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OTAGO YACHT CLUB INC.

Minutes of the 126th Annual General Meeting of the Otago Yacht Club Incorporated held at the OYC Clubrooms, Boat Harbour at 19:00 hrs on Wednesday, 26 July 2017.

The Commodore, Frank McCarthy, welcomed the members to the 126th Annual General Meeting of the Otago Yacht Club Inc.

Present;- Robyn & John Armstrong, Peter Broere, Owen Cambridge, Allan Craig, Ann & Barry Crane, Lex Elliott, Nicky & Barry Gibbs, Michael Harkness, Keith Henderson, Kaye Ronald, John McCall, Frank McCarthy, Margaret & Murray (Bill) McIndoe, Warren McNoe, Geoff Murray, Dave Purton, Di & Mike Robilliard, John Rutherford, Jack Squires, Tim Vick, Kevin Waters, Peter Wilhelmsen.

Apologies were received from Martin Balch, Pauline Broere, John Chappell, Steve Dawson, Tony Elliott, Nigel Ensor, Neil Gemmell, Sue & Vern Hall, Ross Jamieson, Gary Marks, Val Maxwell, Kaye & Kevin Martin, Keith Maydon, Don Milne, Alayne McClelland, Blair McNab, Peter Nees, Rob Pearson, John Schmelz, Lesley Signal, Ngaire & Clark Sinclair, Caroline Squires.

Moved that the apologies be accepted - Ann Crane/Barry Crane - carried.

Minutes of the 2016 AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the 2016 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting Proposed Keith Henderson/Michael Harkness, carried.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the 2016 AGM.

Presentation of the annual reports

The Annual reports 2016/17, containing the Commodore's report; Works report (Vice-Commodore's report); OYC sailing report (Rear Commodore's report); Treasurer's report including a statement of financial performance; Sailing school report; Social ; Venue Co-Ordinator report, and the three year plan, had been sent to all the Membership and printed

copies were available to the members attending the meeting. The Commodore spoke a few words in addition to his report saying it was very heartening to see the increased family membership and participation, along with a general increase in members out on the water. Our fleet of craft has increased with the acquisition of the Topper fleet from the University Sailing Club and this Club is now incorporated within our own Membership. Warren McNoe was thanked for his help in bringing this together. Dredging is an ongoing matter, however the Commodore is confident that issues will be resolved in the near future - any discussion or comment is referred to general business. Keith Henderson bought up an issue (under the H&S paragraph) with the outside light on the building to illuminate the cut way to the public car park of the Clubhouse being out of action. Barry Gibbs said he had replaced the bulb and it should now be functional. It was noted that it should be checked again as it does not appear to be coming on. The Commodore noted that this is an AGM and day to day concerns or issues regarding the Club and its surrounds should be addressed to the CTM or Committee, also that there is a Works notebook on the Bar in the Clubhouse for issues/items needing repair or replacement to be noted for action by the CTM. This issue has been noted for action by the incoming Committee.

The Commodore asked that the reports to be received; moved by Geoff Murray and Murray (Bill) McIndoe - carried.

Financial Report Barry Crane spoke to his report, it has been a better than expected year in terms of our day to day income and expenditure resulting in a surplus of \$18,212. This resulted in cash generated of \$42,000, spending \$54,000, resulting in making use of some of our reserves by approx \$12,606. Capital expenditure, \$31,000 on the CTM house refurbishment and \$19,000 on sailing craft (we obtained 2 x 420, the Toppers - replacing the ageing Firebugs). Geoff Murray asked; - the Sailing School performed admirably with a waiting list but income has been halved, why is this? Answer, not quite as many courses and they are timed differently from our year end, money received for the last course is mostly in this coming year's income. Geoff Murray asked about the status of the grant that we have been offered from the Community Trust given that there is a time limit on its use. Barry Crane agreed there is a time limit, the grant is for \$80K to be used for the dredging, we are in communication with the Trust and they have been advised of the delay in commencement and have agreed to extend the facility into the new year but we do have to keep them informed of progress. Our total available budget for the dredging is \$240K of which \$80K is from the Trust and \$160K from our Reserves, spend so far \$30K.

