not get overlooked for the sake of some other purpose.

FINANCES GOING DOWN THE SEWER

Many of you will have seen or heard earlier in the season of our one-man campaign against Unity Water and their unfair application of sewerage charges on not-for-profit, community focused clubs such as ours. I will allow Alan to confirm the figures in his report but the massive increase of charges has put a strain on our budget, as I'm sure it will have on many other similar clubs throughout the region.

The State Government's decision to, yet again, restructure the water and sewerage supply system will undoubtedly just further complicate matters until decisions can be made with a degree of common sense and compassion. There is no question that the total costs of supply for water and sewerage are, like everything else, on the increase; but focusing the impact of those costs on the charges faced by community groups, who by their very definition cannot afford them, is an indication of the lack of proper consideration that has gone into the issue from governments at all levels.

In the meantime, until a solution can be found by the authorities involved, the club is going to have to make provision in the fees and charges for the increased costs.

REGATTAS AND TITLES

What sailing days we had this season have been put to great use with spectacular racing over a number of special regattas, the most successful of which was the A-Class State Titles at Easter. We agreed to host the regatta after a number of the Humpybong A-Class fleet cornered me in a moment of weakness at the Australian Titles at Cootharaba in January.

The state titles were a resounding success with 23 competitors in outstanding conditions for that time of year. Conditions varied from almost still to 1.5m swell which made a significant difference for those of us in Rescue Two. Initial feedback from the competitors indicated that they were happy with the Race Management and courses that were set and we hope to see a number of them back at the club in the near future. We also managed to keep up a high level of coverage for the event with regular updates through our website, Facebook, various internet forums, and at the conclusion of the event even managed to get an article posted on Sail-World for the association. Hopefully this will spread the word that Humpybong is a great place to come sail and that we can host great regattas.

The club has also been approached by the 420 association to host a national titles and the Sabre association to host a state titles for next season. If we can promote Humpybong as being a great place to host a titles regatta and win some business away from the standard-title-hosting-clubs we may be able to put the club in a better financial position for future seasons.

MARITIME SAFETY QUEENSLAND AND SKI RACING QUEENSLAND

A major issue that has faced many clubs throughout Queensland this year has been the issue of Aquatic Event Authorities issued by Maritime Safety Queensland. Previously we applied for these on an annual basis to book the water for the entire year. Changes to MSQ's policies meant that this season we had to re-apply every 90 days and list each specific date. This intensification in applications and approvals would have led many to believe that MSQ was keeping a very close watch on concurrent users of the waterways to, in their words, "manage the interaction of vessels."

For those who are interested in the entire saga I can provide copies of the many pieces of correspondence between HYC and MSQ, but to save you the details the system failed when a club such as ours needed it most. Maritime Safety Queensland issued the same authority, for the same section of water, for the same dates to both HYC and Ski Racing Queensland who conducted their World Title qualifier on our bay recently. Many of us would realise that off-the-beach sail boats and V12 powerboats hauling water-skiers at 150km/h are reasonably incompatible uses and that any form of "interaction" was out of the question.

At a recent session, organised by Yachting Queensland, the head of Maritime Safety Queensland admitted to those assembled that in this case MSQ had, "dropped the ball," and that there were reviews of their policies and procedures now underway to ensure that the situation was not repeated. I would recommend to the incoming committee that they keep a close dialog with MSQ while these new policies and procedures are formulated to ensure that the new arrangements are far more favourable for Humpybong.

THANK-YOU

I would like to thank a few key members of the club who have kept this club going through this difficult season as well as helping me in my first year as President.

As well as his outstanding efforts with the learn-to-sail program, I would like to thank Alan Crawford for all of his assistance beyond the call of club Treasurer. Without his constant effort in all aspects of running this organisation I don't know how I would have managed to make it through the year.

Thank you also to Russ McDonald and Peter Bradbury for their constant advice and experience for those of us new to the job of running a committee.

To Anita Cox, Toni McDonald and their band of tireless helpers who have always managed to find a way to feed and hydrate our members and guests. It takes a very special kind of person to support our club by running the canteen, even on days when the rest of their family is sailing elsewhere.

To Graham Black for being here every time we ask to not only keep the results flowing but for keeping our lines to the outside world connected. I'm sure Telstra also appreciate the endless hours he has put in alerting them to deficiencies in their network.

And to the committee who have supported Alan and I through this difficult year. I look forward to working with many of you again in the year to come.

LOOKING AHEAD

In closing, we must now look ahead to the new season and put the bad experiences of this year down to just that, experience. There are many things to get moving with into the new year and I welcome the challenge along with any other members who have an interest in steering the direction of this great club.

Humpybong Yacht Club
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