

Victorian Mosquito Catamaran Association

Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting

12 March 2006

Held at the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club

Meeting opened at 8:30pm

Apologies

Bob Wilson

Attendees

See attached list

Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the 2005 AGM held at Portarlington YC were read by Philip Warren-Smith

Motion – these minutes as read are accepted as true and correct.

Moved – Neil Joiner

Seconded – Andrew Neeson

Passed unanimously

Business arising from the previous meeting

ISAF Trapeze Harness rule – Mick Floyd reported that the implementation of this rule has now been delayed until 2009. This is when the new version of rules is due.

Presidents report

Rob Lott – Rob reported that the Eden regatta had been very successful with quite a few Mosquitos sailing including a boat from Jindabyne. He also started discussion on the location of the 2008 Nationals suggesting that a NSW venue be considered.

Treasurers Report

Philip Warren-Smith – Phil reported that the balance of the VMCA account at the end of the 2005 financial year was \$5,468.58. This included income from entries for the Loch Sport Nationals but didn't include expenditure for the same. The main item of expenditure was purchase of new mast stocks (\$4,176.03) in September.

General Business

Vote of thanks - to the women helping with the running of the current State Titles.

Gordon Hyde pointed out that a lot of work had been done by sailors spouses particularly providing meals for both Saturday and Sunday night. All agreed.

Venue for the 2008 Nationals – Continued discussion on the location for the 2008 Nationals. Most suggestions were for NSW including Eden, further up the coast somewhere or Jindabyne. Also mentioned were Canberra and Yarrawonga. SA sailors are not likely to support these venues. Issues with wind at the inland venues. Cost is also an issue with Eden not accepting less than 100 boats for the running of titles. Possibilities on Port Phillip bay were also briefly discussed. No conclusions were reached. The committee will need to pursue this further.

Mosquote – Mick Floyd raised the issue of Mosquote. Several issues; most news is reported on the web sites making it old news by the time Mosquote would be printed; no contributions have been received; most members have email access (currently there are 4 who have not provided an email address). It was agreed that we should concentrate on email 'updates' and also have these available on the web site.

Spare Hull set – Mick Floyd suggested that the association should fund a deposit on a set of hulls from Boyer Fibrecraft. These would then be available for sale at short notice. There have been a couple of occasions when a set of hulls could have been sold if they had been available. Jim Boyer would be prepared to partially complete a set of hulls for a deposit of about \$3,500. He would then finish these when time permitted or if required for sale. They would be stored at his factory.

Motion - VMCA to fund a deposit on a set of hulls so that they are available for sale at short notice subject to confirmation that the hulls will be covered against loss or damage while stored at Boyer fibrecraft. Cost to be approx. \$3,500

Moved – Mick Floyd
Seconded – Neil Joiner
Passed unanimously

F16 Challenge – Tim Shepperd discussed possible locations for a 2006 F16 challenge as was held last year. Discussion covered several options. Most likely is to conduct it in conjunction with the Sauna Sail. Tim will advise.

There was a small break in the meeting to check boats due to strong wind.

Training Day – Andrew Neeson raised the issue of a training day. He is happy to organise if people are keen to attend. General agreement that it was worthwhile early in the season before the Nationals. Andrew will look into possible locations, dates and guest speakers.

Minimum Wind Speed for State Titles – Tim Shepperd made the suggestion that there be a 5 knot minimum wind speed limit set for State Title heats. This would be written into the Sailing Instructions. Discussion and general agreement that this was a good idea.

Venue for the 2007 State Titles – general discussion and agreement on the following possible locations. 1-Warrnambool, 2-Beaumaris. Lake Boga would be a possibility for 2008. Matt Kirby is the contact for Warrnambool YC.

Election of Office Bearers

All positions were declared vacant and nominations called for. Mick Floyd conducted proceedings.

President – Rob Lott; Nom – Peter Nikitin, Sec - Neil Joiner; only nomination

Secretary / Treasurer – Philip Warren-Smith; Nom – Andrew Neeson, Sec – Tim Shepperd; only nomination

General Committee Members

Mick Floyd (Membership)
Gordon Hyde
Tim Shepperd
Matt Kirby
Garry Johnston
Peter Foulsum
Andrew Neeson

Class Measurers

Peter Cobden
Tim Shepperd
Andrew & Craig Copland

Meeting closed at 10:20pm