



Bill Kerrigan  
National President  
NS14 Association of Australia

## **NS14 ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

### **NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**10.30 2 January 2020**

#### **1. Attendance and Apologies (Bill Kerrigan)**

##### **Attendance**

Bill Kerrigan - National President  
Barrie Mcindoe – Tas Rep  
Andy Harris – SA Rep  
Mike Tait – NSW Rep and National Registrar  
Michael Hitchens – National Secretary/Treasurer  
+10 Members

##### **Apologies**

Bob Couch  
Darren Eggins  
Tony Hastings

Bill welcomed everyone to Canberra.

#### **2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Attachment 1) (Bill Kerrigan)**

Adopted – Moved Chris Calwell; seconded Barrie Mcindoe.

#### **3. Report on State and National Membership (Michael Hitchens)**

Membership as at 13 December: ACT 5; SA 5; Tasmania 15; and NSW 9. Three additional members joined NSW before the Nationals  
Noted

#### **4. Financial Statement and Budget (Attachment 2) (Michael Hitchens)**

Michael informed the meeting that the annual financial statements were adopted at the last National Executive meeting in September 2019. The 2019-20 budget was agreed by the National Executive in September 2019. Noted.

#### **5. Registrar's Report (Attachment 3) (Mike Tait)**

Mike called for States and individuals to keep him informed when boats are bought or sold so that the register can be kept up to date.

#### **6. Annual Measurer's Report**

There is currently no National Measurer.  
The Secretary will contact the NSW President to see what is happening with the NSW Measurer.

#### **7. Presentation of State Reports (State Presidents/Reps)**

Bill, Barrie, Andy, Brad, David and Monty gave a rundown on what is going on around the ACT, Tasmania, SA, Gosford, Teralba and Northbridge, respectively.



### **8. Venue for Next National Championships (Barrie McIndoe)**

Barrie gave us an update on Tasmania's preparations to host the next Nationals. They will start on 3<sup>rd</sup> January and will be run by the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. There is a range of accommodation being sorted out. Also if you want to travel but cannot get your boat there, it is likely there will be boats to borrow. Contact Barrie if you might be interested.

### **9. Other Business**

- (a) Angel Redmond runs the NS14 Facebook page but urgently needs someone to take it over from her. Action: States to ask for a volunteer among their members. Perhaps NSW could approach Ross Hansen.
- (b) The juniors requested whether we might be able to set up an Instagram account that links directly to the Facebook site. Secretary to follow up with JABA.

National Secretary  
3/1/2020

**NS14 ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**  
**NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**4 January 2019**

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

Steph Sheridan (National and NSW President)  
Darren Eggins (Tasmania President)  
James Macken (ACT nominee)  
Michael Hitchens (Treasurer and Secretary)  
Mike Tait (Registrar)  
16 members from NSW, Tasmania and ACT

**Apologies**

Ashley Barclay (President SA)  
Bill Kerrigan (President ACT)  
Adam Cause (Measurer)

**2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Attachment 1)**

Adopted without amendment. Moved Barrie McIndoe; Seconded Mark Beider.

**3. Report on State and National Membership**

State Capitation fees for 2018-19 are NSW 28 members (additional members expected before the NSW States at Easter); 6 for ACT; 5 for SA and 11 for Tassie. National membership is 50. Noted.

**4. Financial Statement and Budget (Attachment 2)**

The annual financial statements were adopted at the last National Executive meeting in September 2018. The 2018-19 budget was agreed by the National Executive in September 2018. Noted.

There was discussion around automatically including money in the budget to support the running of the Nationals, rather than waiting for a State to make an application. **It was agreed that States would still need to make an application to the Executive with a draft budget and that the amount subsequently granted would be sufficient to ensure that the State did not make a loss.**

**5. Registrar's Report (Attachment 3)**

States are requested to review the spreadsheet which has been sent to States by email and advise any changes to Mike Tait. **For State action.**

**6. Presentation of State Reports (see Attachment 4)**

**7. Venues for the 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Championships**

The ACT was invited to host the 51<sup>st</sup> in 2019/20.

Tasmania was invited to host the 52<sup>nd</sup> in 2020/21 which will coincide with their 50<sup>th</sup> State anniversary.

