

MINUTES – 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

McCRAE YACHT CLUB INC.

TIME & DATE: 4 pm, 19 JUNE 2021

VENUE: Club Rooms, McCrae Yacht Club, 690 Point Nepean Rd, McCrae

Item 1

The meeting was opened by the Chair of the meeting, Commodore Jon Knorr, who noted that a quorum of voting members was present. The Chair informed members that the meeting would proceed as per the circulated agenda.

Item 2

Apologies were tendered by:

Campbell and Vivienne Miles, Margaret Crossland, Sara Bancroft, Frank Bancroft, Faye Bancroft, Ronald Kane

Proxies have been received from:

David Briggs, Prue Briggs, Hugo Briggs, Freya Briggs, Margaret Crossland

Item 3a) on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from the last annual general meeting.

Motion: "That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 June 2020, having been posted on the Club website since the 19th of May, 2021, be taken as read and confirmed"

Moved: Paul Jenkins Seconded: Murray O'Brien Motion carried

Item 3b) on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from the Special General Meeting held on 18th October, 2020.

Motion: That the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 18th October, 2020, having been posted on the Club website, be taken as read and confirmed"

Moved: Scott Watson Seconded: Ian Cunningham Motion carried

Item 4 (a) on the agenda is to receive the 2021 General Committee report prepared by the Commodore which has been available on the website since 25th May, 2021.

Motion: That the General Committee report as circulated, be received.

Moved: Jon Knorr Seconded: Paul Jenkins Motion carried.

Jon Knorr also commented that he had hoped members had a chance to read the Commodore's report.

Jon noted it has been a particularly challenging year for everyone. COVID has made the season difficult both on water and off. So again, thanks to all committee members for stepping up. In a lot of ways, we have had a very successful season. Lift and change rooms with new entry into clubrooms look great. A new rescue boat and brand new tractor along with some very successful regattas all this and a better than anticipated bank balance due to both federal and state sporting grants. Jon stated he wished to thank those that resigned from positions during the year for their past services.

Dave Parker for his work as yard master and for being on the General Committee. Guy Bancroft for years of service around the club and more lately with all his work as House Manager. Simon Merritt for his work on the constitution and work as Honorary Solicitor.

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Scott Cunningham for his knowledge and effort along with Michael Paynter on the lift project and in particular Scott's work and support on the General Committee.

No questions or comments were received on the General Committee Report.

Item 4 (b) on the agenda is to receive the Sailing Committee report prepared by the Club Captain which has been available on the website since 25th May, 2021.

Motion: That the 2021 Sailing Committee report as circulated be received.

Moved: Alistair Watson Seconded: Scott Watson Motion carried.

Item 5 on the Agenda are the accounts for the period 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021 which have been prepared by our Treasurer Ian Cunningham

Motion: That the audited accounts for the past year be received and the secretary authorized to lodge the Annual Statement that includes the audited accounts, with Consumer Affairs Victoria within one month of the date of this meeting.

Moved: Ian Cunningham Seconded: Murray O'Brien Motion carried.

The Treasurer outlined some of the major income and expenses over the season and noted that while we did not run any major regattas this season we conducted several small ones and we have a very healthy profit.

Ian advised it is proposed not to increase membership, storage and registration fees next season

Item 6: Appointment of Auditor for Season 2021-22

Motion: That the meeting approve the reappointment of David Floyd of Timely Accounting and Business Services as Auditor for the Financial year 2020-21 for the fee of \$1,400 plus GST.

Moved: Ian Cunningham Seconded: Jon Knorr Motion carried.

Item 7a): on the agenda is a Notice of Motion to be moved in accordance with Section 35 of the Constitution and which was moved as a special resolution which will be passed if: at least 75 per cent of members voting at the meeting vote in favour.

Motion: That members approve an amendment to Clause 7.7 (f) of the constitution to replace the words "there shall be no more than 15 living Life Members at any one time;" with "there shall be no more than 17 living Life Members at any one time

This is to be moved as a special resolution.

Moved Jonathan Knorr and Seconded: Scott Watson Motion Carried with the requisite majority.

Item 7(b) on the agenda is a Notice of Motion to be moved in accordance with Section 35 of the Constitution and will be moved as a special resolution which will be passed if: at least 75 per cent of members voting at the meeting vote in favour:

Motion: That members approve the removal of Clause 42 "TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS" from the constitution in its entirety.

This is to be moved as a special resolution.

