



Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron
**QUARTERLY MEMBERS MEETING
MINUTES**

Held on Thursday 5th December, 2013

Attended by the Commodore, Flag Officers, 45 Voting members, 11 non-voting members & guests

1. **Apologies** – as per register

2. **Acceptance of the minutes** of the RSAYS Quarterly Members Meeting held 10th October 2013 –received Steve Kennedy, seconded David Borg – carried

2.1 Business Arising from the Minutes: None

Move to adopt Minutes Mal Mead, seconded Garry Read - carried

3. Commodore's Report

- Successful events held recently:
- Working Bee prior to Opening Day, thanks to all those who helped,
- 144th Opening Day, including Sail Past of 68 vessels and 120 guests for dinner
- Recovery breakfast following Opening Day,
- YA National Discover Sailing Day was well supported
- 2 Clipper 68's visit and were open for inspection
- 18th Tassicker Cruise to Port Vincent – popular annual event
- Well attended wine tasting evening hosted by Kate Porter
- Financials are up to date – Treasurer will give full report
- Membership has grown since last meeting by 28, with 4 resignations
- Be proactive to promote the club through family & friends
- Mooring has 88% occupancy, 40% RSAYS berths. Member's berth rented first priority
- Marina maintenance is ongoing with Maritime Constructions repairing and replacing T-heads B&C then F&G
- Mooring barge is no longer serviceable, as it is an WH&S issue it will not be replaced
- Slipway repairs are ongoing. In the long term, replacement may be a horizontal lift
- Dredging by Maritime Construction will extend to early February 2014. They may dredge the RSAYS entrance as part of the job
- PAEC rates issue has a favourable outcome with a differential rate to be used instead of a residential rate. Thanks to all who helped to achieve the positive result
- From 12th January 2013 new Work Place safety Rules were introduced to be implemented from 1st January 2014. Member Garry Read has worked hard to bring RSAYS up to date to be compliant
- Clubhouse roof needs to be replaced rather than repair the existing structure. It is stable but cannot be ignored. This gives an opportunity to modify to a lighter design and make some improvements such as a lift, upstairs bathrooms, new trophy cabinet and update the kitchen. Estimates and plans for council will be put

together as it is a significant job. The building itself is sound. We do not have the funds to build a new clubhouse. The improvements and proposal for funding will be presented to the members for discussion.

- Fence banner to advertise RSAYS to be installed before Christmas
- Congratulations to Peter McBride attending tonight's meeting who has achieved 70 years of Membership. He was introduced to the club by his father in 1929

Move to receive report: Commodore Peter Cooling, seconded David Rawnsley – carried

Discussion followed:

Peter Last asked if the plans or concept for upstairs include new trophy cabinet? Where is it in the plans

Commodore replied: Proposal to put a glass wall to view trophies from both sides will be a priority for the project.

Move to adopt report: Commodore Peter Cooling, seconded John Moffatt - carried

4. Treasurer's Report:

- RSAYS Ltd net profit this year \$70,358
- 6months for RSAYS Inc – income \$841,352, subscriptions \$187,945, marina income \$345,847, expenses \$898,680, maintenance expense \$80,614 = Loss \$57,329
- Balance sheet – liabilities \$1,582,30, net assets \$7,705,792 = total assets \$9,288,093

Move to receive report – Treasurer Ian McDonald, seconded Barb Adams – carried

Discussion followed:

John Phillips commented - debt of \$1.3m seems high. How much is outstanding subscriptions

Treasurer Ian McDonald replied: details are not on the balance sheet but it is not a significant problem

Colin Fraser asked for explanation for the difference in this year's and last year's earnings, Treasurer Ian McDonald replied: Depreciation from Inc & Ltd reduced as an account entry to create a variance. There was a reduction in the interest received and a reduction in marina revenue

Patrick Hill commented the impact of the transfer to the Future Fund should not be confused with net earnings. Transfers each year have grown the fund from \$1.5m to \$2m. RSAYS Ltd must allow up to 5% for the Future Fund. For example 2.5% = \$43k transfer required to the future fund.

Treasurer Ian McDonald replied: The ideal would be to break even. This time of year the figures do not reflect well. Interest revenue is received later in the year

John Phillips – Aged debtors are a concern, could you supply a report for the next meeting?

