



NS14 ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING 3rd January 2018

1. Attendance and Apologies (Alex Poole)

Alex Poole (President)
Barrie McIndoe (Tasmania Nominee)
Alex Poole (ACT Nominee)
Mark Beider (NSW Nominee)
Bob Couch (South Australian Nominee)
Alex Poole (Treasurer and Secretary Nominee)

Apologies: Bill Kerrigan; Michael Hitchens; Mike Tait; Scott Wilkie; Steph Sheridan;
Ashley Barclay

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Attachment 1) (Alex Poole)

2. Report on State and National Membership (Alex Poole for Michael Hitchens)
State Capitation fees paid for 2017-18 are NSW 23 members; 9 for ACT; 10 for SA and 16 for Tassie. National membership is 58. To be noted.

3. Financial Statement and Budget (Attachment 2) (Alex Poole for Michael Hitchens)

The annual financial statements were adopted at the last Executive meeting in May/June (minutes are on the website). The draft budget was agreed by the National Executive in November. To be noted.

4. Registrar's Report (Attachment 3) (Alex Poole for Mike Tait)

States are requested to review the spreadsheet and advise any changes to Mike Tait. For State action.

5. Annual Measurer's Report (Adam Cause) – Reported that the Midnight – MG14 design does not measure as an NS14 in its current design. There is a new design proposed to be coming out of Tasmania.

6. Presentation of State Reports (Attachment 4) (State Presidents/Reps)

7. Preparation for 50th Championships 2018/19 in NSW (Mark Bieder)

See **Attachment 5**

8. Other Business

- a. NSW has offered to draft standard NOR and SI that can be used in future Nationals with minimal amendment by the hosting club. (Mark Bieder)



- b. It was proposed that foiling should be banned for a 5 year period, this was supported by the meeting attendees. It was agreed this would be taken to the national executive for voting and drafting a measurement change.
- c. To promote junior sailors into the class it was proposed that the nationals should award a 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall should there be sufficient numbers nominated, and if possible a reduced/half price entry for juniors. This was supported by the Mark Bieder and Bob Couch. Bob Couch has also offered to contribute \$600.00 to the support purchase of junior trophies.
- d. The attendees also wanted to recommend that a maximum of two races per day should be the aim during a nationals, and that a lay day should not be used as a back-up race day.

(note: 25 sailors attended the meeting)

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MINUTES NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING 6th January 2017

1. Attendance and Apologies (Alex Poole)

Alex Poole (President)
Barrie McIndoe (Tasmania President)
James Macken (ACT Nominee)
Mark Beider (NSW Nominee)
Natalia Jastrzebski (South Australian Nominee)
Michael Hitchens (Treasurer and Secretary)

Apologies: Bill Kerrigan; Mal Redmond; John Jenkins; Mike Tait; Adrian Adams; Adam Cause.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Alex Poole)

Minutes adopted. Moved Barrie McIndoe; Seconded James Macken

3. Report on State Membership (Michael Hitchens)

State Capitation fees paid for 2016-17 are NSW 26 members; 5 for ACT; 13 for SA and 15 for Tassie. Noted

4. Annual Financial Statement and Budget (Michael Hitchens)

It was noted that these reports were presented and agreed at the October National Executive meeting.

5. Presentation of Annual Registrar's Report (Michael Hitchens)

Report noted.

6. Annual Measurer's Report

Report not available

7. Webmaster's Report

Report not available

8. Presentation of State Reports (State Presidents/Reps)

9. Preparation for 2017-18 Championships in SA (Alex Poole)

Planning for the SA nationals is already well underway and 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.

10. Other Business

- (a) The Tasmanian Committee and the Midway Point Club were given a special vote of thanks for the excellent organisation and running of the Nationals.
- (b) There was general discussion about the National Council encouraging NSW to select a venue for the 50th anniversary nationals that would encourage maximum participation from all States, noting in particular the high cost of travel and accommodation at this time of year.
- (c) It was suggested that the Council give consideration to reserving the National Junior Trophy for skipper and crew juniors, rather than at present that only the skipper need be a junior.

