



**BAY OF ISLANDS
NEW ZEALAND**

**ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING
7 APRIL 2019**

MINUTES

Meeting Commenced at 16.09 hrs at the Russell Boating Club

Present: 65 members with voting rights

1. Welcome:

The Commodore ("Jay") welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

Jay acknowledged the passing of a former member by the name of Andrew Pettit.

2. Apologies:

Richard Williamson

Alan Duncan

Adam Wild

Emma Wild

Charles Johnson

Tommo Thomasen

3. Approval of Minutes:

2.1 8 April 2018 AGM (attached)

2.2 9 December 2018 SGM (attached)

Jay moved that they be accepted, Jack seconded and all voted in favour of approving the two sets of minutes

3. Commodore's Report and Financial Report

- 3.1 The Commodore gave a brief overview of social events over the past year especially the Harry Lyon album launch, the annual cricket match and shipwreck ball.
- 3.2 Financial results for kitchen sales and bar were extremely good with both returning a really good profit. Expecting sales to grow with a strong team in the kitchen going forward.
- 3.3 The Club also had a fantastic racing programme this year. The racing aspect does not impact the Club financially and it is an important part of the club's year.
- 3.4 Youth sailing programme, for the first time, the Club ran a summer sailing programme with hired instructors. There was a charge for the lessons and the Club basically broke even.
- 3.5 Member subscriptions are increasing year on year, This year there are 365 members, 100 associate non-voting members and approximately 260 voting members
- 3.6 Tall ships regatta is the showcase event for the club and was very successful this year with a good number of entries. The hangi and kitchen were very busy and this year a professional band was hired for the marquee which encouraged the crowds to stay for longer.
- 3.7 Fundraising – another really strong year for fundraising which comprised donations and grant money from various bodies
- 3.8 Putting it all together, this was another very strong year with \$44,130 cash profit. Another source of income was the slipway which has been operating throughout the year. The Club also received income from the showers, rented moorings and advertising in the calendar.
- 3.9 Unfortunately our expenses are also increasing with insurance premium, YNZ membership fees, electricity all increasing their prices. This illustrates that the Club has to keep income coming in to cope with increasing costs

- 3.10 Some of our profits were spent on capital expenditure, replacement pumps, bench refrigeration unit, deposit on trolley for slipway but we have a total of \$121,535 in the bank with the building fund now standing at \$41,193.
- Jay was congratulated on improving the financial health of the club.
- 3.11 Jay then commented that he was keen on keeping membership rates low and food and drink prices affordable. Discussion also took place about the scheduling of the AGM but the thinking was that it be held in April so that more members can attend rather than hold it in winter when many members were overseas for the NZ winter.
- 3.12 Update on trolley replacement on slipway – the Club has received funding of \$12,000 and donations of \$6,000 towards it. The project stalled over the winter and the hope is that it will still proceed with the new committee.
- 3.13 Update on race box and the wharf kiosk – unfortunately the leaseholder told the club that it was no longer welcome to use the space due to tensions within the community. Plans to build a special tower or to include a race box with separate access into the new wharf building to enable the club to continue to use the space for racing in the future are under discussion with Far North Holdings.
- 3.14 Update on long term goal of lifting clubhouse – it is a challenge to come up with an approach that everyone can agree with. The Club has a building sub-committee and several options are being investigated. The hope is that this process will continue with the new committee
- 3.15 Looking head, the next couple of years have the potential for being exciting. During 2021 the club is 50 years old. In the same year we will see the contest for the Americas Cup and also the Millenium Cup. The latter is probably of most interest as the Russell Boating Club is the club on record and it will be interesting to see to what extent the Club can become involved.
- 3.16 Jay finally commented that this event wrapped up his two years as Commodore and he acknowledged that it had been a meaningful two years and thanked everyone for their support

4. Matters arising

- 4.1 An opportunity had been presented to the club from the Russell Museum in relation to the Club's scrimshaw trophies being included in an upcoming exhibition to mark Tuia 250.

David outlined the proposal of the museum in relation to the tall ships trophies including insurance, display and proper acknowledgement of the Russell Boating

Club. The museum fully appreciates that these are the club's taonga. Christine Hall suggested that we should have a definite time frame for the display. She also commented that the Club does not display these trophies in a satisfactory way, partly due to lack of space and hopes that this is something that can be rectified in the future with the re-development of the Clubhouse.

After discussion, this issue was voted on by the members who agreed:

- (a) to release the trophies for a specified time on the understanding that they can be returned for the club to use when required;
- (b) that they be appropriately insured by the Museum; and
- (c) that there is a proper written agreement between the Club and the Museum.

The vote was passed by a majority show of hands

5. Election of Honorary Members

The list of honorary members was read out:

Warwick and Lynette Cooper and whanau

Hylton Edmonds

Anthony and Nicole George and whanau

Sam Heydon

Jamie and Margo Hudson

Willie Irving

Maioha whanau

Jim Riley

Shane Royan

Tim Yeates and whanau

Jay nominated all these people be given honorary membership. Barry Newland seconded this nomination and this was passed by a majority show of hands.

In addition Charlie Brendan-Cook proposed Tony Hanlon be nominated as a life member of the Club, seconded by Robert Adams and carried by a majority show of hands.

6. Election of Officers and General Committee:

| Position | Candidate | Nominated by | Seconded by |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Club Patron | Tony Hanlon | Charlie Brendan-Cole | Robert Adams |
| Commodore | Barry Newland | Robert Adams | Richard Buchanan |
| Vice-Commodore | Robert Adams | Barry Newland | Christine van Beurden |
| Treasurer | | | |
| Secretary | Christine van Beurden | Tony Hanlon | Tui Allen |
| General Committee: | Tui Allen | Barry Newland | Robert Adams |
| | Bruce Mitchinson | Tony Hanlon | Tui Allen |
| | Phillipa Buchanan | Richard Buchanan | Barry Newland |
| | Kaye Whalen | Tony Hanlon | Phillipa Buchanan |
| | Richard Buchanan | Tony Hanlon | Phillipa Buchanan |
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| | John Grant | Tony Hanlon | Barry Newland |

These nominations were all approved by the membership and their election to the committee was carried by a majority show of hands.

Tony Hanlon gave a brief speech to thank all the members of the new general committee. Tony also made a presentation to Sandra (Jay's wife) as a thank you for all she had done for the club and a big thank you to Jay for all that he had achieved over the preceding two years.

Brett Loader gave a speech acknowledging the outstanding amount of work that had been done over the two years that Jay was commodore. Jay was presented with the Mal Hughes Award for an outstanding contribution to the Club.

Barry Newland gave a short speech of thanks for being voted in as commodore and briefly spoke about the items he would like to see happen in the following year. He ended with a thank you for the members' vote of confidence in him.

The meeting closed at 17.06 hrs

Minutes taken by Christine van Beurden

C. M. van Beurden
Secretary -
Russell Boating
Club

Trish van der Sande
RBC Brook-Koppe