

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **SYDNEY 38 ONE DESIGN ASSOCIATION (AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED**

**14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016 COMMENCING AT 19:30 HOURS BY TELECONFERENCE**

1. Meeting Declared Open :- The President, Greg Clinnick declared the meeting open and in accordance with the constitution validated that the required quorum of 25% of members was in attendance

2. Attendees:

Victorian Chapter:- Greg Clinnick, John Chatham, Andrew Mollison, Chris Mrakas, Brenton & Jen Carnell, Kirwan Robb, Rowan Simpson (Minute Secretary). Plus the owners of The Goat as observers – Jane Evans, Mitchell Gordon and Daniel Hawkins

NSW Chapter:- Peter Byford, David Hudson, Richard Williams, Tony Levett, Larki Missiris, Phil Herscovics, Peter Mayo (Newcastle) (Late phone in)

Apologies:- Paul Holden & Craig Coulsen

3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM:-

The Minutes of the 2015 AGM as published were accepted, noting that Tony Levett had been an attendee, as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed by John Chatham

Seconded by Tony Levett

4. President's Report:- Greg tabled his President's Report which can be found on the Class web page. He highlighted that the local boat, "Phoenix" successfully defended 2016 National Championship hosted by RGYC, there had been significant ownership changes during the season, the healthy state of the Association's finances and that there were exciting times to look forward to in the future with planning for the 2017 Internationals to be hosted by MHYC. Greg also reported that the hosting of the club website was in the process of being outsourced. He thanked his committee for their contributions throughout the past year and in particular the Chief Measurer, John Chatham and Rowan Simpson. He acknowledged the sponsors particularly in Victoria where Ian Murray through his company "Morris Finance" had supported the 2016 Nationals and other events. He also acknowledged the contribution of artist Jane Flowers whose painting of a running Sydney 38 fleet was auctioned during the regatta. The proceeds contributed a significant amount towards the cost of running the Nationals and also to the local bush fire appeal. After 7 years in the class, most of which he was President, he and his co-owner, Paul Holden have sold "Audacious" and Greg is stepping down as President.

On behalf of members, Peter Byford thanked Greg and Rowan for their contribution and they were given hearty applause from the members.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report:-

The President reported the Association was in a healthy financial position with \$42,800 in the bank. Largely due to the Morris Finance sponsorship and The Jane Flowers painting donation, the 2016 Nationals were largely self-funded. Subscriptions and sail buttons have provided a steady source of income. In response to a question from Tony Levett about the Association's rudder, Greg pointed out the spare rudder had been totally depreciated over three years but remained an asset of the Association at nil book value.

Proposed by Greg Clinnick

Seconded by Jen Carnell.

#### 6. Election of Office Bearers:-

Peter Byford was elected President and John Chatham would remain the Chief Measurer and Technical advisor. Chris Mrakas was also appointed as the Victorian Representative. Richard Williams would also continue to represent the Sydney Harbour fleet.

John Chatham proposed that each region should have a fleet Captain in accordance with rule A6.3 and A6.4. This would ensure equal regional or State representation.

The motion was proposed by John and seconded by Greg Clinnick.

Peter felt Chris Heraghty (Risk), would be an ideal candidate to represent Pittwater and he has indicated he would be prepared to join in March next year. With two Victorian boats on their way to South Australia (Playground and Audacious) the S.A. fleet will be boosted to 6 or 7 boats. It was agreed that the Association needed to encourage One Design Racing in that state. David Knights ("White Knight") who participated in the 2016 Nationals was suggested as a representative but had not renewed his subscription. Greg Clinnick felt that either the new owner of "Audacious" and/or the new owner of "Playground" should be approached. Whilst not a boat owner and ineligible to vote, Rowan Simpson, a long-time supporter of the class and Secretary of the Southern Chapter also indicated he had decided to move on to other yachting challenges. Rowan was thanked for his massive contribution to the association over many years.

#### 7. Chief Measurer's Report: -

John Chatham provided a verbal report on issues which arose during the year and thanked his assistant Measurers for their efforts throughout the past year. He was still looking to recruit a measurer for the Sydney Harbour fleet to complete his team. He can provide Certificates for new owners on request.

Issues arising following John's report:-

- i) Tony Levett had a new keel made by Innovation Composites. John was unaware and requested drawings if possible. Action :- Tony to follow up location of keel mould and hopefully provide 3D drawings.
- ii) Exemption for bow prodders:- "Calibre" was the only boat in recent NSW State titles to have exemption to leave it on the boat. No one felt it had any impact. David Hudson suggested the class should look at adopting them for Offshore OD racing. Peter Byford indicated support by altering the NOR or a rule amendment in the future.
- iii) Rudder design:- Much discussion about poor design of original rudders, the design rectification and the latest carbon built rudder. John is waiting for the weight of new carbon rudder.
- iv) Other issues discussed were propellers, forward hatch frame replacements, rudder bearings (Peter Mayo to talk to John) and links to the B & G website.

Whilst John is a good point of contact, it was apparent that this information should be shared amongst members and the Website was an ideal forum.

## 8. Planning for 2017 Nationals

Peter Byford presented a verbal report on the preparations for the 2017 Nationals which are to be called the "2017 Internationals" and hosted by MHYC. Overseas competitors from the USA and Noumea are expected as well as boats from Queensland, Victoria and hopefully one of the new owners from South Australia might be encouraged to participate. Together with the local NSW boats a fleet of 15 boats is expected to compete. In order to save costs the Sydney 36 fleet would be invited to hold a regatta in conjunction with the Sydney 38's. Charter agreements were in place. Subsidies would be offered to non-locals as an incentive. Peter or David Hudson would be very interested to hear from owners willing to charter their boat

## 9. Chapter Updates :-

- i) NSW Chapter :-  
Peter Byford verbally reported that 2016 NSW States recently held on Pittwater and Broken Bay was a success but challenging with winds ranging from 10 to 35 knots. 7 boats participated with "Next" skippered by Phil Thomkins winning closely followed by "Calibre" skippered by Richard Williams. He reported on a number of boat movements with new owners keen to compete in the future. A full report can be found on the website.

- ii) Southern Chapter :-  
Rowan Simpson delivered a verbal report from the Southern Chapter advising that the formal report could also be found on the class website. Specific highlights he reported included "Pheonix", (Brenton and Jen Carnell) successfully defending their National title, the success of the Nationals at RGYC and the first time win of "Sierra Chainsaw" (The Mollison family) in the 2016 State Championship. The summer aggregate was convincingly won by "IKON 38" (Kirwan Robb) winning 10 of 14 races. "Ikon 38" also won the 2016 Pre Season Morris Finance One Design regatta. With a number of boats sold to South Australia the fleet needs to refocus and try to attract new owners with a passion for One Design Racing.

#### 10 General Business:-

Peter Byford suggested the association consider an International membership category to encourage overseas owners to join the association and potentially an international challenge series.

Chris Mrakas ("Challenge") is a starter in the Sydney to Hobart race.

11. Meeting declared closed at 2100 hours with refreshments served. .

Rowan Simpson  
Secretary