

SPACESAILER 27

SECTION/ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9 AUGUST 2018

PRESENT: G. ABERLE, T. HARRISON, B. EASTERBROOK, S. FIGGINS, M. POPHAM, C. STEVENSON, G. NORTHOVER, G. MURRAY, B. SALEEBA.

APOLOGIES: P. REES, E. MANNERS, A. WILLMOTT.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES.

Minutes of 3 Jul 18 meeting were tabled and accepted.

Accepted, M. Popham, B. Easterbook.

BUSINESS ARISING:

2. CORRESPONDENCE.

2.1 FROM

- 2.1.1 Chairman, events questionnaire summary.
- 2.1.2 SPYC, with queries on sailing program.
- 2.1.3 PWA, noting date change to Wed, 20 Feb 19.
- 2.1.4 RFBYC, confirming the SS27 program is locked in.
- 2.1.5 M. Popham and B. Easterbrook requesting coaching be made available to them.
- 2.1.6 M. Popham suggesting an Inland Cruise, either 8-9 or 22-23 Sep.
- 2.1.7 P. Rees querying the supply of a SS27 jinker.
- 2.1.8 P. Rees with apology for this meeting.

2.2 OUT

- 2.2.1 SPYC with final SS27 fixtures and request to incorporate in the Red Book.
- 2.2.2 RPYC acknowledging acceptance of a State race.
- 2.2.3 All, with the minutes of Jul meeting.
- 2.2.4 RFBYC, with advice on the State Championship dates.
- 2.2.5 RPYC, with advice on the State Championship dates.
- 2.2.6 EFYC, with advice on the State Championship dates.
- 2.2.7 SPYC, with response to queries on State races.
- 2.2.8 SPYC members advising of availability of coaching on 20 Oct.
- 2.2.9 All, with summary of the racing fixture questionnaire prepared by the Chairman.
- 2.2.10 SPYC, advised of no article for the Soundings magazine.
- 2.2.11 Chairman to SPYC with information for a Soundings article.
- 2.2.12 All, advising of Inland Cruise and requesting preferred date.
- 2.2.13 P. Rees, advising the SS27 Section does not have a jinker.
- 2.2.14 All, advising of changed meeting date.
- 2.2.15 All, advising of meeting venue.
- 2.2.16 Whalers Cove, requesting 7-9 Sep to be the Inland Cruise date.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Both the Association and the Fleet remain strong and active

Vessel movements during the past Season :

"Iolanthe RF 58" was acquired by Malcolm Cronstedt and has raced in RFBYC Races, but not in any Association Heats.

"Beaujollais" which was sold out of SoPYC approximately 3 years ago, was renamed "Liberdade" during refit in Dampier and is presently continuing its circumnavigation of the world. Latest reports were from the Caribbean bound for the Azores.

Thank you to all of those who help to make things happen for our Association.

In particular, thank you to our much valued sponsor and Life Member Amanda Watson from Perth Timber Floors who has been generously supporting our Association for more than 13 years. Amanda has announced that her sponsorship will end at the end of the 2017-18 Season. Her longstanding support of our Association was acknowledged at the Association Prize Night held in May 2018.

Thank you to the Association's hard working committee:

Brian Saleeba (Life Member) – Secretary (huge volume of emails)

Greg Northover – Treasurer – engraving of trophies

Stan Figgins – Sail measurer

Jim Murray – Assistant measurer

Brian Easterbrook – Handicapper [With mentoring from Mark Popham]

Garrick Aberle – Soundings articles & website master & annual presentation dinner menus & flash drives

Colin Stevenson as the WTF rep on Sailing Committee and the Keelboat Coaching coordinator.

Thanks to all the other members of the Association for turning up to races & coming to meetings and being supportive.

