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NS14 ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES of the NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING – March 2010

Via email from 2 March to 10 March 2010

Item 1: Attendance and apologies

Attendance:

Bill Kerrigan, President, kerrigan@inet.net.au
Sandra Donovan, NSW President, insdonovan@bigpond.com
Kathryn Burdon, South Australia President, kathrynburdon@internode.on.net
Darren Eggins, Tasmania President, deggins@netspace.net.au
National Secretary/Treasurer: Michael Hitchens, michael.hitchens@cyberone.com.au
National Registrar: Colin Wiley, colin.wiley@orica.com
National Measurer: David Johnson, dij@optusnet.com.au
NS14 Bulletin: David Bentley, bentleydrps@bigpond.com

Apologies:

Neil Murray, Queensland President, neilmurray1961@hotmail.com

Guest observers:

Adrian Adams, Web manager, adrian@jaba.com.au
Michael Tait, NSW Past President, tait_fam@bigpond.net.au
Tim Dunstan, tim_dunstan@optusnet.com.au

Item 2: Correspondence (attachment 1)

Letter to Rob Hyland, Hylec, thanking them for sponsorship of Queensland Nationals.

Item 3: 2010 Budget

(a) Budget approved by the Council (attachment 2).

Strategic plan looks at class days etc and SA and ACT noted they have held successful days. Tasmania has held a training day with Peter V. Some costs paid for out of the national budget. States are encouraged to look at strategic plan for ideas.

RECOMMENDATION: Consistent with the strategic plan, proposals to promote the class be submitted to the President by members of the Executive in time for consideration by the Executive at its next meeting in May 2010.

Moved: Kathryn Burdon

Seconded: Sandra Donovan

(b) Yearbook 2010

Discussion centred on use of the association webpage as the main way to promote and maintain communication in the class nationally. It was noted the importance of printed material for archive purposes, and that at least a limited print run is necessary.

An option is to investigate advertising to help with the costs or to increase capitation fees. The recommendation proposed in the Agenda is amended to reflect the views.

RECOMMENDATION: Print and Publish the 2009 Bulletin Yearbook. No longer publish quarterly Bulletins. Publish the 2010 Bulletin Yearbook on the web and the Bulletin Editor to investigate advertising to help fund a print run for 2010.

Moved: David Bentley

Seconded: Darren Eggins

Item 4: Measurer's report

(a) MGs as NSs

The recommendation is amended a suggested by the National Measurer

RECOMMENDATION: A proposal be developed by the National Measurer in consultation with State measurers for a constitutional change to the rules that would allow MGs to sail as NS14s. The President to enter into discussions with the MG Association and report back to the Executive.

Moved: David Johnson

Seconded: Michael Hitchens

(b) Sail measurement

RECOMMENDATION: A proposal be developed by the National Measurer in consultation with States Measurers to authorise sail makers to measure sails. This is be submitted to the President by members of the Executive in time for consideration by the Executive at its next meeting in May 2010.

Moved: David Johnson

Seconded: David Bentley

Item 5: Website

Discussion around the importance of the website as a promotion and communication tool. Appreciation of Adrian's contribution. Noting that the sophistication of the website need only be modest such that designated State representatives can upload information according to rules approved by the website master.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Executive express its gratitude to JABA for its development and support of the website. That JABA be invited to submit a costed proposal to further develop the site with content management systems so that a person designated by each State can upload material on their respective State sites subject to JABA rules. The NS14 Association would pay for any agreed website upgrade.

Moved: Michael Hitchens

Seconded: Colin Wiley

Item 6: Insurance

This will become a policy that the Executive implements and will go on the web page under Council and Executive Policies.

RECOMMENDATION

*3rd Party Insurance Policy
9 March 2010*

The National Executive must ensure that all boats at National Events have 3rd party insurance coverage that is adequate for the State in which the event is held. The level of coverage shall be determined with reference to the circumstances of the State where the event is held.

Moved: Bill Kerrigan

Seconded: Sandra Donovan

Item 7: 2010/11 Nationals

Recommendation: The National Executive endorse the attached 42nd Championship program (attachment 3).

Moved: Kathryn Burdon

Seconded: Sandra Donovan

Item 8: Other business

Some difficulties are being experienced by the Registrar and Measurer in collecting information from States about paid-up members, which is relevant to votes on changes to the Constitution, and retaining a central archive of all measurements.

