



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 24 June 2016

## MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 1840 hrs. Meeting chaired by Commodore Tony Hanlon.

Present: 41 members with voting rights.

1. Welcome

The Commodore welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

2. Apologies

PASSED Terry Blundell/Jonathan MacInnes: That the apologies of Steve Hardcastle, Helen Ough Dealy, Greg Hansen, David & Rosamund Scoffham, Carol Sefonte, Tony Dunlop, Annie Hill, Simon Miller, Joanne & Paul Wilson, Peter & Alwyn Cumming, Wolfgang Losacker, John & Andrea Davies and Peter & Heather Worsley be accepted.

3. Minute's Silence

A minute's silence was held for members and supporters who had died during the year.

9(a) Appointment of Scrutineers

John Seal and Raewyn Hanlon volunteered to act as scrutineers in the event that a vote was held for any officer or committee position.

4. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 26 March 2015.

Trish van der Sande pointed out that the draft minutes incorrectly stated, under agenda item 6 Financial Report, the subscription year was stated to be an October-September year, not a September -August year.

PASSED Terry Blundell/Trish van der Sande: That with the amendment to the twelfth bullet point so that it states that the subscription year set as a September-August year the minutes of the 26 March 2015 Annual General meeting be accepted.

5. Matters Arising From Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the 26 March 2015 Annual General Meeting.

6. Financial Report for Year Ended 31 March 2016

Andrew Riddell, Treasurer, presented the audited financial report and commented on some aspects of it:

- overall a very modest surplus of \$4,461
- a 24% increase in bar turnover, 10% increase in kitchen revenue, membership income well up
- expenses also up, and Tall Ships net revenue down
- in next year expect more spending on maintenance of the building
- several areas to work on for increased income:
  - kitchen – stability and cost control
  - club hires – last year \$7,437 in bar income from hires
  - merchandising – sub-committee looking at this
  - an operating slip will give income
  - events for more than just racing membership
 all of which should increase membership
- subscription fees set at same as last year, but expect an increase next year
  - Family Full membership increased from 58 to 65
  - Full membership increased from 52 to 54
  - Associate membership decreased from 24 to 23
- have a new ring fenced fund – the 40k/40yr building fund – this is a long term fund

A question was asked about the 40k/40yr fund.

PASSED Andrew Riddell/Tony Olsen: That the audited accounts for 2015-2016 and the financial report be accepted.

## 7. Commodore's Report

Tony Hanlon, Commodore, read his report. Important points from report:

- commenced by pointing to two items that stood out over the year – the slow speed of bureaucracy and the high costs of compliance
- successes over the year:
  - slipway upgrade
  - new mast gantry operational
- disappointed that pathway across the reserve not completed, one project the Commodore particularly wanted to accomplish but “time has not allowed”
- very full yacht racing calendar saw the yachting members of the Club have a good year
- those who ran the Tall Ships event excelled as usual
- the successful running of the Short Ships event, resulted in an event for a different group of members to the racing group
- fortunate to have the “soon to be world famous” Kororareka Ukulele Orchestra to play over the year, meeting asked to record their gratitude to the Kororareka Ukulele Orchestra
- a raft of maintenance needs have been identified, this shows why there is a real need for a Building Committee to be added to the Boating Club Rules
- there is a need to raise the clubhouse sometime in the future, fortunate that a member who is coordinating fundraising towards this cost
- the Club is a *Boating* Club and needs to cater for the full range of boating activities
- asked for members with an interest in boating other than yacht racing to come forward and assist the Committee in catering for the full range of boating activities
- request that all members be considerate of our power boat members and keep the outer side of the pontoon clear for loading and unloading
- members asked to consider making themselves available for Committee and sub-committees
- those who had served on the Committee and sub-committees and Trish, Maddy and

- Alice thanked
- announced to applause that Simon Taylor receives the Mal Hughes Award for an outstanding contribution to the Boating Club
- presented bouquets as thanks to Christine Hall, Helen Pick, Trish van der Sande, Maddy Sigley, Alice Reti, and Nan George

PASSED Greta North/Brett Avery: That the Commodore's report be accepted.

## 6. Notices of Motion to Amend Rules

- (a) There was brief discussion on the proposed motion to replace the requirement for a Protest Committee with a requirement for a Building Committee.

PASSED Tony Hanlon/Andrew Riddell: That "A Protest Committee" be replaced by "A Building Committee" in clause 10(c) of the Rules of the Russell Boating Club.

