



ROYAL MELBOURNE YACHT SQUADRON
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
27th July 2013 at 1830hours

MINUTES of MEETING

COMM ITTEE PRESENT:	Linda Goldsmith LG	Commodore (Chair)
	Phil Battey PB	Vice-Commodore
	Matt Setton MS	Club Captain
	Greg Marino GM	Treasurer
	Rod Austin RA	General Manager
	Stuart Tait ST	Marina Director
	Janet Dean JD	Committee
	Jürgen Pfeiffer JP	Committee
	Ian Law IL	Committee
	David Connolly DC	Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT: See signature list.

CONDOLENCES: The Squadron notes the sad passing of the following squadron members during the year and asked all present to mark one minute's silence.

Rohan Brownlee - Past Commodore (2005-2007)
Donald Esmore – Senior Distance Member
Kenneth Wellman - 50 year Member
Tom Davidson- 50 year Member

Presentation of 50 Year Membership badge to Past Commodore Stephen Hawes.

- Stephen congratulated the squadron on its development of the new marina and thanked the squadron members for their support and friendship over the years.

1. Minutes of the Previous AGM: Moved Sabina Rosser; Seconded Linda Goldsmith. Carried.
- Annual report for 2013 tabled.
2. Commodore's Report - LG
- The highlights of the year were the signing of the relevant authority documents for the marina and the letting of tenders for the construction. The civil contract went to Fitzgeralds, the marina contract to Bellingham and the service contract to Scarlett.
- There have been numerous functions during the year including New Members nights, Theme Nights, and information nights on the progress of the marina.
- The squadron has a new course boat: Killara.
- It has been a year of weighty decisions and I thank the Members of the General Committee, the Finance Committee and the Project Control Group for their diligence and hard work.
3. Vice Commodore's Report – PB
- Go Sailing Day was a great success with 230 visitors on 14 boats with the help of 45 volunteers.
- We are looking at getting more value for our Squadron membership card by arranging for discounts with local businesses and better reciprocal rights with other sailing clubs.
- The membership Application documentation has been improved.
- We are reviewing member's benefits and comparing them with other relevant clubs.
- We are reviewing the rules for eligibility for membership of GC.
- The Events Group has just restructured and is full of enthusiasm for the coming year.

Marketing:

- The team of Rod Austin, Peter Davey and volunteers have focused mainly on the marina.
- The TV system in the Olympic Bar is being reorganised to better support our sponsors.
- Thank you volunteers one and all.

4. Sailing Committee MS

- Congratulations to a new State Champion – Linus Talacko.
- Off Shore success to: Matrix, Addiction and to Tony Warren and Andy Hibbert in the Osaka race.
- Cruising to Flinders and to Geelong; thanks to Pat Millwright.
- Volunteers – you are invaluable – thank you.
- ISAF World Cup will not be held at RMYS but at SYC. Some of the multi hull and S80 races will be held at RMYS in mid-January.
- William Patterson will soon have new engines.
- Many thanks to the Sailing Committee, Janet Dean, Tom Ely, Jeff Whiteside, Brian Burggraff, Michael Culhane, and Jürgen Pfeiffer.

5. Finance committee GM

- The Finance Committee have been extremely busy with the financial administration of the marina project and the payments to contractors.
- The Squadron has had a good year financially, and achieved a surplus.
- Training activities obtained increased revenue and provided more members for the Squadron.
- The Squadron has successfully negotiated a facility with ANZ for \$3.5M. This will be available for the marina project which is expected to only require part of this facility.
- Many thanks to the Finance Committee and to Cherry Birch, Peter PJ Davison, Ian Lodewyckx, Peter Newstead, Rod Austin, Jan Hurst and Jan Fielding and to our external accountant Vicky Wright.
- That the report be accepted: Moved C Birch, Seconded PJ Davison – Carried.
- That the Auditor Mr Brian Jones be re-appointed: Moved PJ Davison, Seconded C Birch – Carried.

6. Marina Project – ST

- The Squadron is well advanced with this \$15.67M project.
- Civil Contract – Budget \$5.9M, Contract value \$5.8M with non variations likely. Fitzgeralds are 3 weeks ahead of schedule. They are currently working for Parks Victoria doing maintenance on the old rock structure.
- Compliance issues – the completed work will be check surveyed and a SCUBA diver will inspect and photo the toe rocks.
- There have been almost zero complaints.
- The removal of the landings and the sand road will be completed and made good in the next 3 weeks.
- The existing wooden marina will be demolished in about 12 months' time.
- The new PV jetty will start in August and will take 16-18 weeks to complete.

Marina – Budget was \$5.9M, Contract value \$5.8M and there will be some variations including the gate system.

Services – Budget was \$0.6M, Contract value \$0.5M plus variations.

- We have elected to use Fibre Optic cabling from the club house to the marina to achieve more secure communication, real time camera monitoring and better camera recording storage. This is very important for the public walkway on the marina main spine.

- This has been the trickiest contract because of the services location and the authorities involvement.

RMYS - The marina area has been scraped - ~40 tram wheels have been recovered and the seabed is clear of any impediments to sailing.

- The depth is to be rechecked to see if the barge tug has caused any erosion.

GHD – The Project Managers.

Nash Management - They have been very responsive and carried out their role as support and judge on contractual matters.

Temporary Access – Parks Victoria may be providing temporary pontoons to give access to the old marina whilst the PV jetty is being rebuilt. RMYS accepts that there will be disruptions and inconvenience.

Temporary Services – RMYS will organise temporary services to the old marina.

Swing Mooring Holders – Thank you for your patience. Further relocations will still be required because for the work for the new PV jetty.

Finances – There have been 120 Long Term Leases sold with 7 leaseholders now declining.

- The current Contingency provision is \$1.3M
- The expected loan borrowings will be in the range of \$1.1-1.2M
- Thanks to the Project Control Group – Alan Saunders, Ken Simpson, David Connolly, PJ Davison, Murray McCutcheon, Phil Battey and Linda Goldsmith.
- Thanks to the General Committee for your decision acumen.
- Thank you also for extending the tenure of the current Commodore to facilitate the operational management of this project.

Questions?

1 – What are the metal poles next to the southern break water? They are there to enable the installation of a future sea baths as shown in the St Kilda Concept Plan.

2 – What are the East/West fingers attached to the main walk way? They marina fingers that are located there temporarily.

3 – What is the timeline for completion? – Around the end of the year.

- When Fitzgerald is clear of the area, Bellingham can complete the piling on the west side and on the attenuator.

- The pontoons are being delivered progressively and the attenuator is the next to be installed.

7. General business

Sabina Rosser – The front entrance of the club house is looking very run down. Action is planned.

Vessel maintenance – RYC have offered a discount rate to RMYS members to use their Platform Lift.

8. New Committee for 2013 – 2014

Commodore – Linda Goldsmith.

Vice Commodore – Phil Battey

Rear Commodore – Ian Law

Club Captain – Matt Setton

Committee – Amanda Wakeham, Janet Dean, Greg Marino, David Connolly.

Retiring – Jürgen Pfeiffer.

Meting declared closed at 1217h.

Peter Chapman then asked the membership to show their appreciation and to thank the General Committee.

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