

NS14 ASSOCIATION OF NSW

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 12th APRIL, 2009 AT LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB

PRESENT: Stephen Jones (in chair), Sandra Donovan, Michael Tait, Peter Warner, Tony Nicholls, Henry Kernot, Gus Kernot, Hugh Tait, David Aylward, Nathan Warner, Cassie Cause, Adam Cause, Neil Murray, Daniela McGhee, Guy Bellamy, Gary Bellamy, Andrew Johnson Matt Dunstan, Jonathan Dunstan, Tim Dunstan, Jon Branca, Karen Branca, Colin Wiley, Nicholas Dunstan, Chris Gardner, Russell Moore, Hannah Clifton, Nick Cook, Kian Hodgkinson, James Warner, Alex Chittenden, Jack McNally, Chris Larsen, Duncan Dey, James Gribble, Ian Alexander, N. Reed, Daniel Playfair, Amahl Harradasa, Mirella Scott, Tiane Burwood, Joseph Ellan, Julie Ellam, Philip Scott, Barry Roy, Chris Gough, Ken Porter, David Johnson, Russell Moore.

APOLOGIES: Vic Hammond

MINUTES: The Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting had been circulated and were on the website and were adopted as read. Accepted Chris Gardner, seconded Russell Moore.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES were dealt with at the monthly meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE: nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Stephen Jones reported on a successful year for the Class with excellent numbers at the MT events reflected in an increase in entries for the State Titles over previous years. It is good to see a spread of numbers from across the Clubs. He reported that he is committed to giving members value for their membership of the Association as well as keeping costs down for entry fees to States and Nationals Titles and in the class generally.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Chris Gardner reported that the Class had made a good profit from the State Titles, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Abigroup. He reported a balance of \$17,095.33 in the cheque account together with a Term Deposit of \$23,000.00 which matures on 11th June 2009.

RACE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Michael Tait reported on the TT series with about 20 boats competing well as the MT series with 20-30 boats competing in each race. There were only 12 boats at the Sprint Series. 10 boats went down for the Eden

Regatta. A very large thank you to Daniela McGhee and Sharyn Calwell who did most of the work for the State Titles. They have done a fantastic job.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT:

It was reported on behalf of David Bentley that it is proposed to put out a Year Book to take place of the Bulletin. This will contain reports on the year's activities as well as photos and technical information.

MEASURER'S REPORT:

Russell Moore reported that there were lots of sail measurements forms before the National Titles and even more numbers before the State Titles. This shows the health of the class with members willing to spend money on their boats. He encouraged members to keep pushing the class forward and supported affordable development.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Colin Wiley reported that there are 70 registered members of the Association.

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT:

This position was not filled at the last AGM. Looking for someone to step in.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

All positions were declared vacant and Neil Murray chaired the election of officers.

The following members were elected to Office:

President	Stephen Jones
Vice President	Michael Tait
Treasurer	Chris Gardner
Secretary	Sandra Donovan
Registrar	Colin Wylie
Measurer	David Johnston
Race Secretary	David Alyward
Bulletin Editor	David Bentley
Publicity	Tim Dunstan

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Neil Murray, President of Queensland NS14 Association advised that the venue for the next Nationals will be at Darlington Point, Manly. Registration will be 28th December, the 1st heat 29th December and finish on 3rd January. Steve Jones reported that the National Association will provide \$1,000.00 towards the cost of the venue in order to keep the entry fees lower.

It was suggested that there should be a 'bits and pieces' section on the website for sale of spare parts.

A suggestion that there be a yardstick for old boats rather than relying on the handicap system, to encourage more to enter State Titles. To improve the handicaps for States and Nationals a suggestion that Club handicaps be asked for on the entry forms and then each Club would have a handicap.

Discussion on Electronic Compasses: There has been debate on the forum regarding this. These are not allowed under the Constitution. However after general discussion a show of hands indicated that an instrument which just showed the digital readout of compass bearings was acceptable. Those which included GPS were not acceptable.

A suggestion that there should be changes to the minor prize categories at State and National Titles. Using the combined ages of the crews, a number of different categories such as Masters, Grand Masters etc could be established as is done in many classes.

Expressions of interest were asked regarding the venues for MT and TT races next season. Connell's Point SC wishes to host an MT. It was noted that numbers at BYRA are low and that another should be held there to support the remaining members. Suggested TT venues were Port Stephens, Callalla Bay and Taree, all in conjunction with their usual regattas.

Discussion on State Title venues: Options to be investigated by the Race Secretary.

Duncan Dey reported that despite his promoting, it is difficult to get those NS14 sailors at country clubs to join the Association. He suggested that if the fees were less it might encourage them to join and perhaps participate more. A country membership fee to be looked at.

There being no further business the meeting was closed. The next Management Committee Meeting will be held at Concord & Ryde Sailing Club on Wednesday 21st May 2009.