Barry Crane put forward the resolution that the Accounts as published and circulated be adopted. Proposed Barry Crane seconded David Purton - carried

Barry Crane put forward the resolution from the Committee that the joining fee for new members be dropped. This has mostly been used for the administration costs of setting up a new membership and now a lot of this has gone by the board with information to new members being available on the web-site. It was felt that the joining fee represented a penalty for joining and we wish to encourage increased membership. This fee at present gives an annual income of \$800-\$1000. To cover this a small increase of approx 3% would produce the same amount of revenue, in addition our costs go up with inflation every year, rent, CTM salary needs to be kept in line with current rates. Firstly we are asking for a resolution to increase the annual subscription (as detailed) Juniors to \$60 from \$45, only one at present and he is shortly to become a full member, most of our juniors are covered by family membership. With the merging of the University Sailing Club (their annual fee is \$60) these students will qualify for our Junior membership so the increase to \$60 will bring this in line and additionally they use our boats a lot more. This use is being

monitored and it maybe that we have to consider a charge for this use due to the added wear and tear on the craft requiring more frequent repairs and replacement. John Armstrong asked how did our Junior fee compare to other Clubs', we do not know, it was felt by John Armstrong that maybe we only had one junior was because we were too expensive in comparison to other Clubs. Tim Vick felt maybe that juniors just come to Sailing School (\$100 per term) and that generally the fees are far too low for the use of our fleet of boats at any time of the year. Keith Henderson said, the removal of the joining fee has been debated many times over the years and his recollection of the origins of the joining fee was in effect that the new member bought into the assets of the Club, but he fully supported the recommendation.

1. Resolution from the Committee that the annual membership fees for 2017-2018 be increased as detailed in the attached remit. *proposed by Barry Crane seconded Warren McNoe - carried.*
2. Resolution from the Committee that the joining fee for new Members be dropped and the consequent change to Rule 6 & 13. *-proposed by Barry Crane and seconded -Warren McNoe - carried.*
3. Resolution that the Accounts Reviewers Crowe Horwath be re-appointed. *Proposed by Barry Crane and Tim Vick - carried*
4. Election of officers and the committee as listed. *proposed by Geoff Murray, seconded Warren McNoe - carried.*
5. General business

The 3-year strategic plan previously circulated/attached be approved.

Recommendation: that the 3-year Plan be received and approved. Proposed by David Purton seconded by Barry Crane - carried.

Dredging update followed. The Committee has worked very hard under difficult conditions. First was a problem with the ORC over whether we had disturbed the sea bed when working on the rock wall which had over time fallen into the harbour. This issue has now been resolved, the DCC will design, build and maintain a rock wall along the boat harbour (in line with work they are presently carrying out along the harbour). The Club will have to pay for this work (at present the cost is unknown), the maintenance will include the mole walls of our harbour. Second problem the landing craft barge in Picton proved to be not up to survey and will now no longer be coming. Another barge from Picton was a no go due to cost (approx \$70K to bring it down and send it back) plus the daily charge. Harbour board costs prohibitive. The Port Otago harbour barges now being out of survey are up for sale (original sale price \$25K each), we can purchase these harbour board barges for \$2K each (being the basic scrap value) and PO will deliver into our harbour. The Committee has decided to purchase these barges. This raises the issue of how to safely put the digger on the barge, to this end a Marine Surveyors stability report will need to be done. Estimated cost of

alterations \$15K. One barge would remain in the harbour for annual maintenance dredging, it is possible that the second could be used as a floating pontoon. Loading and unloading barge will be more costly and time consuming. Not able to use the sea dumping option as the barges are out of survey and we will not be able to afford to get them surveyed. Another possible option is to use the Aramoana barge, we are still waiting to hear on this option. Questions asked about dumping costs, using Harbour Board was now out of the question due to the fact they can only hire at commercial rates and are no longer able to offer a discounted rate. At present we have an agreed discounted rate with Palmers Quarry, although even this is expensive for large quantities. Port Otago have sold us new piles at a very good rate. The relief harbour master came to the Club today, he is very keen to set up a group of harbour users for consultation, he acknowledges that the Leith is a problem for our harbour. John Armstrong asked what is the order of our dredging plans, Commodore answered, we are starting at the entrance to the harbour, coming round the main channel up to the dinghy ramp removing the humps first and then seeing what monies are left for further dredging. Other anticipated expenses will be replacing some Piles and some to be re-spaced. Before we start the dredging the ORC want a bathymetric survey and will want another after the dredging, to check on the amount removed. We cannot afford to dredge from the harbour entrance to the VictoriaChannel, we would be looking for outside users to put pressure on ORC to do this, or funding from some of the other harbour user groups. There is a Councillor who is keen to support this.

Keith Henderson asked that we publish a list of new Members on the web-site to welcome them to the Club and to inform Members. This was felt to be a very good idea and will be implemented in the future.

No changes to YNZ fee, still \$22 per head.

Geoff Murray stood up and gave a thank you to all the outgoing Committee for their work over the past year. Those present applauded.

The Commodore called the meeting to a close at 19:40.

Signed
Commodore, Frank McCarthy