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NS14 ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING – October 2016

Via email from 29 September to 4 November 2016

Agenda

- Item 1: Attendance and welcome (Alex Poole)
- Item 2: Treasurer's report (Michael Hitchens)
- Item 3: National Championships in Tasmania Update (Barrie McIndoe)
- Item 4: National Championships in SA Progress (Alex Poole)
- Item 5: Other business.

Item 1: Attendance and welcome

Alex welcomed members to the meeting:

Alex Poole, National President
Bill Kerrigan, ACT Rep
Mal Redmond, NSW President
John Jenkins, South Australia President
Barrie McIndoe, Tasmania President
Michael Hitchens, Treasurer
Mike Tait, National Registrar
Adam Cause, National Measurer
Adrian Adams, Webmaster

Item 2: Treasurer's report

Attachment A is the unaudited Profit and Loss, and Balance Sheet Reports for 2015-16. The Association incurred an operating loss of \$4321.11 which reflects the \$4400.00 investment in upgrading the website.

Attachment B is a draft budget for 2016-17 for discussion and adoption.

Discussion included that States may apply for assistance in running training days and in hosting the Nationals. It was also confirmed that the capitation fee for this year is \$20 per State member, noting that most States require only the boat owner to be a member.

The Treasurer moved that the 2015-16 report be noted and the 2016-17 budget be adopted. Seconded: Bill Kerrigan. Agreed



Item 3: National Championships Tasmania

Barrie's report was as follows:

The State Association undertook due diligence in assessing and selecting the host club for the event, taking into account no less than course venue, facilities, club support and costs, before nominating the Midway Point Yacht Club(MPYC) as its preferred venue.

The MPYC has been established since 1968 and began its long association with the NS14 class when it hosted the inaugural Tasmanian championships in 1972, The Club continues this tradition holding the annual Pittwater Regatta for invited classes, last hosted the state titles in 2015 and remains the strong hold of the fleet in the south of the state.

MPYC has recently hosted the B14 Nationals and has been active in recent years in improvements to the clubhouse and facilities.

The Tasmanian Association formed a Sub Committee to realise the implementation of the 2016/17 National Titles; this subcommittee under the stewardship of Helen Eggins has co-opted from the state membership, relevant experience to facilitate the process. Members are Darren Eggins(1948), Scott Wilkie(1934), Michael Verrier(1945), Peter Davis(1981) and Barrie McIndoe(1749). The committee have skype hook-ups fortnightly with each member toiling away at their respective portfolios.

The NOR has been released and is available on the National website and the MPYC Website. The race schedule follows similarly to that of last year's titles in the ACT 5 consecutive race days with the 1st race session on the 3rd of January with the 5th and final session on the 7th January

The Entry fee has been set at \$270.00, closing on the 1st December. Budgeting has been based on 30 entries (18 local, 12 interstate) allowing for Club costs, administration, skipper and crew entry; to the welcome function and prize night dinner, along with provision of trophies. The budget as prepared shows a balanced cash flow.

The State Association has been actively sourcing commitments from local owners and hope to soon be able to offer some un-committed boats for charter/lease/loan, however it must be remembered that due to our limited fleet size, the availability of high quality boats is unlikely.

Economic times have made the securing of major sponsorship partners difficult, as such at this time there is no naming rights sponsor, however minor sponsors and supporters are slowly but surely been locked in.

The Committee has been active in the early promotion of the event and has not been afraid to try new ideas to get the message out including T shirts and Posters. The committee have produced an updated poster to be released this week.

The committee have created a Facebook event page, acknowledging that the principle noticeboard will remain with the National website.



The Social functions scheduled are the Welcome evening at the MPYC on the Regatta eve (2nd Jan), Informal Sausage sizzles after the conclusion of days racing with the Prize Night Dinner at the Tasmanian Golf Club on the 7th of Jan.

The Organising committee aim to produce a Regatta program, a throwback to past years as a souvenir of the event and a yearbook of the Association, we hope that this will include not only regatta information such as SI's, competitor information and event locale but also state and national reports. We encourage future organisers to help keep this as an ongoing custom.

In finishing, with the close of entries still 6 weeks away it would be appreciated if state reps could respond with any information on likely attendance from their respective state organisations to assist the organising committee with their planning.

The meeting congratulated Barrie and the Tasmanian Committee on their professional approach to organisation of the Nationals and wished them every success.

Adrian requested that he be provided with additional material to promote the regatta on the website, including photo of Midway Point Yacht Club; list of entrants; info about ferry bookings and accommodation options; sponsors links and logos; and info about the sailing area, local conditions and things to do for families.

Item 4: National Championships SA

Alex's's report was as follows:

Planning for the SA nationals is already well underway and I'm certain that this will position the event to be a great success.

After significant discussion the venue that was chosen is Largs Bay Sailing Club (LBSC), now this maybe different to what most had expected as Brighton Seacliff Yacht Club (BSYC) is the club with significant numbers of NS14's. BSYC had already committed to host another classes national championship, and did not have capacity to host the NS14's that same year. This offers a great opportunity for sailors to experience sailing at another great sailing club along the South Australian Metro coast. The club facilities are fantastic has grassed rigging area, secure boat storage, and are experienced in running large sailing events. I've sailed several national titles at this venue and they have all been great events. The SA committee is keen to get as much information out to potential interested parties so they can plan to attend the 2017-18 national championships.

