

SPACESAILER 27 SECTION/ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

5 APRIL 2016

PRESENT: G. ABERLE, C. STEVENSON, G. MANNERS, S. FIGGINS, G. MURRAY,
P. REES, A. HOBBS, G. NORTHOVER, B. SALEEBA.

APOLOGIES: P. WILLMOTT, C. LONG, T. HARRISON, M. POPHAM, J. MURRAY,
R. BEISSEL.

1. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

The Chairman suspended the normal business in order to deal with the number of concerns at the racing so far provided by Fremantle Sailing Club.

The Inshore Captain, Steve Delfos was invited and agreed to attend this meeting. Notes from this special meeting are recorded and published separately from these minutes.

Minutes of meeting were tabled and accepted.

Accepted, G. Northover, C. Stevenson.

BUSINESS ARISING:

C Stevenson revisited the matter of head sail battens. The matter is recorded under Section 4.5 below.

2. CORRESPONDENCE.

- 2.1 FROM
- 2.1.1 CYC with NoR of Commodore's Cup.
- 2.1.2 Several re headsail battens.
- 2.1.3 TCYC flyer re the Cockburn Sound Regatta.
- 2.1.4 P. Rees advising of availability of crew member for the Billy Run.
- 2.1.5 M. Ferguson seeking a spinnaker.
- 2.1.6 S. Delfos accepting the invitation to this meeting.
- 2.1.7 Several re spinnaker.
- 2.1.8 G. Manners requesting advice re a dinner at RFBYC.
- 2.1.9 SPYC advising the club is already booked for Thu, 28 Apr.
- 2.1.10 Several re prize night venue.
- 2.1.11 YWA seeking nominations for Volunteer of the Year.
- 2.1.12 I. Day advising RFBYC have lengthened their courses.
- 2.1.13 G. Northover advising of change of skipper for the EFBYC race.
- 2.1.14 Sailing Captain with list of non-participating SS27s.

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- 2.1.15 RFBYC with SSIs for State Race 6.
- 2.1.16 Sailing Captain advising that the nominee for the Volunteer will not participate.
- 2.1.17 M. Popham with the final results for the State Championship and Consistency.
- 2.1.18 Comments on MIY recipient.
- 2.1.19 Sailing Captain with request for nominations for SPYC Prize Night.
- 2.1.20 A. Hobbs advising he cannot attend Presentation Dinner on 28 Apr.
- 2.1.21 G. Skinner re new flags and pennants.
- 2.1.22 C. Long with apology for the meeting.
- 2.1.23 M. Popham with meeting apology and update Club Championship and Consistency.
- 2.1.24 J. Murray with apology and thoughts on the FSC race.
- 2.1.25 S. Delfos confirming attendance at the meeting.

2.2 OUT

- 2.2.1 Several re use of headsail battens.
- 2.2.2 SPYC members re CYC Commodore's Cup.
- 2.2.3 G. Skinner re new SS27 flags and pennants.
- 2.2.4 C. Stevenson advising of exclusive acceptance of battens in his sail only.
- 2.2.5 All, with TCYC Cockburn Sound Regatta detail.
- 2.2.6 All, with minutes of March meeting.
- 2.2.7 S. Delfos with invitation to this meeting to discuss racing at FSC.
- 2.2.8 All, forwarding request for second hand spinnaker.
- 2.2.9 G. Aberle to P Rees re spare crew for Billy Run.
- 2.2.10 Potential starters at FSC, notice of discussion re future racing there.
- 2.2.11 M. Ferguson with replies to request for a second hand spinnaker.
- 2.2.12 G. Aberle with several requests to clubs for Presentation Dinner.
- 2.2.13 G. Aberle to G. Northover advising of acceptance of change of skipper.
- 2.2.14 All, with advice of longer courses at RFBYC for the State Race.
- 2.2.15 RFBYC, requesting SSIs for race 6.
- 2.2.16 All, with SSIs for State Race 6.
- 2.2.17 Sailing Captain with suggestion for volunteer nomination.
- 2.2.18 G. Aberle and M. Popham, with MIY result.
- 2.2.19 All, with final results for State Championship and Consistency.
- 2.2.20 RFBYC, with summary of their starters in State races.
- 2.2.21 G. Skinner re order for new flags and pennants.
- 2.2.22 All, with reminder of Presentation Dinner date.
- 2.2.23 All, with reminder of meeting.
- 2.2.24 G. Aberle to M. Popham with summary of concerns at FSC race.
- 2.2.25 G. Aberle to S. Delfos confirming his attendance at the meeting.
- 2.2.26 SPYC, with summary of final State results.
- 2.2.27 RFBYC, with summary of final State results.

3. REPORTS.

3.1 TREASURER: The bank balance stands at \$3621.

A deposit of \$500 towards the Annual Presentation Dinner at East Fremantle Yacht Club has already been paid.

