

	MEETING	Yachting Australia Federal Assembly Meeting	
	DATE	Friday 17 October 2008	
	TIME	11.00am	
	VENUE	Kirribilli Room, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Peel St, Kirribilli, Sydney	
	AGENDA	MINUTE	ACTIONS
A	ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES		
	<p>Andrew Plympton President Adrienne Cahalan David Gotze Nick Hutton David Kellett Rupert Leslie David Tillett ISAF Delegate</p> <p>Roger Hickman YNSW Delegate Adrian Steer YNSW Observer Matt Owen YACT Delegate Graham Cunningham YV Delegate Garry Langford YT Delegate Murray Jones YT Observer Bob Heywood YSA Delegate Terry Reilly YSA Observer John McQueen YWA Delegate Gary Martin YNT Delegate Ken Hurling YQ Delegate</p> <p><i>In attendance:</i> Phil Jones CEO Alastair Snell General Manager Glen Stanaway Sport Services Manager Chris Kameen Participation and Training Manager Michael Jones AST Director Francesca Froreich Executive Assistant</p> <p><i>Apologies:</i> Tony Claydon Norman Fry Ross Kilborn Tom King Wally Rantanen</p>	<p>The President opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance. The CEO confirmed to the Federal Assembly that the elected members of the Board had met following the AGM and had re-appointed Andrew Plympton as President and Rupert Leslie as Treasurer for the 2008/2009 year.</p> <p>Andrew Plympton advised that he was committed to continuing in the role and looked forward to the year ahead. He raised the issue of Independent Directors and indicated that Tom King may not be able to continue due to other commitments and that the Board were keen for David Kellett and Adrienne Cahalan to continue their involvement. It was noted that if Tom King decided to not continue the Board would probably seek someone with experience of the high performance and international environment and any suggestions from the MYAs would be welcomed.</p>	
B	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING		
	To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2008 – attached	The minutes of the Federal Assembly meeting held on 2 May 2008 were accepted as a true and correct record.	

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C MATTERS ARISING	
	<p>To consider any matters arising not appearing on the agenda</p> <p>It was noted that all matters arising from the May meeting were addressed by items already in the agenda.</p>
1	<p>MYA Presentations</p> <p>To receive a 5-10 minute presentation from each MYA on activities in their state/territory, particularly as they relate to the delivery of national programs and the future priorities and issues for the sport from an MYA perspective</p> <p>Each MYA was then invited to comment on activities in their respective state/territory and their future priorities and issues for the sport from their perspective. They each made the following comments:</p> <p>ACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some issues with smaller clubs and with chance some may merge with larger ones • Youth program activity developing strongly at Canberra Yacht Club • Currently developing a new strategic plan • Possible high performance program with ACTAS • Introduction of banding & new billing system has been successful • 23% in youth numbers but only slight increase in silver card members • NOP rollout has been challenging with loss of John Whitfield <p>NSW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Board and Council elected in August following increased interest from clubs • Commencing review of the strategic plan but will be looking to dovetail initiatives into the Strengthening Sailing Report recommendations • Experiencing difficulties with the banding system. Key challenge is to demonstrate the value of the YNSW role to the clubs • YNSW will take over the crew club program • Youth Committee structure reviewed with establishment of a Class Development Committee to support the NSWIS program and a Participation Committee • Successful Youth Champs held with record entries • SIRS scheduled for 6-9 December • Looking to narrow focus of organization on key issues rather than spreading resources too thinly <p>Northern Territory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Season is about to end • High participation fluctuations due to fly in fly out workforce • Increase in catamarans but decrease in mono-hulls • Laser program is being re-established and good performances being achieved • Clubs struggling with volunteer availability • Issues with Gove Yacht Club • Darwin Sailing Club is fitting into the banding system well with YNT looking

- to charge all members \$10 from 1 January 2009. YNT expects up to 2000 cardholders with this new approach at Darwin Sailing Club alone
- Sailing won't be part of future Arafura Games

Queensland

- Recognition of Rachel Cox's and Dan Fitzgibbon's silver medal at the Paralympic has been very positive
- Strong focus for the future on Olympic class sailors
- Currently 58 sailors form part of the high performance Squad
- Disappointment that no Queensland athletes were part of the Olympic team and YQ determined to address that
- Biggest team ever being send to the WA for the Youth Championships
- Queensland Youth week was very successful
- Return of Adrian Finglas has been very positive
- Possible Queensland Academy of Sport program for 2009
- Government funding reduced by 24% in comparison to last year
- Have experienced issues with clubs implementation of banding so a new membership proposal has been distributed and published on their website with comment now being sought. Open meeting to discuss the proposal scheduled for November 29
- Accommodation use up 400%
- Yachting NQ has been disestablished and re-branded North Queensland Sailing

Tasmania

- Success with establishment of a TIS program from 1 July with 2 full scholarships and 6 associated scholarships. Program involves 10 weeks with Nick Behrens coaching
- 7 sailors to be at Youth Champs and Sail Melbourne
- Broad acceptance of banding system with some constitutional changes required. Yachting Tasmania plan to phase in the process with a peer group established to assist with any appeals
- Training program is flourishing and increased level of dinghy activity