Socially –

- All functions successful and well attended
- This year's annual presentation dinner at SoPYC – 81 attended
- Inland cruise at Whalers Cove Dunsborough
- Dinner at RFBYC after the first state heat held there
- Dinner at EFYC after State Heat was very well attended
- Christmas Lunch at SoPYC
- Dinner at Fremantle Sailing Club after state heat was a small affair

On the water

6 heats of the State Championships were conducted at 4 different yacht clubs - 14 yachts registered for racing and 7 sailed all races, down from 9 last season. Average racing fleet was 10+, the biggest fleet was 12, down 2 from 14 last season.

The Consistency Series enjoyed close competition throughout the Season

- 2 yachts in equal 1st place – with Winner determined by count back
 - 3 points separated 1st and 5th Place
- which attests to the quality and integrity of the Handicapping

The Sponsor's Spinnaker failed during the last Season. Having served the fleet for 10 to 11 years it was assessed by a Sailmaker to be worn beyond repair and thus scrapped.

The heat at FSC coupled with Augmentation Protocols by the Association resulted in a successful Heat but with low participation due to borderline weather conditions. FSC conducted the race well.

At the end of the season, a survey of registered racing members was conducted to assess the appetite for continuation of an Ocean Race as a State heat as well as to evaluate the appetite for conducting races at other river clubs

The full results of the survey have been previously reported. A wide range of opinions were expressed.

Key findings were ;

A majority of Members have elected to drop the State Heat conducted by FSC.

A majority of members expressed a desire to still have an ocean race in our calendar, however;

The format of such a race is yet to be determined

There was very little scope in the forthcoming season calendar to schedule such a race

This is a matter for future consideration by the Committee.

A majority of Members have elected to trial a State Heat conducted out of RPYC in lieu of FSC in the coming Season.

A majority of Members have elected to continue with a State Heat conducted out of EFYC in the coming Season.

Parkinson Twilight

Hosted by SoPYC

Well organised by Colin Stevenson and the Parkinsons' Association.

Generously supported by Amanda Watson and Garry Morrison using their power boat as our escort vessel.

Well supported and successful again this year with thanks being expressed by the Parkinson Association and those Parkinson members who participated.

The Association is sad to acknowledge the passing of our Inaugural Life Member, Peter Willmott in June 2018.

Match Racing Regatta was cancelled.

Conclusion:

Thanks again to all involved.

Please continue to support your Association both by sailing and attending our social events.

A strong Association attracts others to our class and ensures that we maintain the value of our yachts.

C. Stevenson proposed a vote of thanks to G. Aberle for a job very well done. His attention to detail and devotion to the Association and Section were very much appreciated. This appreciation also extended to his role as website master and the Soundings submissions.

The meeting agreed wholeheartedly.

4. REPORTS.

4.1 TREASURER: The Treasurer tabled and discussed a summary of the membership and financial transactions for the year of 2017-2018. This confirmed the current bank balance of \$2805. This was moved for acceptance by B. Easterbrook, C. Stevenson. approved.

He also tabled financial forecasts for both 2018-19 and 2019-20 which while incorporating certain assumptions, demonstrated that the Association is a viable entity, provided the membership remained strong.

Also tabled was the auditors report prepared by M. Popham which confirmed the financial status of the Association. The meeting thanked M. Popham for his statement.

The Treasurer recommended and moved that the membership fee remain at \$40, seconded S. Figgins, accepted.

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4.2 MEASURER: He was not able to present a formal report, but he noted that he had measured quite a number of sails over the year. All were passed. The following table presents a summary of new sails that were measured over the past Season. Individual measurements are reported in respective Meeting minutes.

New Sails in the Fleet : 2017-18 Season		
Vessel	Sail	Month Reported
Georgie RF 270	Main Sail	October 2017
Halcyon Days SP 277	No. 1 and No.3 Head Sail	October 2017
Lady Claire SP 541	New No. 1 Spinnaker	November 2017
Dr Feelgood SP 272	No. 1 Head Sail	November 2017
Vision SP 292	Modified No. 1.5 + Recut No. 3 Head Sails	December 2017
Abeelas SP 20	Main Sail	April 2018

No vessels were measured during the Season.