**8. Other Business**



- a) Robert Preston (Tweed Valley Sailing Club and South Brisbane Sailing Club) proposed to investigate and report on the feasibility of convening a National Championship in south-east Queensland in 2021/22, including that some formal regattas in be held in south-east Queensland and/or north NSW starting next season (or perhaps over winter?) each year in the lead up to the Qld Nationals. The aim of the proposed Qld Nationals and lead up events being in order to revive interest in the NS14 class in northern NSW and Qld. The long term aim would be to hold a Qld State titles and reformation of the Qld State Association would be assessed over this period. A number of options were discussed including holding the National Championships at Darling Point Sailing Squadron (Manly), RQYS (manly) or Lake Cootharaba (Noosa). Some of these, perhaps the first regattas, could to be held in conjunction with the Heron Association. **It was agreed that Robert would pursue these proposals with the support of the NSW Committee.**
- b) Robert Preston proposed the development of hull based handicaps using a U.K. handicap tool that has been used at the TVSC and SBSC. It was noted that hull based handicaps developed by Barrie McIndoe had been used at the Nationals held in ACT, Tasmania and South Australia over the last 3 years. **It was agreed that Robert and Barrie would share existing data and access new data from the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 NSW States (which are on ScoreIT) to develop hull based handicaps that could be trialled, potentially in the proposed SEQ/NNSW regattas above.**
- c) Mark Beider raised a concern about the length of time spent on the water when 3 races were run on Wednesday afternoon. He noted that NSW had adopted a no more than 2 race policy. There was general discussion around other options like maximum amount of time racing or time on the water; the implications of such a rule for the number of races that might be feasible at a regatta; and the role of the PRO to ensure safe running of the regatta. **It was agreed that State Committees need to take these issues into account in the Sailing Instructions used at Nationals.**
- d) By email, **Adam Cause flagged the following proposed Rule changes that it was agreed would be put to members for discussion and vote in the near future:**
- i. Rule 7.5 to read as follows – “The mainsail shall be capable of being lowered from the sailing position from within the boat with the boat afloat and upright”. This gets rid of all the halyard lock arguments which you can still have but also allows a simple quick release pin set up which is still the easiest and safest release system for those who wish to use it.
  - ii. New Rule 10.6 – “Centreboards and rudders that promote foiling shall be prohibited by the NS14 Association of Australia up until and including the end of the 2027/28 nationals. This rule shall be reviewed and amended at the 2027/28 AGM.” This was discussed last year and was agreed that allowing foiling would not be in the best interests of the class.
  - iii. Rules amendments so that the maximum mast area 100 mm x 5.5 metres is to be added to the sail area. This would give us a maximum spar plus sail size unchanged, but would allow development in smaller cheaper round section spars without loss of sail area. This if anything may reduce the price of our spars.



- iv. New Rules for the introduction of a big rig as lasers and spirals have done for example may keep fat boys sailing longer with their wife or kids etc. It is well known the human race is getting bigger.

Steph Sheridan  
National President  
14/1/2019



## Attachment 2

# Australian NS14 Association

**Profit and Loss**  
**1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019**

### Income

NSW Capitation Fees	\$480.00
ACT Capitation Fees	\$120.00
South Australia Capitation Fees	\$100.00
Tasmania Capitation Fees	\$240.00
State insurance levy	\$920.00
Investment Account Interest	\$240.00
Queensland account interest	\$57.59
Transaction account interest	\$1.89

Total Income \$2,159.48

### Expenses

JABA 2 year security certificate for the Forum	\$77.00
Website hosting fee	\$330.00
Australia Sailing membership	\$220.00
Australia Sailing insurance	\$1,045.00

Total Expenses \$1,672.00

**Net Profit (Loss) \$487.48**



# Australian NS14 Association

## Balance Sheet As at 31 August 2019

<b>Asset</b>		
	Cheque Account	\$2,222.28
	Investment Account	\$10,000.00
	Queensland Association Account	\$2,737.72
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$14,960.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		\$0.00
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>\$14,960.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
	Opening Equity 1/9/2018	\$14,472.52
	Retained Earnings	\$487.48
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$14,960.00</b>



# Australian NS14 Association

**Budget**  
**1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020**

## **Income**

NSW Capitation Fees	\$900.00
NSW Unpaid Fees (21 members 2018/19)	\$420.00
ACT Capitation Fees	\$120.00
South Australia Capitation Fees	\$120.00
Tasmania Capitation Fees	\$200.00
Investment Account Interest	\$200.00
Queensland Account Interest	\$50.00
Insurance Levy on States	\$1,067.00

Total Income \$3,077.00

## **Expenses**

Nationals funding assistance to ACT (max)	\$1,500.00*
Yachting Australia membership	\$220.00
Yachting Australia Insurance	\$1,067.00
Annual Incorporation fees	\$100.00
Website Hosting Fees	\$330.00

Total Expenses \$3,217.00

**Net Profit (Loss) \$140.00**

\*The 2019 AGM decided that the amount of funding made available to assist States to run the Nationals would be limited to underwriting actual losses. The ACT Association will provide to the National Executive a final budget outcome for the Nationals in January 2020.



## **National Registrar's Report** **As at 31st December 2019**

1. Last boat number issued = 2070
2. Number of boat numbers issued since 31/12/18 = 3
3. Latest version of the Register is on the website
4. In addition, there is a version in State order which has been sent to State Presidents; could States please review their entries and advise of any changes
5. Comments:
  - a. Number increase solely due to the three Midnight hulls launched by Bernard Parker.
  - b. I note that several recent boats do not seem to have their hull measurement certificates in Dropbox. These include 2066, 2062, 2061, 2057 and 2055.
  - c. I'm having trouble keeping the register up to date as boats move – especially after been sold.
    - i. It would be handy if the States could let me know of changes as soon as they become aware of them.
    - ii. I have started a process of messaging the sellers on the Forum to see if they have sold and who to. This doesn't work for those sold without being advertised.
  - d. We found a very unhappy looking 'Happy Chappy', 5034, on the side of the road in Lindfield (it should have been in SA!).
  - e. I have retrieved archival material from Denise Dwyer which she had accumulated over her time involved with the class. I will combine those with the records I was given by the Bethwaites and seek a permanent home for them and any other historical class items that come to hand.

Michael Tait  
National Registrar  
December 2019