49th NS14 2017-18 National Championships
Largs Bay Sailing Club. Adelaide. SA
28th Dec. 2017-3rd Jan.2018

The Largs Bay Sailing Club is located 15km from the Adelaide CBD in an area that offers a range of shopping centres, restaurants and many tourist facilities. The clubhouse is adjacent to the Largs Bay jetty with safe and direct access to a wide sandy beach. The club has a large lawned rigging area and large parking areas on either side. There is secure boat storage on the club property.



Spectators will benefit from the course layout as it will be set directly off the clubhouse with excellent viewing from the club balcony, the esplanade road or the jetty.

Racing will be conducted on open waters with very little marine traffic. Winds are typically 10-17 knots at the time of year.

Largs has held many State, National and World Championships. The Optimist and International Cadet Nationals will be held shortly with 400-500 boats expected.

The LBSC clubhouse consists of three levels:

Lower level- boat storage, change rooms and squash courts

Middle level- main function room, canteen, bar and regatta office.

Upper level- lounge, bar, committee room and bridge.

The club underwent a \$1.5 million redevelopment in 2006 which provided a modern bar, kitchen facilities and updated change rooms. The main function room and balcony areas were extended to provide a very pleasant environment to watch the racing. The squash courts are available to use.

Nearby Port Adelaide has extensive Maritime, Rail and Aircraft Museums. Just down the road is the Semaphore Summer festival with rides for the kids, music and art.

Accommodation varies from budget (Girl Guides GTS Dolphin group accommodation, Fort Glanville Caravan Park) to luxury (Brand new Quest Apartments, Largs Pier Hotel).

Details of accommodation and tourist attractions can be found at www.portenf.sa.gov.au.

Also check out the sailing club home page –about LBSC-local acc.

Surrounding suburbs for accommodation include Semaphore, Port Adelaide, West Lakes, North Haven, Largs North, and Glanville.

Now I hope that everyone finds this information useful and excites people to attend this event, one thing that has been raised as part of this planning process is the fact that most classes are now planning the location of national championships 3 years ahead of time. This is the reason that BSYC was booked before we had the ability to approach them to host the NS14's, I would like to everyone to consider our class doing the same as this will allow our local committees more time to plan these events and secure clubs to host these events. It would also extend the duration that these events could be promoted which will hopefully increase attendance.

There was discussion that promotion of the Nationals in SA should be held back until after the Tasmanian Nationals are finished.

Item 6: Other business

- (a) During discussion of the Tasmanian Nationals it was noted that host clubs are charging very high fees of \$3-5,000 per event, resulting in \$100/boat or much more if there are low entries. ACT has been fortunate in having the CYC charge around \$30/boat for the last 2 Nationals held there. It was also noted that host clubs need to be approached at least 2 years in advance.
- (b) Adrian provided advice on the difficulty and likely cost of setting up generic email addresses for each State on the website, noting that the domain address is actually held by Netbit Australia contact (admin@netbit.com.au +61.414555330).



- (c) States were requested to update their information on the website contacts page.
- (d) Michael Hitchens was appointed National Secretary.

Alex Poole
National President
13 November 2016



Attachment A

Australian NS14 Association

Profit and Loss
1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016

Income

NSW Capitation Fees	\$660.00
ACT Capitation Fees	\$160.00
South Australia Capitation Fees	\$300.00
Tasmania Capitation Fees	\$320.00
Wayne Hale capitation fee	\$20.00
Cheque Account Interest	\$0.13
Investment Account Interest	\$288.76

Total Income \$1,748.89

Expenses

Website Rebuild	\$4,400.00
Contribution to Nationals Tasmania	\$1,500.00
Annual corporation fees	\$100.00
Bank Fees	\$70.00

Total Expenses \$6,070.00

Net Profit (Loss) (\$4,321.11)



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Balance Sheet 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016

Asset		
	Cheque Account	\$88.30
	Investment Account	\$11,000.00
	Total Assets	\$11,088.30
Liabilities		\$0.00
Net Assets		\$11,088.30
Equity		
	Opening Equity 1/9/2015	\$15,409.41
	Retained Loss	- \$4,321.11
Total Equity		\$11,088.30



Attachment B

Australian NS14 Association

**Draft Budget
1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017**

Income

NSW Capitation Fees	\$1,000.00
ACT Capitation Fees	\$140.00
South Australia Capitation Fees	\$300.00
Tasmania Capitation Fees	\$300.00
Investment Account Interest	\$260.00

Total Income \$2,000.00

Expenses

Contribution to Nationals in South Australia	\$1,500.00
Yachting Australia Membership	\$70.00
Annual corporation fees	\$100.00
Bank fees etc	\$30.00

Total Expenses \$1,700.00

Net Profit (Loss) \$300.00