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## **OTAGO YACHT CLUB INC.**

### **Minutes of the 127th Annual General Meeting of the Otago Yacht Club Incorporated held at the OYC Clubrooms, Boat Harbour at 19:05 hrs on Thursday, 26 July 2018.**

The Commodore, Frank McCarthy, welcomed the members to the 127th Annual General Meeting of the Otago Yacht Club Inc. He also welcomed a special visitor, Ian Gardiner the new YNZ Regional Support Officer for South Island. He also wished it to be noted his thanks to Ann & Barry Crane for producing the Reports folder.

**Present;**- Marcus Beadell, Owen Cambridge, Rachel & Richard Caswell, Allan Craig, Ann & Barry Crane, Lex Elliott, Willie Gardner, Nicky & Barry Gibbs, Michael Harkness, Keith Henderson, Frank McCarthy, Blair McNab, Daniel McNab, Warren McNoe, John Murie, Michael Robilliard & Dianne Carmichael, Kaye Ronald, John Rutherford, Clark Sinclair, Kevin Waters, Robert Watt, Peter Wilhelmsen.

Apologies were received from Robyn & John Armstrong, Martin Balch, Nigel Ensor, Ali & Gary Jackson, Ross Jamieson, Kaye & Kevin Martin, Geoff Murray, Peter Nees, Michelle & David Purton. Moved that the apologies be accepted - Ann Crane/Barry Crane - carried.

### **Minutes of the 2017 AGM**

Motion: That the minutes of the 2017 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting Proposed Michael Harkness, seconded Robert Watt - carried.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the 2017 AGM.

### **Presentation of the annual reports**

The Annual reports 2017/18, 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 (this has been emailed and posted to Members without email addresses); Social; Health & Safety report, and the three year plan (this has been emailed and posted out to Members without email addresses) All reports will be available on the Club's web-site and printed copies were available to the members attending the meeting.

The Commodore spoke a few words in addition to his report No 1 pontoon which suffered some damage during the dredging operation is currently going through an insurance

process which will determine whether it is to be repaired or replaced. Special thanks to Barry Gibbs for maintaining the Club and to Nicky Gibbs in her role as Events Co-Ordinator. The Club continues to sparkle out there with Members and visitors.

Michael Robilliard, Vice Commodore summarised on his report adding that we have had a good year with 2 working bees, we have had some big challenges as detailed in the report. This coming year there is still lots to do, so anyone who is keen to help and get involved please give us a call. Frank McCarthy, wished to acknowledge Mike Robilliard and the other Members who put a lot of their time and effort into all the Works projects.

Warren McNoe, Rear Commodore in addition to his report gave a brief talk on the plans and actions of the past and future sailing season. There has been a much bigger turn out of yachts competing in our events in the past year over previous years. We have many more events pencilled in for the next year. We have tried to create an atmosphere where participation is the main element, turn up, it is not the Olympic Games, we can cater for all abilities. We may introduce a handicap system in the new year, to even out the competition some what. See you all again this year. Frank McCarthy noted that it has been no easy task as Warren reported we had to cancel the last term of Sailing School. Hopefully, the incoming year will see a more suitable arrangement not just relying on Members. He said it must be emphasised that we do need support from Members to hold these classes and sailing events in general whether it is on the Committee boat or helping out in the Club. Although you may not be an active Member you are always welcome to support the Club on these days, so well done Warren and his team.

Frank McCarthy then thanked Ann Crane, for providing the social side and asked her to say a few words. She gave a brief talk on the social events of the year, thanking in particular Kaye Ronald, Nicky Gibbs and other Members for their assistance, for without their help at our social events they would not have been the success that they were. We have had some great Speakers and hopefully we will have more in the coming year. As always, as others have mentioned, more volunteers would be fabulous please, more Speakers, more Chefs you name we will have it. Finally, a big thank you to you the Members who have supported our events.

Lastly, in David Purton's absence Commodore Frank McCarthy spoke on David's report. He keeps our health and safety requirements up to the standard required now with the different Acts. Well done Dave, he does a good job with it and I am fully confident that we are meeting the Act requirements. Thank you.