4.3 HANDICAPPER: For club handicap results, the TopYacht system has worked well and the Handicapper has confidence in it. The Association handicapping required frequent adjustments and achieved its aim of close final results.

4.4 SAILING COMMITTEE: At the meeting, Terry Newby was appointed as Sailing Vice Captain. However in the Red Book the names are different. This is to be clarified. The statement from the SS27 Section of - *"That, in a race series where a race is started, but discontinued after the start, or if a boat retires or is OCS in that started race, that points be awarded to those boats which started equal to the number of boats in that race. Boats which did not start that race will be award points equal to the number of boats which have nominated for the series."* While the meeting agreed there should be some reward in these cases, there was opposition to part of the detail due to perceived conflict with the Blue Book. The matter will be dealt with again.

4.5 SCRIBE. An article will be submitted in time for the next edition of Soundings. The website is due for an update of the pictures shown, mainly on the cover page.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.

The Chairman declared the committee positions vacant and called for nominations for the offices. The results of the election were -

CHAIRMAN	Tim HARRISON	M. Popham, B. Easterbrook
SECRETARY	Brian SALEEBA	T. Harrison, G. Northover
TREASURER	Greg NORTHOVER	T. Harrison, C. Stevenson
MEASURER	Stan FIGGINS	G. Aberle, G. Northover
ASS. MEASURER	Jim MURRAY	G. Aberle, B. Saleeba
HANDICAPPER	Brian EASTERBROOK	G. Aberle, G. Murray
SCRIBE/WEBMASTER	Garrick ABERLE	M. Popham, G. Northover
SAILING COMMITTEE REP.	Graeme MURRAY	G. Aberle, C. Stevenson

The positions were carried unanimously.

COACHING. C. Stevenson agreed to continue as a liaison officer of coaching.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS.

6.1 RACING FIXTURE. The Secretary advised that all four clubs had been contacted and that they have agreed to the running State Championship events for the Association. SPYC have been advised of the full season requirement of the SS27 Section and this has been accepted.

It was noted that in the recent Red Book, Sat 8 Dec is scheduled for a club race even though Sun, 9 Dec has a State race at EFYC. Secretary to advise SPYC and have 8 Dec race deleted.

The Billy Run to TCYC is scheduled for Sat, 16 Feb. Meeting recommended that this be an invitation race. G. Murray to take this request to Sailing Committee.

6.2 ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER. After discussion, it was decided that the preferred dates be 2 or 3 May, but no later than 10 May 19. Enquiries will commence for a suitable venue.

6.3 COACHING. This is scheduled for Sat, 20 Oct. The nominees so far for this are Force Five, Lady Claire and Chain Reaction. C. Stevenson to advise the club coach.

6.4 SPONSOR SPINNAKER. This spinnaker that was originally generously donated to the Association by the sponsor, Perth Timber Floors, has now been declared unserviceable by a sailmaker. The current recipient was requested to dispose of it.

6.5 INLAND CRUISE. B. Saleeba advised that the most suitable date for this annual event was 7 - 9 Sep at Whalers Cove, Dunsborough. Meeting agreed to hold it then.

6.6 SPONSOR. After many years of generous and enthusiastic support, it is expected that Perth Timber Floors can no longer donate to the Association financially.

It is recommended that all crew members be approached to see if there could be any interest among them to become a sponsor.

6.7 MAN OVERBOARD. G. Aberle advised that he will consolidate all replies, in all forms, into one document. It will then be issued as a summary and can then be used purely as a guideline for each vessel.

6.8 MENTOR. Those people who are willing to act as a mentor to any new SS27 skippers or crews, should advise the OWG directly.

7. NEXT MEETING -

Next meeting is in the SPYC Committee Room at 1930hrs, on Tuesday, 4 Sep 18.

Secretary,