

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 23, 2020 VIA ZOOM AND AT THE CLUBHOUSE, POINT PIPER AT 8 PM**

**PRESENT:** Adrian Broadbent (Commodore) Caroline Crane (Vice Commodore) Anthony Booth (Rear Commodore) Max Sheaffe (Honorary Treasurer) Susan Barker (Secretary) and 34 Members on Zoom and 24 Members in the Clubhouse.

### **1. WELCOME & OPENING OF MEETING BY COMMODORE**

- Gregory Mason was thanked for setting up and operating the video conference.

### **2. APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

R Bassetti, J Beaumont, R Chadwick, T Christian, R de Wit, L Furber, J Furber, L Hughes, Eddie Lewis, I Renwood, J Ryrie, A Strange

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- ***Moved by Grant Jagelman, seconded by Glenn Crane that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 21 October 2019 be accepted. Motion Carried.***

### **4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

- The Hon Treasurer provided financial details and responded to questions from various members; he congratulated the Renovation & Remediation Committee for bringing in the project on time and on budget; he further thanked the Secretary & Denise Crutchfield (Accountant) for their assistance.
- Members were requested to put forward any suggestions for improving communications.
- The Commodore advised that, following an appeal in the Land & Environment Court against the rejection of the proposed ramp and pontoon replacement by Woollahra Municipal Council, a conciliation meeting was held on Friday, 20 November 2020; further, the Club is working to resolve the issue, and the meeting will reconvene in two weeks' time.
- Members were advised that the new Members Handbook & By-laws have been posted on the website.
- ***Moved by Gail Broadbent, seconded by Nigel Stewart that the Financial Report of the Club for the Year ended 30 June 2020 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditor be adopted. Motion Carried.***

### **5. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A Point of Order was raised by Stephen Wawn as he said that the primary focus of the Club is to promote yachting; he therefore opposed Mr Chrystal's nomination as he is not a sailor and has objected strongly to the wharf proposal.
- The Commodore replied that the Board had considered that aspect and would manage the issue appropriately.
- Mr Wawn requested that Mr Chrystal not vote on any issue concerning the pontoon proposal.
- Jeff Muscat advised that the Club's objective was to have a stable platform for access into the bay. He asked that future Board members categorically confirm their commitment to this aim.

- Stephen Wawn raised a Point of Order regarding Rule 27.5 of the Constitution.
- The Commodore responded that 6 out of 9 proposed Board members were owners of a yacht recorded in the Club Register.

- ***The following were duly elected unopposed:***

Commodore	Adrian Broadbent
Vice Commodore	Caroline Crane
Rear Commodore	Anthony Booth
Honorary Treasurer	Max Sheaffe

- ***The following Directors were duly elected unopposed:***

David Chrystal  
 Brendan Lyons  
 Michael Paull  
 Mark Steglick  
 Ashley Wawn

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Further to Rule 15.3 of the Constitution, which states that the entrance fee will be three times the annual subscription for each category of membership, Members were asked to consider and provide their feedback on disconnecting the joining fee from the annual fee to allow the Board to change the entrance fee when required.
- The Rear Commodore in charge of sailing was asked if the Club had set the sailing calendar for 2022.
- The Commodore responded that, in order to avoid any conflict between RPEYC's Centenary celebrations and SASC's Sesqui celebrations in 2022, discussions were underway with SASC; during COVID a monthly Zoom Commodores' conference had been held to ensure all clubs maintained a consistent approach to management and all Commodores have been advised of our celebrations.
- Gail Broadbent congratulated the Vice Commodore & Lynda Kerry (Interior Designer) for the improvements to the Club and satisfying the requirement that it looks like it used to but better.
- Jonathan Warre congratulated the Board on the renovations; he further stated that the emblem on the new carpet was inappropriate.
- The Vice Commodore said that an Aide in the office of His Royal Highness Prince Edward had been contacted and a response received, which indicated that the emblem was only a representation of the Fleur De Lys.
- Glenn Crane said that he had also corresponded with a representative of the office of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award who confirmed acceptance of the new carpet and the emblem.
- Liz De Morgan said that the symbol had been changed and that the current Prince Edward was not the person who had approved the original emblem.

- The Commodore replied that Members' comments were noted; however, the carpet would not be changed by the current Board.
- Roger Massey-Greene asked why David Chrystal would join the Board if he was opposed to the pontoon proposal? He indicated that misinformation had been circulated to members in the neighbourhood as fliers had been received that do not reflect the intended proposal.
- The Commodore replied that Mr Chrystal had been asked to join the Board and had other skills and enthusiasm to contribute. He said that objectors had been advised that the proposed wharf drawings were on the Club's website.
- Grant Jagelman said that it was most important to provide a proper tender service.
- The Commodore responded that the Club had tried to employ a tender driver in the past; the Board was open to any suggestions.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm**

**Signature.....Dated.....**