- (b) There was lengthy discussion on the proposal for a new clause to be added to the Rules about liability. Points covered in this discussion: many clubs had this sort of clause, it is a draft clause in the incorporated society rules on the Incorporated Society Registrar's web site. This covered by the Club's public liability insurance anyway. Should be extended to cover volunteers and members generally. Legal advice should be obtained first. Junior Sailing and Tall Ships would need to be covered. Need to ensure Club not moving away from no fault ACC coverage.

PASSED (1 against) Jay Howell/Tony Hanlon: That a new clause 22A be added to the Rules of the Russell Boating Club:

The General Committee and the Officers and each and every one of them respectively shall be fully indemnified by the Club against any loss, damage, expense or liability incurred by reason of or in connection with any legal proceedings instituted against them or any of them in relation to the performance or professed performance of any of their duties.

PASSED Charlie Brendon-Cook/Leslie Blundell: That the Committee investigate getting legal advice on the indemnity clause.

- (c) There was minimal discussion on the proposal to require any Notice of Motion at least 14 days before a General Meeting.

PASSED Tony Hanlon/Terry Blundell: That a new clause 7(ba) be added to the Rules of the Russell Boating Club:

(ba) Notices of Motion Any Notice of Motion must be received by the Secretary at least 14 days before the Special or Annual General Meeting where it is to be proposed.

- (d) There was discussion on the merits of the proposal for a Nominating Committee to be set up.

LOST Jay Howell/Tony Olsen: That a new clause 10(e) be added to the Rules of the Russell Boating Club:

A Nominating Committee. The nominating committee is responsible for identifying a proposed slate of club officer and committee member candidates to be submitted for membership vote at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with these rules.

## 9. Election of Officers and Committee

Position	Person Nominated	Nominated By	Seconded By
Commodore	no nominations		
Vice-Commodore	John Seal	Andrew Riddell	John MacInnes
Rear-Commodore	Tony Hanlon	Brent Loader	Charlie Brendon-Cook
Secretary/Treasurer	Andrew Riddell	Tony Hanlon	Steve Hardcastle
Club Captain	Simon Taylor	Tommo Thomason	Richard Stephens
Committee	Terry Blundell	Tony Hanlon	Steve Hardcastle
Committee	Jay Howell	Tony Hanlon	Steve Hardcastle
Committee	Kiki Nicolson	John MacInnes	Terry Blundell
Committee	Helen Ough Dealy	Andrew Riddell	Tony Hanlon
Committee	Jack Duston	Tony Hanlon	Andrew Riddell
Committee	Tony Olsen	Tony Hanlon	Raewyn Hanlon
Committee	Steve Southworth	Rosemary Gardner	Maureen Trotter
Committee	Mike Trotter	Tony Olsen	Tony Hanlon
Committee	Maureen Trotter	Christine Hall	Raewyn Hanlon
Committee	David Nicolson	John MacInnes	Terry Blundell

It was noted that all nominees had accepted their nominations except Simon Taylor and David Nicolson. It was declared by the Commodore that the people listed had been duly elected, subject to confirmation of acceptance of nominations from Simon Taylor and David Nicolson.

10. Election of Patron

The election of a Patron did not proceed.

11. Appointment of Honorary Members

PASSED Tony Hanlon/Jonathan MacInness: The following be appointed as honorary members of the Russell Boating Club for the 2016 2017 year:

Anthony George, Nicole George, Willie Irving, Shane Royan, Warwick and Lynette Cooper and whanau, Maioha whanau, Sam Heydon, Alan Orams, Jim Riley, Trevor Mowat, Tim Yeates and whanau, Hylton Edmonds, Jamie & Margo Hudson.

12. General Business

(a) Smoke Free Club House and Jetty

Brent Loader introduced his motion that the club house and jetty be smoke free, citing the benefits as being a sporting club promoting health, having a cleaner club house, reduced fire risk and it will be the law soon.

It was pointed out from the floor that there is a legal requirement for clubs to provide a smoking area.

The motion was lost.

(b) Volunteers for Club Closure

Volunteers to help with maintenance during the July closure of the Club were asked to record their names on the whiteboard provided.

(c) Kitchen

Carl Taylor asked the Committee to investigate leasing out the kitchen as an option.

(d) Quorums at Meetings

PASSED: Raewyn Hanlon/Terry Blundell: That the Committee be requested to review the number for a quorum for committee meetings.

PASSED Brent Loader/Terry Blundell: That the Committee look at the percentage of members needed to constitute a quorum for general meetings.

(e) Winter Menu

Leslie Blundell asked the new committee to look at the menu, especially over winter and to look at the use of left over roast meat.

Meeting closed at 2038 hrs