

**MINUTES OF 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WEITI BOATING CLUB INC.
HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE, #1 FAIRHAVEN WALK, 2pm SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2013**

The Commodore, John Stewart, opened the meeting at 2.05pm, 48 members signed in.

1. APOLOGIES:

Peter Melvin, George Turnbull, Gus Gager, Wayne Mills, Stan & Sharon Frost, Bruce Cowan, Jim Giller, George Deeb, Tom & Judy Rutter, Ann Pearson, Kathryn Peat, Guy Hopper, Tracey McGuire

Accepted: John Tate / Chris Howat

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 15th July 2012

The 2012 AGM Minutes were circulated to all members.

A typographical error was corrected in on page 3, General Business: Glenda Hughes was replaced with Glenda Oakley.

The corrected minutes were accepted as true and correct.

David Craig / Evelyn Tate, Carried

Matters arising from minutes of 2012 AGM

- Broadreach newsletters to be distributed bimonthly
- Club Solicitor to be appointed
- SGM for Rule Remits

All completed.

3. MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 14th May 2013

The 2013 SGM Minutes were circulated to all members.

Norman Hagermann is listed twice in apologies. Evelyn Tate to be added as an attendee.

The corrected minutes were accepted as true and correct.

Jae Maynard / Kerry Davies, Carried

Matters arising from minutes of 2013 SGM

- Kerry Pearson advised that discussion over rule remits will take place during General Business.

4. COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Commodore's report circulated to all members. John Stewart asked the AGM attendees if they'd had a chance to read it, and did it need to be read out at the meeting. The members replied that it did not need to be read at the meeting. John Stewart announced that subsequent to writing his report, he was pleased to announce that Gary Marshall has been appointed to the position of Maintenance and Haulage Person, and would be working an average of 25 hours per week. The members responded with applause.

Kerry Pearson / Gary Morris, Carried

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The audited accounts, audited by S. de Jongh, were distributed to the members. Tony Peat presented the financials to Year End March 2013. Tony Peat explained the Financial Performance, with the net surplus of approximately \$60,000, add back depreciation, take off capital expenditure leaving approximately \$30,000. Westpac accounts show net effect overall cash increase of \$24,000. Reasonable financial position. Fixed assets had a revamp this year with categorisation of the assets. Result of that is we did a review of the fixed assets, and this will be ongoing. Tony Peat called for questions. Kerry Pearson asked if everything depreciates at the same rate, Tony Peat replied that there are different rates, and some rates have altered over the years.

Roger Price / Barry Belin, Carried

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Commodore	Colin Thrush	J Fitness / B Belin
Vice Commodore	Mike Rowe	J Rea / M Parker
Rear Commodore	Two nominations received	
	Evelyn Tate	G Morris / K Pearson
	David Craig	G Marshall / G Lasenby

John Stewart congratulated Colin Thrush and presented the Commodore's Flag.

Colin Thrush thanked John Stewart for his work as Commodore and presented the Past Commodore's Flag.

Colin Thrush congratulated Mike Rowe and presented the Vice Commodore's Flag.

The two nominees for Rear Commodore, Evelyn Tate and David Craig, spoke of their history, experience and skills.

Colin Thrush asked for votes to be cast.

Colin Thrush advises that there have been eight nominations for Committee Members received:

John Tate	G Marshall / K Davies
Annette Happy	M Rowe / C Thrush
Roger Price	R Sims / G Marshall
John Rea	M Rowe / M Parker
Mike Parker	J Rea / M Rowe
Kerry Davies	G Morris / J Tate
James Fitness	B Belin / B Cowan
Bruce Cowan	B Belin / J Fitness

Colin Thrush asks for extra nominations from the floor.

Nominees that are new to the Committee, Roger Price and Annette Happy, stand up and introduce themselves.

Nominations from the floor for Committee

Chris McGuire
Grant Lasenby
Janet Boyle
David Craig
Glenda Oakley

Mike Rowe / John Stewart count votes for rear commodore

Colin reads result, congratulates Evelyn Tate, presents the Rear Commodore Flag and asks for Evelyn to join the table.

John Stewart observes that Evelyn is the first Woman to be a flag officer at the club.

Colin Thrush announces that all nominations for committee are elected.

