



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 51st and 52nd Championships

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

Tasmania was invited to host the 52nd in 2020/21 which will coincide with their 50th 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 Rule10.6 – “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

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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 (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 (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 (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 (State Presidents/Reps)

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

Attachment provided.

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)

Alex Poole
President



Attachment 2

Australian NS14 Association

Profit and Loss
1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018

Income

NSW Capitation Fees	\$880.00
ACT Capitation Fees	\$180.00
South Australia Capitation Fees	\$200.00
Tasmania Capitation Fees	\$320.00
State insurance levy	\$1,034.00
Investment Account Interest	\$232.52
Queensland account interest	\$67.74
Transaction account interest	\$2.00

Total Income \$2,916.26

Expenses

NSW Fair Trading registration	\$50.20
Grant to SA to host Nationals	\$1,500.00
Website hosting fee	\$330.00
Australia Sailing membership	\$220.00
Australia Sailing insurance	\$1,034.00

Total Expenses \$3,134.20

Net Profit (Loss) \$217.94



Australian NS14 Association

Balance Sheet As at 31 August 2018

Asset		
	Cheque Account	\$1,763.02
	Investment Account	\$10,000.00
	Queensland Association Account	\$2,709.50
	Total Assets	\$14,472.52
Liabilities		\$0.00
Net Assets		\$14,472.52
Equity		
	Opening Equity 1/9/2017	\$14,690.46
	Retained Earnings	- \$217.94
Total Equity		\$14,472.52



Australian NS14 Association

Budget
1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019

Income

NSW Capitation Fees	\$900.00
ACT Capitation Fees	\$100.00
South Australia Capitation Fees	\$200.00
Tasmania Capitation Fees	\$300.00
Investment Account Interest	\$260.00
Queensland Account Interest	\$60.00
Insurance Levy on States	\$1,034.00

Total Income \$2,854.00

Expenses

Yachting Australia membership	\$220.00
Yachting Australia Insurance	\$1,034.00
Annual Incorporation fees	\$100.00
Website Hosting Fees	\$330.00

Total Expenses \$1,684.00

Net Profit (Loss) \$1,170.00



Attachment 3

National Registrar's Report **As at 31st December 2018**

- 1) Last boat number issued = 2067
- 2) Number of boat numbers issued since 31/12/17 = 3
- 3) Latest version of the Register is on the website
- 4) In addition there is a version in State order; could States please review their entries and advise of any changes.

Comments:

- a. A few old boats surfaced during the year including the first two with the SA numbering – ie 5001 and 5002
- b. No new Tigers from Mark this year despite his smart new factory
- c. Perhaps new boats are getting out of reach, although the Tiger is the same cost as a Tasar.
- d. Also, the top sailors in the fleet are not trading as often as they used to as there is no new technology to get into. And the older the boats get the higher the cost of trading up.

Michael Tait
National Registrar
December 2018



ATTACHMENT 4

ACT NS14 Association Report

The ACT 50th Championships were held in November 2017 and were a great success. A full report is on the website.

The first Southern TT was run over the ACT Championships and the Wallagoot regatta in March 2018. Unfortunately, we only had 6 boats attend both regattas with the winners Luka Dorough and Tony Hastings accepting their trophy at the NSW Championships at Easter.

The first round of the 2018/19 Southern TT has Monty and Oliver Lang leading.

The ACT is experiencing a mini resurgence with 4 boats sailing regularly and 2 more learners beginning to test their new sailing skills.

Bill Kerrigan
President
NS14 Association of ACT
6 November 2018



Tasmanian Presidents Report

The Tasmanian Association is maintaining our fleet at between 15 to 20 boats with good fleets at Midway Point in the south and at port Dalrymple and Deviot in the North. This season we have introduced a single handed regatta over two weekends in order to encourage new sailors and to have a bit of fun, we are expecting a number of our crews will step into boats to sail in this series. We are also going to be travelling to the East Coast tourist and fishing village of St Helens for our State championships in March, again a new initiative for this season as the Association will be running the regatta without the support of a club.

We have had a number of boats change hands over the last 12 month and 2039 and 2061 have joined the fleet. The continued updating of boats along with some new sailors are helping to ensure the class remains relevant and vibrant in TASSIE.

A key strength of the Tassie Association continues to be the genuine sense of cometary that our members demonstrate. Whether its helping each other to tweak settings, lending a boat so that young sailors can give the class a go, or being hosted by Barrie and Terina at the Ski Lodge for our AGM weekend, this collaboration combined with good food, a few drinks and lots of laughs are our cornerstones.

Speaking of corner stones.... some of you may remember Peter Bridley, a stalwart of the NS14 class for the past 48 years, with Peter continuing to sail competitively in the class until he was well into his 70s. Peter wife Annie passed away last year and in recognition of the contribution they made to our association we have been pleased to introduce a perpetual trophy for our state youth champions 'the Bridley family trophy'.

We have been very pleased as an Association to have half of our fleet travel to support NSW as you host our 50th National Championships. This is a significant milestone for our class and it is incumbent on each of our state bodies, along with the National executive to consider how we remain relevant in a competitive market place over the next 50 years.

Tassie will be celebrating our 50th year in 2020/21 and we have started planning for our state celebrations, which will include hosting the NATIONALS. We hope to see many of you join us when that comes around.

Darren Eggins
President
NS14 Association of Tasmania



NSW Report

NSW currently has 28 members but this should increase in the lead-up to the State Titles to be held at Manning Park at Easter.

The events of the season:

- The MT had to be cancelled because of heavy storm and wind conditions
- The Northern TT continues to be popular although more support for the Southern TT would be welcomed (next racing at Lake Wallagoot 9/10 March)
- And impressive 7 junior crews competed in the Australia Sailing Junior Championships held on Lake Macquarie. Thanks in particular to Gosford club the support.
- Sprint series will be held in March at Gosford?

Thank you to the Lake Illarwara Yacht Club for supporting the 50th Nationals.

Thank you to the members of the NSW Committee, and in particular Angela Redmond, for their support.

Kind Regards,
Steph Sheridan
President
NSW NS14 Association