Frank McCarthy continued, the Club will be facing some major challenges in the future following our completion of a stage of the dredging there will need to be a regular dredging programme. Recently with the damage to number one pontoon the condition of the pontoon itself was highlit. To replace this pontoon we are talking in the region of \$100K. Early indications are that the repairs to this pontoon will be in the region of \$50K to get it back in the water, however as it is thought that the pontoon only has an expected future life span of a further 3 years, this may only be a temporary fix. We will also have to install a contained wash down pad, this is a requirement of the ORC to prevent contamination in the harbour. There are lots of large items of expenditure in the future for the incoming Committee to consider, we will keep you the Membership informed.

The Commodore then asked that the reports to be received; moved by Kevin Waters, seconded by Barry Crane. - carried

Financial Report Barry Crane spoke to his report, main points to mention are, surplus of income over expenditure of \$3185.00, the previous year was an exceptional year when we had a surplus of \$15K. Basically income was down \$8K and expenditure was up \$7K, having said that our cash reserves went up by \$20K, the difference being depreciation a non-cash item. The main feature of our Accounts was \$27272 that was spent on the early stages of the dredging programme, the trailer yacht walkways and the area in front of the storage shed. This was totally paid for from the \$80K grant that we had from The Otago Community Trust. So it is shown in income and shown in expenditure. The main fall in income was in the yard as our CTM, Barry Gibbs had caught up with the backlog of yachts awaiting slipping. Less people coming out this year and some of our longer term/higher rate people had now launched their boats. We had an exceptional profit on the sale of an asset of \$3K last year, and this year our insurance increased \$1600, and salary went up \$2300 (this was not an increase on the CTM's salary but the cost of cover while he was on holiday). Our capital expenditure was quite low as we put all our effort in to the dredging side of things and amounted to \$5K and that consisted of the Trailer Yacht Lift, the walkway, and other smaller items, for example new microwave ovens, brush cutter. I have looked at the income for the year and although expenses are going up we do have increased usage of piles etc so I am not recommending an increase in subscriptions. However, I would sound a warning that with the pressures on our expenses they are likely to go up next year, and the incoming Committee may have to look at some of the fees if we intend to do more work on the piles.

- 1 - Barry Crane put forward a resolution that the Accounts as published and circulated be adopted Proposed Michael Harkness & Blair McNab - carried.
- 2 - Resolution that the Accounts Reviewers Crowe Horwath be re-appointed. Proposed by Barry Crane and Keith Henderson - carried
- 3 - Election of officers and the committee as listed. proposed by Blair McNab, seconded Rachel Caswell - carried

Commodore, Frank McCarthy wished to thank the past Committee who are a solid group who have worked very hard. He also wished to pass on a special thank you to Port Otago, for their assistance in dredging the boat harbour, without their help we would not have been able to complete the dredging project. The second acknowledgement is to the Otago Community Trust for their grant.

#### General business

1. A resolution to ask the Membership here present to endorse the Committee's recommendation to grant honorary Life Membership to the following persons:-

a) Michael Harkness - Barry Crane spoke to all present - Michael joined our Club in the early 1970s, a keen sailor, he has been Secretary of the Club on numerous occasions, served as the Membership Secretary for over 20 years, a Committee member for many years and has and is still available to help in any area of the Club as necessary, as has been noted during the dredging operation. I have no hesitation in recommending Michael for Life Membership to the Members present .

b) Clark Sinclair - Frank McCarthy spoke to all present - Clark joined the Club in 2004, has served on the Committee several times, has been both Vice & Rear Commodore and continues to support the Club as a co-opted Committee member, relief Caretaker/Manager, assisted in organising the ISAF Olympic sail pass, assisted in the

rebuild of the current slipway that happened a few years ago and currently has been very involved in the dredging operation, and pontoon replacement, he is always there to help and assist Club members with boat maintenance and sailing advice. I have no hesitation in recommending Clark for Life Membership.