As previously requested, he completed a stock take of all trophy items in his care: 2 replica championship trophies; 6 life members badges; 23 medallions, 18 trophy glasses; 1 tiller mould frame.

He will recover the perpetual trophies for engraving, that is, champion, consistency, most improved. He will organise all the necessary engraving.

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3.2 MEASURER: Nothing to report.

3.3 HANDICAPPER: He had prepared the final tables of the State Championship and Consistency results. These have been forwarded to everyone.

A summary was provided to the Chairman of the SPYC club championship results to date, with one race remaining to be run.

3.4 SAILING COMMITTEE:

The SPYC strategic plan was presented at a meeting in an effort to explain the detail.

The Men's Shed proposal is on hold.

Mediators are required from each Section so as to provide a pool of resources to call on whenever mediation is required. Adrian Hobbs will be the SS27 mediator.

The proposed crèche is on hold.

The Chairman will provide the Sailing Captain with the three requirements which were;

appropriate coaching for keelboats

no more than two windward/leeward racing events in the calendar

outside recruiting of crew ...

and a fourth ...further improvements to some aspects of club catering

Night racing has now been cancelled indefinitely at SPYC.

The Chairman will follow up on the SS27 non-participants on what they need to become active.

Cruising Butterflies was run on Sun, 3 Apr and was a great success for children with long term health problems. SS27 participating yachts were Dr Feelgood, Force Five and Bellissimo.

3.5 SCRIBE. The final State Championship and Consistency results have been loaded on to the website. The meeting minutes will be added.

The article for the Soundings magazine will be lodged before the deadline of 15th April 2016, and it features the background of Paul Rees.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS.

4.1 COACHING. The season budget is now exhausted for any more on water coaching. The SPYC Coach agreed to prepare a statement of the philosophy of future coaching at this club. His report is now expected on 7 Apr.

It is intended that the SS27 Section will arrange a pre-season coaching event for their own boats. Treasurer to check for scope within Section Funds. Timing likely to be late August or early October 2016 [close to start of Season].

4.2 RFBYC COURSES. It was recommended that RFBYC course lists include an asterisk on the last mark where full and shortened courses diverge. [Particularly on Course 4 as it is presently configured]. This should remove any confusion about how to pass marks such as North Point Walter [to be "passed to port" not "rounded to port"].

It is felt that the courses are too short for State racing. Members were advised that a meeting is about to take place at RFBYC to discuss future courses.

The meeting agreed the Association required a mid-river start with a normal full course length of 10-12 nm. A shortened course should reduce the length by 2-3 nm.

Meeting agreed that it wishes to continue with after race meals at RFBYC. It was recommended that a function booking be made as soon as the season fixtures are known so as to secure a room.

Yachts wishing to stay berthed overnight should contact the club and obtain permission.

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4.3 ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER. This year it will be held at East Fremantle Yacht Club on Thu, 28 Apr and it is open to everyone.

The draw for the sponsor's spinnaker will be held. Boats that already have sponsored spinnakers are requested to withdraw for consideration. So far these are - Karina, Carrageen II and Abeelas. Chairman will contact the others to find out their intentions.

The meals for the night will be selected from the supplied menu and advised to members.

A guest speaker has been approached in Lieutenant Kirsten Norris. Chairman to re-confirm her availability.

The award of the Most Improved Yacht will be announced on the night.

The Chairman will provide a slide scroll and projection equipment.

G. Murray has volunteered to take photos during the evening.

4.4 STATE OCEAN RACE. Following on from the earlier discussion with the FSC Captain, the meeting agreed that it wished to continue having an ocean race as part of the State Championships. Ocean races from other clubs will be considered and a decision will be made later. The Chairman advised the meeting that the SPYC Sailing Captain, Mark Popham was pursuing options within SPYC for an SPYC hosted race. FSC have tentatively placed a race for the Association in their calendar on 11 Feb 17.

A general feeling from the members was that a wind speed limit of 25 kn would be preferable for cancelling an event (FSC limit is 28kn).

4.5 HEADSAIL BATTENS. It was discovered that there was an error in the last SS27 Constitution issued. This permitted C. Stevenson to install battens in his new headsail. As this was an Association error, C. Stevenson was advised in writing that this particular headsail will be accepted for use. A copy of the written advice was provided to the Measurer for insertion into the official records.

4.6 SPYC ANNUAL AWARDS. Members were reminded that nominations were required for various categories of personal awards; particularly, "SPYC SS27 Section Most Valuable Crew" and "SPYC Keelboat Sailor of the Year". These need to be submitted by 15 Apr. Skippers were requested to forward nominations to the Chairman as soon as possible.

5. NEXT MEETING -

Next meeting is in the SPYC Committee Room at 1930hrs, on Tuesday, 3 May 16.

Secretary,