Move to adopt report – Treasurer Ian McDonald, seconded David Rawnsley - carried

5. RSAYS Foundation Report:

- A few small donations have been received since the last report in October
- Three new Trustees have been co-opted who will be asked to accept their appointment at the AGM in July 2014
- Bob Hogarth, Marion Holden and Roger Holden are the new Trustees
- The Squadron Society function held in October was a great success with 36 attending

- Thanks are given to everyone who contributed to this event – Squadron Kitchen for preparing the food, Ian Shaw & Chris Mandalov for generously providing the wine for the evening. Also thanks to Fay Duncan for her efforts in organising the event

Move to receive report – Chairman Garry Read, seconded John Deniet – carried
No discussion followed

Move to adopt report – Chairman Garry Read, seconded Steve Kennedy – carried

6. RSAYS. Ltd Report:

- PAEC rates issue – thanks to everyone involved
- New Constitution is ongoing and is a slow process
- Ltd support Inc in making the mooring barge redundant

Move to receive – Chairman Peter Cooling, seconded Richard Smith – carried

Discussion followed:

Keith Hancock asked where are we up to for the costing for the new council rates?

Ian McDonald replied: Could be slightly better than current rates

Move to adopt report – Chairman Peter Cooling, seconded David Borg - carried

7. Proposed alteration to the RSAYS Constitution:

Motion – Change Constitution (para 4.15.1) - crew membership – so that past crew members can re-join the Club as crew members again. To reflect this, the current wording “for the first time” should be struck from paragraph 4.15.1 to read as “Crew Membership is available to persons over the age of eighteen years on joining the Squadron, but is not available to current Members seeking to transfer to crew membership from the following categories of membership: family, senior, associate, country and intermediate.”

Move to accept – Colin Doudy, seconded Mal Mead – carried

Colin Doudy spoke about the motion: This has been in response to members request as it is difficult to get members to re-join, which appears to have disadvantaged the club. This has had a negative effect in getting crew for racing because they can't re-join at crew membership level.

Lisa Bettcher can Intermediate members join as crew, or family members should the family membership end? Transfer to crew membership isn't allowed at present

Colin Doudy replied: The rules won't change in regard to not allowing other categories to transfer to Crew

Dean Furniss – this membership was originally for racing membership. We have 260 crew members but we can't get crew for racing boats. Should sign up non-racing in another category

Commodore Peter Cooling replied – We are looking at the long term to encourage an increase of membership for the club.

Kingsley Haskett agreed with Dean. Crew membership is a cheap way to access the club. To have the number of Crew members equalling the number of Senior members is wrong

Peter Last is for the motion, and is opposed to adding any new categories. Secondly, is uneasy at the concept for a member at Crew Membership where they should be Associate. As a club we should have more encouragement rather than more rules or restrictions.

John Phillips is for the motion, commented that some years ago there was an attempt to get all skippers to sign up their crew as members

Keith Hancock is for the motion, it's an agreed thing to have a category for people with limited means. In the future maybe consider having a time limit for example 10yrs. It's arbitrary to say you can't re-join (the club)

John Moffatt is for the motion, there has been a push for this for years. Crew membership is a racing rule of sailing, after three races then sign up as members. He's had 3 or 4 members who left and then came back but wouldn't re-join as Associate. There is no real distinction between Crew and Associate, both are social and have no vote. If you want to distinguish between crew members ask them to state which boat they sail on.

Scrutineers, Nancy Tran and Andrea Mead were appointed.

Eligible members voted for the motion by a show of "Yes" "No" cards

"Yes" – unanimous – carried

"No" – 0 votes

8. General Business

Kingsley Haskett asked the Treasurer if the GST issue for marina berths has been settled? If so, what is the outcome?

Treasurer Ian McDonald replied – it has been discussed at length and what we do is consistent with other clubs. Also it is applied as per our Constitution which was written before GST was introduced.

Kingsley Haskett asked if the upgrade of the roof and the wish list is at the cost of the upgrade of the slipway?

Commodore Peter Cooling replied – making the roof safe is foremost. The slip is being looked at the same time and will follow the roof work.

David Rawnsley said several members have noticed a serious problem in the north east corner of the balcony (decking). Rather than complain about it have done some costing to replace it with non-wood product, sample is available. If the bearers are OK then it would cost around \$11,500 and suggest it as a sponsorship project to pay towards the cost.

Commodore Peter Cooling - Thanks for the funding ideas, it would a fantastic outcome. The structure is sound only the decking needs replacing. To be paid through donations would be great, thanks David

John Deniet asked if the (general) manager is going to maximise income from marinas? Also rent member's berths as a priority and Squadron berth second.

The T-Head next to his berth (B17) was only used as a visitor berth and he would use it himself in bad weather conditions. Could it be returned to being used for visitors only?

Commodore Peter Cooling replied the general manager is aware of this and wants to make all berths a benefit to the club.

Peter Last – without detracting from Peter McBride's 70 year membership, he would like to let us know that he has become a 60year member

Commodore Peter Cooling – we will mention all long service members at the next Members welcome

Rob Lawson says there is a dust problem on the north bank, some vehicles are being driven through the centre area as a through road which creates even more dust.

Commodore Peter Cooling – we will look into finding a solution

9. Close of meeting – 9.20pm