RECOMMENDATION: The Executive recommends that the Council consider a policy of requiring Executive to ask states to report membership to the National Registrar and State Measurers to copy measurement forms to the National Measurer twice a year, noting that the membership and measurement can be submitted to the National Executive by States at any time.

Moved: Bill Kerrigan

Seconded: Daren Eggins



Housekeeping.

****Bank Account Signing has been changed to Bill Kerrigan and Mike Hitchens**

All old signatories have been removed

****Term Deposit has been moved**

11,004.88 @5.95% for 5 months. We expect to get a higher interest rate then.

****Bill Kerrigan has already started general discussions with MG Association.**

****Bill Kerrigan has asked a few people to write technical articles to be published on the website. There will be a few a month. This will improve information the web site has available.**

Next National Executive Meeting 1st May 2010 by email

Note that the Next Council Meeting to elect the Next President will begin on 1st June 2010



ATTACHMENT 1

**Rob Hyland
Hylec Energy Solutions.**

Rob,

On behalf of the NS14 Association of Australia, I would like to thank you and your company for support and sponsorship of the recent NS14 National Titles in Brisbane.

All the reports that I have heard said that it was a wonderful event. Your sponsorship enabled the Queensland NS14 Association to show us southerners a great deal of hospitality.

We will soon be putting the ACT event on to the NS14 web page and removing your link.

I will ask the webmaster to send the Wrap Up to the Queensland page and will get him to place the link to your web site on the links page for at least another year.

If there is anything we can do please ask.

Hope to see you in the ACT for the 42nd NS14 National Titles 27th Dec 2010

Regards

Bill Kerrigan
National President
NS14 Association of Australia

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ATTACHMENT 2

NS14 National Association of Australia Inc Budget 2010

	2010 Total	2009 (actual) Total
Income		
Capitation fees	\$2,000	\$2,260.00
Bank interest	\$600	\$192.37
	<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$2,452.37</u>
Expenditure		
Funding of National Titles	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
Website hosting	\$400	\$777.50
Training grant to Tasmania	\$500	
Yearbook (see note 1)	\$2000	
Bank fees and miscellaneous expenses	\$50	\$444.00
	<u>\$3,950</u>	<u>\$2,221.50</u>
	Budget surplus (deficit)	\$230.87
	\$1,350	
Total funds as at 31 December 2009		\$18,021.78
Budgeted funds as at 31 December 2010	\$16,671.78	

Notes

1. Given the difficulties with the 2009 Yearbook, a decision to print the 2010 Yearbook has been deferred.
2. The Website requires attention. Investment in the website is to be researched by the Treasurer and submitted to the National Executive.
3. The training grant to Tasmania is to honour a pledge given by the former National President.

Michael Hitchens
National Treasurer

10 March 2010



ATTACHMENT 3

Race & Event Schedule OVERtheMOON Promotions 42nd NS14 National Championship Canberra 2010-11

The ACT NS14 Association, on behalf of the NS14 Association of Australia, is planning the following schedule of races and events for the OVERtheMOON Promotions 42nd NS14 National Championship to be held on Lake Burley Griffin.

27 th December: Monday	Registration start 10.00am to 2.00pm Afternoon Invitation Race 3.00pm start Welcome BBQ (included in race fee)
28 th December: Tuesday	Registration 12.00am to 2.00pm Race Session 1 start between 3.00pm and 5.00pm
29 th December: Wednesday	Race Session 2 start between 2.00pm and 3.30pm Race Session 3 start between 4.30pm and 6.00pm
30 th December: Thursday	Race Session 4 start between 2.00pm and 3.30pm Race Session 5 start between 4.30pm and 6.00pm Evening social event (not in race fee)
31 st December: Friday	Lay-day
1 st January: Saturday	1.30pm Sailors meeting and National Council meeting Race Session 6 start between 4.00pm and 5.00pm
2 nd January: Sunday	Race Session 7 start between 12.00pm and 3.00pm Presentation afternoon tea (included in race fee)

Notes:

1. The intention is to take advantage of the late afternoon and evening easterly breeze that is common in January.
2. No racing is scheduled for the mornings, although they remain available for postponed races if required.
3. The intention is to have a predominantly long-race series, with races typically lasting 1hr30min. Where the opportunity arises, 2 races of at least 1hr may be run in Race Sessions 3 & 5.
4. Other social events are being planned.

10 March 2010