The above were put to the floor for their endorsement. Before a show of hands was taken Keith Henderson spoke about the difficulties in the past when someone was put forward who it was felt didn't deserve the honour and the difficulty or impossibility of having to stand up at an AGM and pronounce that in front of the person put forward. Due to this the rules were changed to say that all nominations for life membership would be done through the Committee. Having said that, Keith Henderson said he was very happy to endorse the Committee's nominations. seconded Rachel Caswell - carried.

Commodore, Frank McCarthy presented Michael Harkness and Clark Sinclair with a Life Membership certificate - applause.

Michael Harkness thanked the Committee and the Members, he joined in 1974 when it was still the Otago Yacht & Motor Boat Club, in this time he has seen many changes. The Club house at the time was nothing like this, it was an old railway siding shed, the Club has come a long long way since then. He also said to put the record straight he has served under 7 or 8 Commodores, often as a locum secretary. He thanked all again. - Applause from those present.

Clark Sinclair said thank you and that it was totally unexpected, he thought it was only given to old people (laughter), noting, "I guess that places me in the old people bracket" (more laughter). When he and Ngaire joined they were living on their yacht here. The first job he got having come from being the Commodore of another Club was as Rear Commodore, he hated it. The next year he was Vice Commodore, the big challenge then was getting pathways constructed around the Club. There have been huge changes over the years, back then just that job of getting the pathways done, he felt like a bulldozer pushing the job onward. Thanks again. (applause)

2. Frank McCarthy introduced the 3-year strategic plan previously circulated/attached to be approved. This being Vern Hall's baby, he has been keeping us on our toes regarding seeing and planning our coming years. I invite him to talk - Vern Hall said, "The strategic plan was started a number of years ago and it is good to see that Frank McCarthy and the Committee are continuing to do this. It is essential that we take the time to plan and see the way ahead rather than blunder on without focus".

*Recommendation: that the 3-year Plan be received and approved. Proposed by Vern Hall, seconded by Clark Sinclair- carried.*

*Any questions from the floor.*

*Kevin Waters wished to say that a huge thanks should be given to all those who helped and assisted with the dredging operation in all weathers. He named Michael Harkness, Vern Hall, Peter Wilhelmsen, Michael Robilliard and others unnamed. Commodore Frank McCarthy said, our current caretaker Barry Gibbs had a lot to do with the background work for this project and should also be thanked.*

*Marcus Beadell said he wished to pass on his thanks for the production of the weekly Crows nest email. It is fantastic and a great help in keeping Members up to date with news about the Club and upcoming events. He said without that email he probably wouldn't have been along tonight as it served as a timely reminder. Well done Peter Wilhelmsen.*

*Keith Henderson asked how is our relationship with the ORC and the new Harbourmaster? He felt that it is important that we maintain a good working relationship, to keep a finger on what is happening around the harbour generally. Commodore, FMcCarthy replied, although we have had some difficulties working with the ORC, for example, regarding support for the dredging, problems with the Leith etc we generally have a good level of communication. Frank McCarthy said he meets with the new Harbour Master regularly, he can be contacted by telephone. While he is still settling in, first impressions were that he didn't have much grip on how the ORC work with their finances and was put in at the deep end. He is very pro-active, has an interest in small sailing boats and other craft on the harbour, he is aware of the channel on the eastern side. Frank McCarthy said he felt that the OYC has a very good relationship with him. He is approachable and has good works planned. He hoped that the ORC would continue to support him. He is regularly seen around the Club, and it is understood that he is in the process of getting 3 visitor moorings, one in Deborah Bay, one in Carey's Bay and one outside of our harbour. Our Club is seeing quite a few groups using us for meetings, the YNZ will be holding their AGM here in October. The Harbour Master has used us for several meetings here with other Clubs. The Committee will be looking at and commenting on the proposed submission for new rules in the harbour by the ORC. Discussion followed on the ORC by-law consultation papers. Keith Henderson said one of the problems of boat registration could be who maintains it, and it could be a short step to licensing/charges. It was suggested that all should take the time to read and comment on the consultation papers before commenting further.*

*Frank McCarthy thanked all present for coming along and declared the meeting closed at 19:45.*

**Signed .....**

**Commodore, Frank McCarthy**