Alex Poole
National President
24/1/2017

(note: 25 sailors attended the meeting)



Attachment 2

Australian NS14 Association

Profit and Loss
1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017

Income

NSW Capitation Fees	\$520.00
ACT Capitation Fees	\$140.00
South Australia Capitation Fees	\$260.00
Tasmania Capitation Fees	\$300.00
Investment Account Interest	\$262.05
Queensland Association Gift	\$2,678.95
Queensland account interest	\$30.55
Transaction account interest	\$0.61

Total Income \$4,192.16

Expenses

Website hosting fee	\$300.00
Yachting Australia membership	\$70.00
Australian Sailing membership	\$220.00

Total Expenses \$590.00

Net Profit (Loss) \$3,602.16



Australian NS14 Association

Balance Sheet As at 31 August 2017

Asset		
Cheque Account	\$855.10	
Investment Account	\$11,125.86	
Queensland Association Account	\$2,709.50	
Total Assets		\$14,690.46
Liabilities		\$0.00
Net Assets		\$14,690.46
Equity		
Opening Equity 1/9/2016	\$11,088.30	
Retained Earnings	\$3,602.16	
Total Equity		\$14,690.46



Australian NS14 Association

Budget
1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018

Income

NSW Capitation Fees	\$900.00
ACT Capitation Fees	\$140.00
South Australia Capitation Fees	\$300.00
Tasmania Capitation Fees	\$300.00
Investment Account Interest	\$260.00
Queensland Account Interest	\$30.00
Insurance Levy on States	\$1,034.00
Additional 2016/17 NSW Capitation fees	\$440.00

Total Income \$3,404.00

Expenses

Contribution to Nationals in South Australia	\$1,500.00
Yachting Australia Insurance and membership	\$1,300.00
Annual Incorporation fees	\$100.00
Website Hosting Fees	\$330.00

Total Expenses \$3,230.00

Net Profit (Loss) \$174.00



Attachment 3

National Registrar's Report **As at 31st December 2017**

- 1) Last boat number issued = 2064
- 2) Number of boat numbers issued since 31/12/16 = 2
- 3) Latest version of the Register is attached.
- 4) In addition there is a version in State order; could States please review their entries and advise of any changes

Comments:

- a. Despite Mark Thorpe being back in production, only two numbers were issued this year and one of them was for a 2013 MG. So things have slowed again.
- b. Good news is the discovery of NS18 in Bathurst, where she originally started life. She is unlikely to be sailed but has been rescued rather than going to the tip and apparently is in good condition for her age.

Michael Tait
National Registrar
December 2017



ATTACHMENT 4

ACT NS14 Association Report 2016-17

The 49th ACT Titles were held at the YMCASC with 3 boats braving race 1, and all finishing. Racing was then abandoned and continued strong winds on Sunday meant the Titles were abandoned with no Champion.

Congratulations Paddy and James Macken sailing Mojo on winning this year's Richard Morcum Trophy at the Twofold Bay Regatta. 5 NS14s competed over 4 races. There was close racing over the whole weekend with only a few points separating the top three boats, all of which had a win. Saturday afternoon was just perfect with a 12-15kt south-easter blowing consistently across the huge Bay. Great company and fun.

One MG and 4 NS14s competed over 4 races at the Wallagoot regatta. Tony Hastings/Luca Dorrough (Superfly) took the honours on countback over Michael Hitchens/Kiara Worrall (Peak). Importantly the NSs beat all the other classes. This regatta is the most friendly and welcoming anywhere.

James and Paddy Macken (Mojo) and Michael Hitchens/Kiara Worrall (Peak) competed at the NSW Titles. No fantastic performances this year, but we kept them honest. The NSW fleet is definitely getting faster each year.

The ACT and NSW came to an agreement to run a Southern TT event next year to support NS14s south of Sydney. We hope it is well supported.

Mary Tulip
President
NS14 Association of ACT
19 December 2017



Tasmanian Presidents Report 2017-18

With half the season completed, the Tassie fleet has been active at the Showdown and Pittwater Regattas. Both regattas presented challenging weather conditions from gusty westerlies to rain and thunderstorms. The racing has been close with most designs being competitive. We currently have 16 boats registered; some have not been seen on the water for various reasons this season. We hope to see them at the State Championships at Midway Point in March. The lack of reliable crews has resulted in a few of us sailing the NS single handed with varying success from coming last to winning some races against the regular guys. It is always a challenge to find a dedicated crew with the many social activities and sports available today.