Patron: Guy Hopper
Vice Patron: Dr Angus Johnston

Gary Morris stood and said that Guy Hopper is not in the best of health, and that he has contacted his family and awaits their response. The status quo will remain in the meantime.

Auditor: S. de Jongh to be confirmed as auditor for the 2013-2014 year.

Completes election of officers.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Rule Remits

Kerry Pearson introduced himself as a Past Commodore, and presented the rule remits. Kerry Pearson explains that Colin Thrush had entered into the rule remits, presented them to the members and it had transpired that a number of them were challenged. A Special General Meeting was held, and it was voted against any changes to the present rules. Discussion that followed suggested that it was a good opportunity to look at the rules. They were adequate, but a number of things had changed over time. Kerry Pearson says he has reviewed and will now present functional rules that are good for the club. Kerry Pearson announced that a motion had been received from J McArthur / M Brighthouse to not accept any rule changes. The vote on this motion would take place at the end of the discussion. Kerry Pearson asked if anyone had read the remits, and were they happy to go through them one-by-one. Kerry asked John / Murray if since they had put in the motion to not accept any changes, did they have any questions? They replied no. Noel Oakley requested that we go through them one-by-one.

Kerry Pearson goes through remits one by one.

Remit 1 – Chris McGuire says no problem as long as it doesn't affect rule 16. Flag part should be in rule 16.

Remit 2 – Tony Willis asks why the change. Kerry Pearson says just a change from ordinary to senior. Tony Willis says against incorporated societies. Kerry Pearson says he has talked to incorporated societies, and all remits are acceptable. Current is junior / ordinary, but correct should be Junior / Senior. Unless it is detrimental to club then they should be accepted. Legal opinion has been sought. Chris McGuire has asked if the remits have been an expense to the club, Kerry Pearson says yes legal opinion will cost some money, Colin says approx 3 hours.

Remit 3 – no questions

Remit 4 – Noel Oakley says the amount is too great, is excessive, and should be a difference but not that much. Colin Thrush says that similar percentage, if not lower than similar clubs. Noel Oakley said lets not talk percentage, talk dollars, nearly \$100 more. John McArthur said shouldn't his motion be put to the floor now to save time. Colin Thrush said this has been driven by action requested at the SGM. Kerry Pearson said members need to have them explained. Chris McGuire says percentage of increase to family membership, not about voting its about families. Over a few years family will join the club and won't be able to afford membership, Dad will become member; partners and kids will be non members. Club is about family, not about voting. Glenda Oakley said only three clubs are doing it. The most expensive are Panmure, Royal Akoranga and Weiti Boating Club. Colin Thrush said that there was always a margin between ordinary/family, but has disintegrated. General discussion follows. Glenda Oakley said that there has never been more than 20% difference. Percentage amount shouldn't be in the remit. Tony Willis said that we have created division between families and ordinary members, Kerry Pearson said that the terminology has always existed. Should there be a percentage increase for family for 2 votes, or should all memberships only have 1 vote? John McArthur said the club is run for the benefit of the members not the other way around. Kerry Pearson asks what is a long term view that will last 20 years and benefit the club and its members. Chris McGuire says there should be a division, but needs to be decided what the difference in price should be. Barry Belin said we are talking about the price of a vote; you are undervaluing the club if it is only worth \$15.

Question from the floor how did the two membership values become the same? Glenda Oakley said that it happened many years ago because there was not seen to be many more benefits. It should probably not have happened. Bruce Adams says that there are no specific children's activities/events. Colin Thrush said leave rule as it is and committee will make a recommendation for next AGM.

Remit 5 – no questions

Remit 6 – no questions

Remit 7 – no questions

Remit 8 – no questions

Remit 9 – no questions

Remit 10 – no questions

Remit 11 – Tony Willis said you are removing the Patron / Vice Patron as officers of the club and this is an issue, Kerry Pearson said they are being moved to Honorary Membership and it has already been put in front of the incorporated societies office. Roles of Patron / Vice Patron are voted on at every AGM. David Craig said honorary membership can only be for 12 months.

Remit 12 – no questions

Remit 13 – Kerry Pearson had concern that a weak committee could appoint people without history that could take control of the club. If someone came in that is strong willed, and Committees were busy, things could get out of hand. The reality is that the Committee has the right. The only way to control it is through the employment contract and a strong committee. Rewrite of paragraph from our Solicitor. - no further questions.

