

	MEETING	Yachting Australia Federal Assembly	
	DATE	Friday 1 September	
	TIME	Commenced at 10.05	
	VENUE	Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre- South Bank	
	AGENDA	MINUTE	ACTIONS
A	ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES		
	<p>Attendance: Andrew Plympton President Fred Bevis Rupert Leslie Wally Rantanen</p> <p>Phil Jones CEO Alastair Snell Admin Manager Glen Stanaway Sport Services Mger Fiona Medwin National Training Mger</p> <p>Lyndsay Brown YNSW Delegate Stephen Leahy YNSW Observer Dayle Smith YQ Delegate Glen Summerville YQ Observer Matt Owen YACT Delegate John Burgess YV Delegate David Gotze YV Observer Ross Kilborn YV Observer Nick Hutton YT Delegate Bob Silberberg YT Observer Bob Heywood YSA Delegate Allen Walters YSA Observer Gary Martin YNT Delegate John McQueen YWA Delegate Tony Claydon YWA Observer</p> <p>Apologies: John Flower David Kellett Tom King David Tillett Adrienne Cahalan Peter Russell YACT Bruce Chapman YQ John Wollatt YSA Alan Tough YWA</p>	<p>Andrew Plympton opened the meeting and welcomed those delegates and observers who were attending their first Federal Assembly meeting.</p>	

B. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING		
	To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2006	<p>It was noted that Yachting Queensland had written to Yachting Australia advising the meeting of an error in the minutes of the 12 July meeting. Yachting Queensland proposed the following amendment to page 3, item 1 regarding membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yachting Australia supports the MYAs moving to a banding system as a means of raising revenue required by each MYA <p>Following brief discussion the amendment was accepted and the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2006 as amended were accepted as true and correct record.</p>
C. MATTERS ARISING		
	To consider any matters arising not otherwise dealt with in the agenda	
1. Sport Industry Think Tank		
	To consider the next steps following the Industry/Sport Think Tank held on 31 August, identifying priorities for future action and consideration	<p>Andrew Plympton invited reactions from the meeting following the Industry Think Tank meeting held on 31 August. He also commented that Hamilton Island Race Week entries had dropped this year and that an increasing number of regattas were ignoring YA and the MYAs regarding entries. It was also noted that these type of happenings together with other were affecting Silver Card membership numbers and subsequently revenue.</p> <p>The meeting noted variation in the relationship with the respective MYA and state BIAs but it was acknowledged that significant potential existed and the various ideas discussed were well worth pursuing.</p>
2. Training		
	To receive a presentation on recent developments in Training	<p>Fiona Medwin gave a presentation to the meeting on recent progress and developments in Training. The presentation updated the meeting on the amended project plan timetable for Training, following consideration of the implications of the YA/RYA agreement, the pending availability of a range of marketing collateral for MYAs and YATCs, the pending release of the new US publications. The meeting sought to clarify the status of Yachting Australia submitting its application for RTO status. It was noted that the intention is to file the RTO application material prior to Christmas however Yachting WA had yet to provide all the requested material. The meeting requested that Yachting Australia provide a firm completion timetable to the MYAs as soon as possible after receiving the material from WA.</p>
3. OPP & Australian Sailing Team		
	To receive a presentation on recent developments in the Olympic Program and in particular the Australian Sailing Team	<p>Phil Jones gave a presentation on recent developments in the Olympic and Paralympic Program (OPP). The presentation provided background references to the Gold Medal Plan, the expectations on the funding from the Australian Sports Commission, the OPP objectives and structure, its interface with the State High Performance Programs, the launch of the</p>

