

MINUTES OF 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WEITI BOATING CLUB INC. HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE, 1 FAIRHAVEN WALK, 2pm SUNDAY 15th JULY 2012

The Commodore, Barry Belin, opened the meeting at 2.05pm. Welcomed Members and thanked Patrons and Past Commodores.

APOLOGIES: Read

Accepted: Peter Arcus / Glenda Oakley

POINT OF ORDER RAISED BY GARY MORRIS: Who is taking the minutes?

Manager responded: Sue Belin and Manager

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 31st July 2011 Matters arising: John McArthur asked about item #8, help for Chris McGuire not forthcoming.

John Stewart replied that the club has initiated another effort to assist Chris.

Bruce Cowan/John McArthur, Carried

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS 2012 Special General Meeting (Re: YNZ)

Glenda Oakley/David Craig, Carried

COMMODORE'S REPORT: Barry Belin read his Commodore's Report. The Commodore's Report was adopted.

Mike Rowe/Peter Arcus, Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT: Presented by Sue Belin, Questions from Glenda Oakley and Kerry Pearson answered by Sue Belin.

Bruce Cowan / Kerry Pearson, Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Commodore

John Stewart confirmed as Commodore.

Thank Barry Belin (and Sue Belin) for their efforts

Election of Officers: Vice Commodore

Colin Thrush confirmed as Vice Commodore.

Election of Officers: Rear Commodore

Mike Rowe briefed the members regarding his time with the club (over 10 years), service on the committee (2 years), boating background and business background.

Mike Rowe confirmed as Rear Commodore.

Flags presented to Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and Past Commodore

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:

Nominations (7) for Committee read.

Peter Austin spoke from floor: need more committee members

John Stewart noted decline is in keeping with trends throughout YNZ

Glenda Oakley asked how long it was known there were only 7 nominations.

John Stewart responded: about two months

David Craig said nomination forms were not sent out to all members

Grant Lasenby nominated David Craig

Second by Evelyn Tate

Tracy Williams nominated Jevon Sturley

Second by Glenda Oakley

Craig Mountjoy nominated Gary Marshall

Second by Garry Morris

Kerry Pearson nominated Garry Morris

Second by Peter Arcus

Kerry Davies nominated Neil Hanson

Second by Barry Belin

Gary Morris nominated Mike Parker

Second by John McArthur

The meeting was recessed for a medical event at 2.40pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 3.10pm.

No additional nominations made.

Proposed additional nominations be accepted: Glenda Oakley

Seconded: Kath Peat

Vote to elect all nominated committee members: unanimous

PATRON: G. Hopper B (absent) approved nomination, it would be his pleasure to accept the role of Patron again. Dr Angus Johnston, Vice Patron.

Unanimous, carried

Auditor: C M de Jongh

Bruce Cowan proposed.

Garry Morris seconded.

Solicitor:

Hugh Kettlewell retired.

John Stewart to research and confirm new Solicitor

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Additional Items:

Glenda Oakley questioned the validity of manager being present because he is not a member.

Kerry Pearson asked if the manager could leave the meeting.

John Stewart confirmed the manager must leave the meeting.

Geoff Hammond thanked Colin, Mike and team for all the work on the remits re the constitution.

Lesley Gager - Feels threatened by statements made in working bee notices about must get down to the club and be that at x time. Some members are pensioners or have mobility problems and can't always help and working bees - "Used to be a friendly club".

Kerry Pearson moved motion the “members can opt to have their newsletters sent by post, or both by post and electronically and should be bi monthly” seconded Murray Brighthouse. Carried

Kerry Pearson asked who the current club solicitor was as previous club solicitor was retiring – John Stewart to take to general committee to appoint.

Kerry Pearson asked the Chair as to effectiveness of the role of the Club Manager and what it has achieved. He questioned how the assets were being maintained and impact on the yard and haul outs. Kerry Pearson asked what the job description of the club manager was. Garry Morris read out the advertisement for the club manager that was in the local paper. Glenda Hughes has a copy of the job description and Sue Belin offered to read out to the meeting – offer was declined.

John MacArthur said he felt unease at the club.

Barry Belin – Said that one of the reasons the club manager position was established was that work load that Chris MacGuire had as Commodore was daunting that the committee couldn’t attract a rear commodore. He also said that the role Pauline Kilsby had in the club was essentially a club manager and that those that followed hadn’t been at that level.

John Simonds – Said as a new member he found Geoff very helpful especially finding him a suitable mooring.

Graeme Salmond – Spoke of support for Club Manager position especially with the regulatory environment the club was now, and which would only increase. Club needed person capable of managing that to secure long term future.

Peter Austin – Said flag officers should shoulder the responsibility. They should be able to formulate plans and manage the resource issues.

George Deeb – Spoke in support of club manager’s position to assist the commodore and committee to meet our requirements of compliance.

Ian Salmond – Said the club had non-notified spot checks by ACC and it was the skills of the current club manager that was able to get it sorted. If it hadn’t been for his actions the hard stand would have been closed down.

It was suggested that more members need to be involved in haul out operations and that the administrative requirements of the club was much higher than in the past.

David Craig – Said he was aware of a club with similar membership where role was covered by honorary positions.

Mr Plummer – Job description should be broadened to include fundraising.

Sue Belin – On of the main purposes behind establishing a club manager’s position was the flag officers at time identified a need for a higher level of competency was needed to manage the club affairs than what we had had in the past. The flag officers at that time were having to micro manage the staff to fill in the gaps or redo work of paid employees.

Ian Salmon – Expressed his gratitude to the committee and club should abide by their decisions. Also that the flag officers have the support of the meeting.

John Stewart - Said the council would not tolerate dealing with committees and we needed to protect the club's existing rights.

Steve Williams – Following the discontinuation of the custodian's role – boats could not be hauled out during the week.

Geoff Hammond – Endorsed the club manager's role in particular in regards to the stress on the commodore that had existed in previous years.

Chris McGuire – Said the haul out gear is very old but works. It is however very time consuming to haul out safely approx 3.5-4 hrs. To pay a contractor at \$40-\$50 an hour he couldn't see how the hardstand could pay for itself. He thanked Dave Coleman, John Rae and Noel Oakley for helping him with the haul outs. He said going forward using volunteer was still the only viable option.

Motion put by Grant Lasenby – Club Committee look at the management of the club. Seconded Barry Belin. Carried.

Financial Reports:

Bruce Cowan presented budget and presented five year financial plan.

Proposed changes to club rules:

David Craig asked if rule changes notified before 24th June.

Bruce Cowan (Secretary) said he received them prior to that date.

Kath Peat said she was disappointed members were not given more time to consider the rule changes. Asked for more time. Colin Thrush responded the committee undertook the rule change process as per the club's rules.

Motion put from Gary Morris to withdraw the rule changes and refer them back to a committee working party for review. Review to be presented to members at a Special General Meeting. Seconded by Kerry Pearson

Voted 42 for. 5 against.

Motion to defer passed

Meeting closed: 5:45 pm (approx.)