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OTAGO YACHT CLUB INC.

Minutes of the 128th Annual General Meeting of the Otago Yacht Club Incorporated held at the OYC Clubrooms, Boat Harbour at 19:00 hrs on Wednesday, 31 July 2019.

The Commodore, Frank McCarthy, welcomed the members to the 128th Annual General Meeting of the Otago Yacht Club Inc.

Present;- Robyn & John Armstrong, Owen Cambridge, Alayne McClelland & Allan Craig, Ann & Barry Crane, Lex Elliott, Willie Gardner, Nicky & Barry Gibbs, Morris Hall, Sue & Vern Hall, Mike Harkness, Keith Henderson, Maurice Kane, Michael Kohler, Keith Maydon, Frank McCarthy, Warren McNoe, Peter Nees, Dave Purton, Cara Thomson-Real & Julian Real, Mike Robilliard, John Schmelz, Robert Watt, Peter Wilhelmsen.

Apologies were received from Tony Elliott, Wayne Handley, Kaye Ronald & Ross Jamieson, Kaye & Kevin Martin, Clark Sinclair, Dennis Wise. Moved that the apologies be accepted - Ann Crane/ Barry Crane - carried.

Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the 2018 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting Proposed David Purton, seconded Nicky Gibbs - carried.

Matters arising from the 2018 Minutes, correction - Sue & Vern Hall were present at the 2018 AGM.

Presentation of the annual reports

The Annual reports 2018/19, 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; Social; Venue Co-Ordinator, Health & Safety report, and the three year plan. 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. The Waikouaiti race from the heads was a joy to behold with 14 yachts taking part, Frank, who was unable to take part this year, said the comments around him from spectators at the gun emplacements were gratifying to hear, so well done Otago Yacht Club, a great team effort. He thanked the Committee for all their work in the past year, along with co-opted Members and other volunteer members who give their time so willingly. He also wished it to be noted his thanks to Ann & Barry Crane for the design and production of the Reports folder and Peter Wilhelmsen (supplying the majority of the photographs).l

Michael Robilliard, Vice Commodore summarised on his report adding his thanks to Barry Gibbs for all the work he has done throughout the year. New gas califonts have been purchased for the upgrading of the shower blocks. There were no questions.

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. He re-emphasised his thanks to Peter Wilhelmsen for all the support and help he gave to our sailing events. Warren said that the sailing programme planning is well underway, with the last Sunday of September likely to be our Opening Day. Warren encourages us all to take part and Mike Robilliard backed this up with the remark that even those who do not wish to race can come out and enjoy time cruising on the water.

Financial Report Treasurer Barry Crane spoke to his report. He noted that this is the first year since becoming Treasurer that he has had to announce a deficit (\$25,817), however, this was a planned one, due to our dredging operation (\$129,983). This was reduced somewhat by the inclusion of the balance of a grant from the Otago Communities Trust, (\$52,728) and the insurance net payout (\$39,872) for the loss of Pontoon One. We actually had a surplus of \$11566.00 in our ordinary operations. Our income was better than expected, mainly due to our price increases in October and keeping our expenses at a reasonable level. Capital expenditure included, purchase of new pontoons, a Kubota tractor, new Bar Chiller and a new alarm system for the Clubhouse. The full details of the accounts are in the Otago Yacht Club Inc., Annual Report and Accounts 2019. Having looked at the forecast for the next twelve months, our Treasurer says that although we will have a lot of Capital expenditure, he is recommending that there is no increase in subscriptions. However, due to the way the YNZ structure their fees (by head) we may have to look at the family subscription class in the future, the amount retained by the Club after the YNZ fee is paid is very small.

1. Barry Crane put forward a resolution that there should be no change in the annual subscription for the coming year. Proposed Allan Craig, seconded by Willie Gardner - carried.

There were no questions from the floor.

2. Barry Crane put forward a resolution that the Accounts as published and circulated be adopted Proposed Peter Wilhelmsen, seconded by John Schmliez- carried.
3. Resolution that the Accounts Reviewers Crowe Horwath be re-appointed. Proposed by David Purton, seconded by Vern Hall - carried
4. Election of officers and the committee as listed. It was noted that there is one vacancy, the Members present were asked for nominations, but there were none from the floor. Proposed that the incoming Committee be appointed proposed by Vern Hall, seconded by David Purton - carried.

There is one new Member to Committee, Julian Real, who was introduced to all present. Committee Members standing down were Allan Craig and Vern Hall.

General business

1. Frank McCarthy introduced the 3-year strategic plan previously circulated/attached to be approved.

Recommendation: that the 3-year Plan be received and approved. Frank thanked the sub-committee for all their work on producing the new 3 year plan, and particular thanks to Owen Cambridge for his work on the final plan.

Proposed by Owen Cambridge and seconded by Vern Hall - carried.

Any questions or comments from the floor.

Frank McCarthy said, before I close the meeting I wish to thank Vern Hall for the many (40 years) service that he has put into the Club and Committee. He will be missed by the Committee. I wish for us to show our appreciation of his work, he will still be involved around the Club as a co-opted Member and in the Sailing School. Thank you Vern, there followed much applause, and a voice from the audience “does he get a gold watch?”, much laughter followed.

Peter Nees, said how much he appreciated the weekly Crowsnest news sheet. He asked if there could be more detail included, for example, maybe key items from Committee meetings, a list of new Members (with contact details) and resignations. Peter continued to say he is unable to attend as many events as he would like, so does feel at times that he has lost touch and that communication to the membership is vital. This sort of addition in Crowsnest would be helpful. Ann Crane replied, the Club has started putting abbreviated Minutes on the Members Only page of the web-site. Also, with confirmation from Peter Wilhelmsen, that new Members are listed on this page, but no contact details. We have to keep these on the Members Only page for privacy and security reasons. Peter said he will put out the details on how to register for the Members Only page in the next issue of the Crowsnest, for those who have not already registered.

David Purton wished it to be noted that the new paint scheme in the Clubhouse looks great. Frank McCarthy said, the new carpet will be arriving in September. Next stage will be re-covering of the chairs.

Vern Hall asked for Warren McNoe to expand on the proposed 420 sailing plans for High Schools. Warren McNoe has been in discussion with people at YNZ, the YNZ Regional Officer Ian Gardiner and various schools. We are looking to run from out of the Otago Yacht Club, 420 teams racing. The 420s will have slightly smaller sails than normal, these are colour coded and they race 3 boats on 3 boats. We are waiting on the arrival of 3 420s from North Island, we are also buying a set of team sails for our own 420s. So far, schools that have shown an interest are; Otago Boys and Otago Girls High Schools, Bayfield and John McGlashen Schools. There will be some young (University students) coaches who have already been through the 420 team racing programme on North Island. This will bring another dimension and activity to the Club racing scene. A training weekend is planned to run from the Club over Labour weekend.

Frank McCarthy thanked all present for coming along on such a cold wet night and is looking forward to a really good season both on and off the water. He declared the meeting closed at 19:20.

Signed
Commodore, Frank McCarthy