South Australia

- New facilities established by several clubs
- Youth program is improving with clubs increasingly involved with awareness that youth is the pathway to raise membership numbers for the future
- Banding System has been adopted with only a few exceptions partly due to lack of knowledge of the process as a result of the committee changes
- Perception of some clubs that the membership fees go to high performance
- YSA relationship with Clubs improving following establishment of Commodores meeting

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- 160 people attended the "Meet the medalist" function
- John Woollatt retires on October 31 with Terry Reilly appointed as new EO

Victoria

- New Board members recently elected and have reorganized Committee Structure-
- Developed new strategic plan. Strong focus on servicing the recreational side of the sport which now represent 50% of the membership
- Go Sailing and Boating program continuing
- Club development program very well received
- Leasing issues being worked through in light of inconsistent approach of the state government
- Parks Victoria has put forward a project to invest \$200m on infrastructure around the Bay
- Youth and Participation Committee established with emphasis on school programs and teacher involvement
- Boatshed at Albert Park has been established with strong Tackers Program focus in cooperation with 4 clubs
- ISAF World Cup scheduled for 16-21 December. Year 1 will be low key but have plans to ramp things up over the next 5 years
- Looking for a new approach to the coaching program and seeking to realign it to Yachting Australia's programs

Western Australia

- Enjoyed hosting the Yachting Australia Board in July.
- YWA is financially very sound
- All 8 people on the Board are sailors with several being past Commodores of key local clubs
- Youth camp program is achieving great results
- Coach development- currently 12 coaches are progressing through to Level2
- Banding system is working well
- Busy events program for 2008-09 with Youth Champs and ISAF Teams Racing
- Currently working on the strategic plan aiming to align it to Yachting Australia's plan
- Gold medals have raised sports awareness in WA with Olympic girls being great ambassadors for the sport. "Meet the Medalists" function and other events very successful
- Department of Sport & Recreation have committed funding for the next three years with a 5% increase. WAIS program currently being reviewed.
- High performance program has been very well received with no reservations from the clubs. Underpinning programs may need further emphasis

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion being held with Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club re YWA office location • 2011 Worlds already having a very possible impact on sailing • Swan River Trust seeking to work more closely with YWA • NOP is being rolled out • New infrastructure programs underway at all of the big yacht clubs. 	
2	2007/2008 Report card			
		To receive a presentation from Yachting Australia on current activities	<p>Yachting Australia's Participation and Training Manager, Chris Kameen, gave a presentation on the key happenings in the training area in the last 12 months. The presentation provided information on the traditional MYA focused business model, on the approach being used with the Joint Scheme, data on the number of accredited training centres and the efforts being made to audit them, the number of certificates being issued in each scheme, the number of centres not delivering national schemes but yet trading as YATCs, the representation work being done by Yachting Australia, the proposed Keelboat Scheme and the Yachting Australia RTO.</p> <p>Discussion was held on the effectiveness of Yachting Australia sustaining two business models for training. It was noted that the Joint Scheme operated in the way that it did because of the audit expectations of the RYA and the MCA and that the delivery of consistent standards was essential. Discussion was also held on the lack of feedback provided to date by MYAs to the management information template and it was suggested that a revised format may be necessary.</p> <p>Yachting Australia's Sport Services Manager, Glen Stanaway, then gave a presentation on the various technical programs of the sports services area. The presentation highlighted the I&R Classes funding provided by Yachting Australia, the number of class measurement certificates issued, the coach education programs offered, the Blue Book production, the national officiating program and the activity levels of various National Committees</p> <p>Yachting Australia's General Manager, Alastair Snell then gave a presentation on the key membership focused services being provided, the representation activity at international and Federal level, membership trends and the scope of Yachting Australia's events program.</p>	
3	2008 Olympic Campaign Review			
		To receive a presentation from Yachting Australia on the 2008 Olympic Campaign	<p>Australian Sailing Team Director Michael Jones gave a presentation which sought to give an insight to the recent Olympic campaign and the issues raised to date from the debrief process. In doing so the meeting was provided with details on the level of investment being made by Australia's key competitors and on the number of personnel involved in each program. The meeting noted that Australia was now 3years into the 7 year Gold Medal Plan and whilst progress had been made further advances were required if the AST was to fully realize its potential.</p>	

4	Strengthening Sailing Review	To receive an update on the implementation plan of the "Strengthening Sailing" Report recommendations and discuss future actions – Addendum Report attached	The Chief Executive gave a brief update on the progress made on the Strengthening Sailing Report. The meeting noted that the Consultant's Addendum Report had been circulated and that a research audit had been commissioned. It was also noted that the Board will consider at their December meeting the establishment of some working groups to advance key aspects of the Report.
5	2009-2012 Strategic Plan Update	To receive an update on the development of the 2009-2012 Yachting Australia Strategic Plan	The Chief Executive advised that preliminary work has been undertaken on the organization's 2009-2012 Strategic Plan and input would be sought from the MYAs in due course.
D	OTHER BUSINESS		South Australia raised the issue of drought affected clubs and their concerns for the future of the sport in these areas. NSW commented that the Federal Assembly members needed to act as one and further advance the concept that Yachting Australia and the MYAs were one organization.
E	NEXT MEETING		The meeting noted that the next Federal Assembly meeting is scheduled for April or May 2009
	CLOSE OF MEETING		With no further business the president closed the meeting at 4.05pm.

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