We currently have some very good second hand boats for sale in Tasmania but there has been very little movement in the 2nd hand market and very few new comers to the clubs interested in our class. This season the only new boat to the Tassie fleet is NS2039. The biggest challenge for us is the cost to get across Bass Straight when selling or buying a boat. The cost can often add up to a \$1000 to the price of a good boat, if trailered. Costs are reduced dramatically if carried on roof racks and travel is done during the off season. Many of our sailors are hanging onto their boats and not upgrading as often as we once did.

The committee has seen some challenges with costs increasing due to the new YA fees, insurance payments. Unless we see some benefit from the new costs and the YA take an active interest in our class and the other classes that are not Olympic or development classes, I do not see any reason to keep paying them money that could be better spent elsewhere and for the benefit of our class. I would be interested in any information the South Australian members may be able to give if they have asked anything from YA for the current Nationals and if so what response have they had.

Unfortunately I am unable to attend this season's Nationals as I have to work, as many other members do, hopefully I will see you all in NSW next year. Good luck and fair sailing to all participating in this year's National Championships especially our Tassie reps.

Scott Wilkie
President
NS Association of Tasmania
21 December 2017



NSW Report

As at 20Dec17 there are 22 paid members for NSW with expectations that more will be registered in time for State Titles.

Heat 1 for the MT was held at Northbridge Sailing Club with 5 boats in attendance. Heat 2 was hosted by Port Hacking with 13 boats in attendance. The 3rd and final heat for the MT will be held in February at Cronulla Sailing Club.

The TT event held in November was a great success, hosted by Taree Aquatic Club. There were 20 boats in attendance, compared to 13 the year before. Congratulations to Ross Hansen & Tom Molin for winning the regatta. Taree are keen to continue to host this event in the upcoming season with no objection from the current committee.

This season we are happy to announce the first Southern TT. Due to demand from members, this is combined championship with ACT Association for our Southern Members. The 1 st Heat was held with the ACT Championships in November, and the 2 nd Heat to be held at Wallagoot Lake Boat Club in March.

The Sprint Series will be held by Gosford Sailing Club in February. Further details to follow.

This year we were invited to join the NSW Youth Championships. There were 11 NS14 entries, 10 of which were from Gosford Sailing Club. The invitation has been extended for next year by AS and we would like to extend the invitation to other states to attend. A large thank you to Ross & the other Gosford parents for their efforts in making this event so successful.

The 2017/2018 State Titles are to be held at BYRA. Notice of Race and Entry Form will be available shortly, if not done so already. Last year 45 boats attended and we are hoping for around 50 for the upcoming regatta. The cost of entry is \$140.

The current committee is eagerly anticipating the 50 th Nationals to be held at Lake Illawarra Yacht Club. The committee has endeavoured to find a venue that was cost effective, with plenty of accommodation options as well as able to provide good sailing. The perceived dates are 29Dec18 – 04Jan19. We look forward to a successful event.

I would like to personally thank the NSW committee for their ongoing efforts in ensuring that the NSW events run smoothly. It is a lot of time, energy and love that goes into making these events a success and it has been a great pleasure working with the current committee.

Kind Regards,
Steph Sheridan
President
NSW NS14 Association



NS14 ASSOCIATION OF SA

PRESIDENTS REPORT

30th December 2017

The 2017 season has been a busy year for the South Australian NS14 Members with the 49th National Titles being held at Largs Bay Sailing Club over the 2017/18 New Year period, the Nationals organising committee which has been headed by Daryl Emery has been working hard in preparation of what's looking to be a successful championship with the support of a number of our members and volunteers.

The SA membership has unfortunately seen a drop in boats this year mainly due to a number of our long term members either retiring or moving away from sailing due to a variety of reasons. The boats competing have produced very close racing throughout the fleet at both State and Club level which has been great for the class as it keeps the sailors motivated and always striving to improve their own performance.

This year's State Title weekends are being held at both Largs Bay and Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Clubs with the Travellers Trophy to be held at Pt Vincent in early March 2018.

I would like to personally thank the SA committee for the fantastic efforts they have put in this year especially with the extra responsibilities in organising the National Titles and their continued support to the NS14 class.

Kind Regards,

Ashley Barclay

SA NS14 Association President



**50th
AUSTRALIAN
NS14
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**HOSTED BY
NSW NS14 ASSOCIATION
AND
ILLAWARRA YACHT CLUB**

**FROM
SATURDAY 29 DECEMBER 2018
TILL
FRIDAY 4 JANUARY 2019**

**NOTICE OF RACE
ALONG WITH FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED
AFTER THE NSW STATES AT EASTER**

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