Moved Jonathan Knorr and Seconded: Scott Watson Motion Carried with the requisite majority

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Item 8 (a) on the agenda is to be moved as an ordinary resolution in accordance with Rule 13.2 of the Constitution,

Motion: That members approve a revision to the resolution passed in the Special General Meeting of McCrae Yacht Club held on Saturday 24th August 2019, that the maximum change-over price for Mac-Arthur be increased from \$28,000 to \$32,000 and that the proceeds of the sale of Yabbi 2 need not be applied to the purchase.

Item 9:

Election of Directors of the Club

The Secretary informed the meeting that nominations had been received from

1. Akemi O'Brien
2. Bronwyn Evans
3. Marco Kohne
4. James Hoadley

The Chair advised the meeting that as four nominations had been received for four positions, a vote was not required and he congratulated the four members on their appointments to the General Committee as Directors of the Club.

Item 10:

Election of members of the Sailing Committee

The Chair advised the meeting that as eight nominations had been received for nine positions on the Sailing Committee, a vote was not required. The nominating members are:

1. Alistair Watson
2. Cameron Dunwoody
3. Roellen Gilmore
4. Steven Floyd
5. Colin Dods
6. Ron Kane
7. David Grace
8. Andrew Pritchard

The Chair congratulated the nine members on their election to the Sailing Committee.

Item 11:

The Chair congratulated the incoming committee members and wished them all the best in their new roles. Volunteering for committees demonstrate your commitment to keep the club moving forward. The Chair went on to note that :

“it is not a walk in the park being on a committee and I hope all club members recognise and respect your hard work and the high workload you're taking on. It's because of our volunteers that McCrae

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Yacht Club is the respected off the beach club that we are. Our large training and rescue boat fleets are to be envied. This year, a particular challenge I faced was trying to appease every club member. We have a lot of people with a lot of ideas and differences in opinion. I believe my job as Commodore would have run a lot smoother if all members respected others opinions, even if you don't agree. It's great to see so many people invested in this club and wanting to better it but we have to remember the committees are doing the best they can to continue growing our club. Everyone is trying to achieve the same goal to make our club the best it can be. The sailing committee, the general committee and all other sub-committees need to communicate with each other and be transparent in order to achieve this goal. To ensure our club is moving forward, we also need to embrace all ideas especially hearing from new members with fresh eyes. As members you are expected to do your bit and every member should turn up for their allocated duties. Too few are doing too much around the club and it's not fair. Please turn up for your duties. Welcome new members, introduce yourself, be friendly. Be proud of your club and help make it even more enjoyable for all. Most importantly, we need to go sailing. We are first and foremostly a sailing club. To get new members in and to keep kids in our system as they grow older, we need to go sailing every Saturday we can. If there are only two boats who want to go out we should be providing them with a race. Race courses have been created which can be run with limited patrol boats and volunteers. If the weather forecast is not ideal, we have to make a proper assessment as close to start time as possible.

Sailing is on the decline worldwide and our club is no different. Saturday afternoon sailing numbers have been on the decrease for quite some time. We need new people on all the committees to take this club into the future. Something all members can do is help promote this club as a fantastic place to enjoy and in particular sail. The racing is great. Getting more people on the water should be the ultimate goal, the club will grow around this activity particularly socially. As a club we need to do better! We are a proud sailing club. We all need to sail more. All members need to encourage more people to come and sail and race here at this club. It is the only way to get our fleet numbers back up to where they should be and the quality of sailing will only get better.

All members and committees need to embrace this club as it is fantastic. Let's all take McCrae Yacht Club forward into the future".

The Chair then advised the meeting that the new General Committee members would adjourn immediately after the meeting to select the Flag Officers.

General Discussion:

A presentation of a gifts was made to Paul Jenkins, Mark O'Brien and Jon Knorr for their service to the club over the last number of seasons.

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Item 12 Close of Meeting

The Chairperson thanked members for their attendance and declared the end of the formal business and the meeting closed.

2021 AGM Attendance - 38 voting members

Alex Albert, Violet Albert, Guy Bancroft, Peter Bird, Lachlan Cameron, Peter Cass, Gordon Crossland, Ian Cunningham, Colin Dods, John d'Helin, Cameron Dunwoody, Russell Edwards, Bronwyn Evans, James Hoadley, Andrew Hoadley, Paul Jenkins, Michael Johannessen, Lyn Johannessen, Marco Kohne, Jon Knorr, Zarny Knorr, Evie Knorr, Bill Mairs, Jennifer Mairs, Peter Merritt, Jenny Merritt, Wesley Miles, Mark O'Brien, Murray O'Brien, Akemi O'Brien, Mark O'Brien, Graham Riley, Alona Riley, Corey Riley, Jarrod Riley, Scott Watson, Alistair Watson, Neil Wilson,

Present – 1 Non Voting

Evie Knorr