



THE BARWON HEADS SAILING ASSOCIATION (INC)

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MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 27th January 2024

VENUE: Barwon Heads Sailing Association Clubhouse

Ozone Road, BARWON HEADS TIME: 1800 hours

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Nigel Hocking, Hamish Lonsdale, Gerard Burke, Jim Poulston, Peter Creak, Christopher Drew Fin Cornell, Peter Creak, Bruce Clements, Sophie Kempton

2. APOLOGIES

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Accepted

4. COMMODORE'S ADDRESS

- i. Rescue Boat:
 - a. committee evaluating options for replacement engine with electric will announce to members soon
 - b. club will always use 2 x rescue boats for Safari and Sheepwash
- ii. Commodore attended the Australian Sailing Victorian Conference. Australian Sailing putting much emphasis on ensuring clubs have their documentation straight and their rules in order.
Discussion about attracting new, younger members. Studies show that to attract new members, clubs need boats available for hire and club amenities to use.
- iii. Club rules and members updated including government mandated child safe policy which included reporting protocols has now been implemented.
- iv. Committee recently formed Sailing Sub-committee headed by Jim Poulston who can mobilise club resources.
- v. Commodore met with Barwon Coastal who summarised plan to increase channel markers in the river. Only a couple where sailing activities are conducted.
- vi. Tackers wrapped up last week, run by private outfit with support of Aus Sailing Vic. Sophie put in a tremendous effort to make it a success. Juniors (7 to 10 year olds) numbers

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were down on last year, but the Out There Sailing program (adolescents 12 to 17 age group) places filled in 5 minutes with total 18 participants (most who have been through the Tackers program previously) Adult program had 3 dads. Total 40 participants this year.

- vii. Acknowledgment of Committee Members:
- a. Gerard Burke: commits much time to look after the rescue boat
 - b. Bruce Clements puts in a lot of time getting the exemption to the 5 knot rule
 - c. Jim Poulston: always there ensuring races are organised
 - d. Serena Stewart tirelessly doing the handicapping and scoring
 - e. Don Fry provided boat and crew for Safari
 - f. Tim Elsstroff provided boat for Tackers program
 - g. Greg Robinson has resigned from Committee due to business commitments in Melbourne
 - h. Linton Roe for his efforts on the website
- viii. Hamish Lonsdale has been a member of BHSA for ever. Has been Club Secretary for some 25 years. Committee unanimously decided to award him honorary life membership. He will retire as Secretary this year but stay on the committee. Chris Drew to replace him as Secretary. Congratulations Hamish Lonsdale – Honorary Life Member of the Barwon Heads Sailing Association. Hamish has expressed his appreciation.
- ix. The acquisition of a defibrillator for the club was discussed

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Annual Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023 presented by Treasurer Finlay Cornell. Approved by committee on 3 December 2023

Treasurer proposes the following changes to BHSA membership fees

Member Type	Current	Proposed
	\$	\$
Base rate	70	75
Junior	70	75
Senior	140	150
Family	210	225

Motion Carried

6. CLUB CONSTITUTION

Commodore outlined reasons for and attributes of a new Club Constitution. He proposed the new constitution be accepted, seconded, and carried by all.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BARERS

No vote needed because same numbers as before. Commodore welcomes Cheryl O'Neill to the Committee

Commodore declared meeting closed

- **NEXT MEETING. 09:30 am, Saturday 16 March 2024. 12 Riverside Tce Barwon Heads, or zoom**

Prepared by Christopher Drew
 Approved by Hamish Lonsdale, Hon.
 Secretary,
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