Remit 14 – no questions

Remit 15 – no questions

Remit 16 – no questions

Remit 17 – no questions

Remit 18 – no questions

Remit 19 – no questions

Remit 20 – no questions

Kerry Pearson says where to from here. Motion from John McArthur / Murray Brighthouse needs to be voted on. Colin Thrush asked if any more questions for Kerry Pearson. No questions. Applause for Kerry Pearson from the floor.

Geoff Hammond asked if the motion was going to be voted on, and do we need to decide on the 140% difference. Colin said we will vote on it individually.

Colin asked if John / Murray wanted to speak to their motion. No. Colin asked if any questions from the floor. Chris McGuire said he didn't want to do what he did at the SGM by voting out the remits at the beginning, and he thanked Kerry Pearson for the work he has done since that time. Chris McGuire says that not enough research is done by the members. Chris McGuire asked Kerry Pearson to categorically state that there is no hidden agenda. Kerry Pearson said although he was wary at first, he thinks that Colin Thrush and the Committees have been willing to listen to Members concern. Kerry Pearson says that to the best of his ability, and after two legal reviews, he feels that there is nothing detrimental to the club, that it is all positive. Chris McGuire said that he worried that there are so many coming through at once and it set off alarm bells, and thanks Kerry Pearson for the clarification. Kerry Pearson says he doesn't know what else could be done, as he was sceptical too, but that has been resolved. John Stewart said that it was a total review, comprehensive and is it workable today. The only agenda the committee has is to help the club run efficiently and future proof it. Kerry Pearson has put in a lot of work, Colin has put in vast amounts of work.

Colin called the motion to not accept any changes to the rules.

Favour 2
Against Majority
Motion did not carry.

Individual rule changes vote: Colin / Mike Rowe proposed and seconded

Remit 1 carried (16c is also approved)

Remit 2 carried

Remit 3 carried

Remit 4 motion that Family Membership will be up to 140% of the Senior Membership and the Committee will make recommendation, and will come to AGM for approval.

Proposed Chris Demchy / Seconded Barry Belin, carried

Remit 5 Carried

Remit 6 carried

Remit 7 carried, 1 against

Remit 8 carried

Remit 9 carried

Remit 10 carried

Remit 11 carried, 1 against

Remit 12 carried

Remit 13 carried

Remit 14 carried

Remit 15 carried

Remit 16 carried

Remit 17 carried

Remit 18 carried, 1 against

Remit 19 carried

Remit 20 carried

Colin said thanks to the Members for their effort, and thank you to Kerry.

2. Budget 2013/2014 and beyond

Colin Thrush talked about the 5-year plan, and made a presentation. Why's, how's, costs analysis, financial profile. Colin said going forward we should present something like this each year. Moorings are 47% of income. Membership combined with Clubhouse makes it non-profitable. Operational Strategies for each income area. Themes – Profitability, Broadreach, Advertise, Targets, Opportunities. Major expenditures – Piles & Moorings, Ramp upgrade, yard upgrade, other.

Motion for Membership fee changes. Question from John McArthur as to whether there is a difference from YNZ and AYBA with ordinary and family members. Colin asked Louise to comment. Louise said no difference in the invoicing. Formula needs to be checked by Louise.

Propose percentage for family membership. That the Family Membership should be 125% of the Senior Membership fee.

Barry Belin/John McArthur. favour 22, against 11. Carried.

Colin Thrush said the new cost of family membership would be \$319.09 and senior membership \$265.

Action for Louise on renewal of memberships, ask members if they will be renewing as Family or Senior?

Gary Morris said that if it is a Senior membership, then only one name should be listed in the year book, and that we need to list things correctly in the year book. Chris Demchy said it's a courtesy thing to list both, Gary Morris said yes, but there is a difference. Chris said that difference is for the club's information only.

David Craig asked what the Club Captain's role is, it should be defined. David also stated that no rule changes are passed until submitted to the Incorporated Societies Office, and notification is received back.

Chris McGuire stood and thanked both of the Rear Commodore Nominees.

Colin Thrush thanked the members for attending and closed the 2013 AGM at 4.30pm.

ENDS.