		Australian Sailing Team (AST), the AST selection criteria and composition and the AST partner and commercial program.	
4.	Membership		
	To finalise the future structure of the Membership Scheme as per the model developed by the Board	<p>The meeting was presented with a paper that aimed to give further consideration to the manner in which Silver Cards are offered, priced and distributed within the new membership scheme framework agreed at the July meeting.</p> <p>The President invited comment on recent discussions the MYAs had held on the proposal and it was noted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria – have AGM scheduled for 23 September with a proposal being presented for various categories of membership. It was noted that YV currently have a high level of compliance to the existing approach except by social members. • Queensland – have a meeting scheduled with all clubs for 2 September and would be in a better position next week to advance • South Australia – want the Silver Card retained as a register of members but are reluctant to pay more money. • Western Australia – will retain their current system and just want to be advised how much needed to be paid. YWA reinforced their desire for a clear understanding of the role of YA and the benefits derived to be enshrined in a licence type agreement. • Tasmania – will retain current system of using the Silver Card • NSW – advised support for the continued use of the Silver Card system and the associated insurance scheme should be retained <p>Discussion was held on the variation in Silver Card fees paid in each state and it was then agreed to adopt option 2 which involved each MYA paying a pre-determined annual YA subscription fee and having Silver Cards being issued by YA to every yacht club member identified by MYAs. It was noted that the estimated costs to YA of issuing the Silver Cards would be met by YA with an increase in costs subsequently budgeted.</p> <p>The President confirmed that Rupert Leslie would visit each MYA in the coming weeks to further establish the definitions to be used in the benchmarking system and work through the model with key personnel to ensure a consistent model was implemented. It was also noted that Yachting Australia would establish a preliminary budget for 2007/2008 and seek advice from each MYA on their involvement with the personal accident insurance program – Queensland advised that support for the insurance component of the scheme was not strong. The meeting was also reminded of the risk of some MYAs opting out of the insurance program.</p>	
5.	Finance		
	To receive the financial report for the 12-months to 30 June 2006	The Treasurer commented that the Auditors had recently spent time at Yachting Australia and subject to final confirmation the year-end surplus would be approximately \$200,000. This would enable retained earnings to increase to \$680,000.	

			It was noted that should a significant drop in income occur there would need to be a rethink of the budget and management approach as the Board are committed to maintaining reserves of between \$500,000 and \$700,000.	
6. Publication of Meeting Agendas				
		To consider the open publication of National Committee agendas, minutes and supporting papers, initially raised at the April meeting of the Federal Assembly	Phil Jones commented that in the lead up to the April 2006 National Committee meetings various requests were received from individuals seeking access to certain papers. Brief discussion was held on the issues associated with the matter and it agreed that papers (excluding those of a commercial nature) should be openly available through the Yachting Australia website.	
7. Other Business				
			<p>National Officiating Review – Phil Jones provided background to the review and confirmed that the Board had considered the report at its meeting on 31 August. It was noted that the various proposals still required full consideration and that added input may be sought from competitors to ensure the implications of the recommendations were fully understood before final adoption and actioning.</p> <p>Coaching Support for Youth Classes – It was highlighted that the Board had adopted policy guidelines to enable financial support for international coaching for the preferred Youth Classes. The policy guidelines would be implemented in conjunction with the relevant Class Association.</p> <p>ISAF Submission – Phil Jones confirmed that Yachting Australia had forwarded various submissions for consideration at the next ISAF meeting in November.</p> <p>Hobie Class Association Proposal – Phil Jones advised the meeting that the Board had received a proposal from the Hobie Class Association to establish an annual Australian Multihull Championship. It was noted that Yachting Australia would work with the Hobie Association to full assess the proposal before formally considering the request.</p> <p>Olympic Nomination process – It meeting noted that significant work had been undertaken on the Nomination criteria for the 2008 Olympic Team.</p> <p>2006/2007 Budget – The Board had finalised the budget for the 2006/2007 financial year at its meeting on 31 August.</p> <p>Sail Down Under program – The meeting noted that Yachting Australia had established a website and produced postcards for distribution overseas to assist with the marketing of the various Class World Championship and other key events being held in Australia in 2007/2008.</p> <p>The President thanked John Burgess for his involvement over the last few years as Yachting Victoria President and wished him well with his future sailing endeavours.</p>	

8. Future Meetings	
	<p>The next meeting of the Federal Assembly is scheduled for Friday 20 October 2006 for the purposes of the AGM – note that the meeting will be held via tele - conference</p> <p>The next full meeting of the Federal Assembly is scheduled for Sunday 29 April 2007</p>
	<p>2007 Meeting dates – The Board had considered the draft dates for 2007 and has asked that the April meeting date be reviewed due to a clash with a key event in Melbourne.</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.20pm</p>

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