

B MINUTES OF LAST MEETING			
	To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2009	The minutes of the Federal Assembly meeting held on 29 May 2009 were accepted as a true and correct record.	
C MATTERS ARISING			
	To consider any matters arising not appearing on the agenda	It was noted that all matters arising from the May 2009 meeting were addressed by items already on the agenda.	
1 Yachting Australia - Recent Activities			
	To receive a report on recent key developments and activities	<p>The Chief Executive spoke to the meeting and provided an insight to the recent key developments and activities of the organisation. In commenting on the Review of Operations Report , which is incorporated within in the 2008/2009 Annual Report, the Chief Executive highlighted the following items:</p> <p>Training & Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new business plan had been developed • There was a strong desire to develop a consistent national approach • A hybrid approach had been established which enabled direct relationships with YATCs in NSW, Queensland and South Australia while the status quo remaining in other areas. • Revenue generation was an essential part of the new business plan to enable Scheme developments to occur in the future • Training was central to the development and implementation of a participation strategy for the sport • Chief Instructors had been appointed for key schemes • Strong relationships had been formed with ANZSBEG and AMSA • The RYA/YA Yachtmaster program had been accepted by AMSA as the qualification for small commercial vessels • NMSC had started to make moves in the recreational boating sector and it is likely regulations would soon become a Federal responsibility • The Tackers pilot continued in Victoria with a desire to roll the program out nationally once it is considered ready <p>Sport Services</p>	

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- The administration changes to the IRC program had been positively received
- Growth in the Audi IRC fleets had been experienced
- Yachting Australia had decided to adopt the ISAF Special Regulations for the next Blue Book cycle
- Changes have been made to the structure, composition and scope of the National Safety Committee

High Performance

- Michael Jones had left the position of Australian Sailing Team Director and Peter Conde had been appointed to the role of High Performance Director
- Program changes had seen a broadening of the focus of the Olympic program to encompass all high performance activities
- Middle Harbour Yacht Club was to be established as the National Sailing Centre for the dinghy classes with the support of the AIS
- State High Performance Programs had been established in Victoria and Queensland with the support of the relevant SIS/SAS
- The Youth Development program in the National Youth Committee had now been integrated into the management of the high performance program
- OAMPS Insurance Brokers support for the Youth program continued and included financial support for the State level youth events
- SLAM had been secured as a corporate partner for the Australian Sailing Team
- ASC funding available had been confirmed at the same level as for the 2008/2009 year
- John Calvert-Jones had agreed to Chair the Patrons program

Business Management

- On-line shop was now fully functioning and is being widely used
- An On-line entry and payments system was now available for Clubs and Class Associations
- An apparel program was being established to assist the sport to service member needs and generate revenue. It was noted that there is a desire for there to be no conflicts with SLAM amongst the MYAs.

			<p>The Yachting Tasmania President, Garry Langford, raised the issue of increased support for the State High Performance program in Tasmania and the inequity in the current arrangements. The meeting noted that there was some inequality of support across the States and it would be necessary to secure added income to address this or reduce the current level of funding in some states. The President commented that the increased costs associated with Weymouth would make changes difficult but Yachting Australia was committed to improving the level of support.</p>	
2	2009-2013 Strategic Plan Discussion			
		<p>To receive an update and workshop aspects of the 2009-2013 Yachting Australia Strategic Plan</p>	<p>The Chief Executive provided an update on the development of the organisation's new Strategic Plan and thanked the MYAs for their constructive input during the process to date. It was noted that the common view was that the previous plan was too operationally focused, had not been fully costed and so had become progressively redundant. In commenting on the recent consultation sessions the Chief Executive highlighted the following key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus of the organisation to embrace both competitive sailing and recreational boating was well supported in as far as the activities of member yacht clubs extended into that area • The new membership scheme fee calculation method had highlighted the difference between yacht clubs with only active sailors and those with a broader community base and this may create future opportunities in terms of income generation from membership • How the organisation assigned priorities to the four key areas was a key issue particularly when training and participation functioned on a fee for service basis while the high performance area was supported primarily by government grants • The need to provide a good array of support tools to ease pressure on volunteers particularly, the organisation's IT platform, and the aggregation of services and purchasing • The need to improve the alignment between Yachting Australia, MYAs and Yacht Clubs strategic objectives <p>The Chief Executive commented that the next and possibly most important step was ensure tangible actions could be articulated within the plan so that the necessary resourcing requirements could be calculated. The meeting agreed that consistency of outcome was desired.</p>	

			<p>The President then commented that some significant challenges exist for Yachting Australia in the coming 3-4 years given the pressure on the high performance budget. The high performance advisory group was currently debating the possible need to limit support to various Olympic classes in the lead up to the 2012 Games.</p> <p>Yachting NSW President Geoff Davidson suggested that perhaps Yachting Australia should become the tax collector for the whole sport and handle all fees from Clubs and then could disburse grants to MYAs in the same way the Federal Government handles the GST process.</p>	
3	Future Corporate Structure			
		<p>To receive a briefing from the Board on recent discussions on the future corporate structure of Yachting Australia</p>	<p>Yachting Australia Director David Gotze addressed the meeting and commented that the Board had recently been considering a range of options to enable the organisation to better respond to the challenges of the future. These challenges included the need to secure the sport's revenue base, the increased requests for assistance from MYAs, the emerging demands of the ASC in relation to corporate governance, the need to improve the transparency of operations between high performance and the other programs, limitations being place by the NSW Office of Fair Trading and the fact that the structure used to support the sport today will not necessarily sustain the sport into the future.</p> <p>David Gotze commented that Yachting Australia's legal advisors had recently advocated, for a transitional period, the formation of two companies. Both companies would have broad objects, independent Boards, a small number of common directors and separate audit reports. Whilst several key decisions were yet to be made each Board would be selected on merit and shareholding arrangements may well be on an opt-in basis</p> <p>Yachting Victoria questioned the logic of having three entities and the potential for the sport to be taken in different directions. Yachting WA expressed concern about the potential loss of state level funding and Yachting ACT sought to have a full understanding of the pros and cons of such an approach and the structure used by other sports. Melissa Backhouse then commented that a variety of attempts have been made but no sport had yet successfully transitioned and therefore the ASC was keen to support one that could show the way.</p>	

		<p>The President reminded the meeting of the difficulties experienced in 2006/2007 in Queensland with RQYS, the key structure recommendations of the Strengthening Sailing Report and the memo issued by the Chief Executive in May inviting a debate on the organisation's structure. David Gotze commented that should Clubs be given the opportunity to remain members of their MYA or join the national association it would be interesting to see the outcome.</p> <p>Following further brief discussion it was agreed there was a desire to debate the options and consider them objectively over the next 4-6 months.</p>	
4	Membership Scheme		
	<p>To consider the motion put forward by Yachting South Australia on the national membership scheme</p>	<p>Yachting South Australia President, Bob Heywood, spoke to their paper on membership which had been put forward following recent issues experienced in South Australia. The meeting was made aware that the global financial crisis and clubs affected by drought was not evident when the new banding based fee calculation method was introduced. Yachting South Australia highlighted that the system currently doesn't provide for the situation whereby Clubs don't pay the MYA and on current projections they will be unable to pay approx \$12k of the 2009/2010 membership fees and believe the pain should be shared.</p> <p>The Treasurer commented that the banding system was used to arrive at a number that was equitable and at the time of introduction the suggestion was made to use the national system for all fees but the MYAs reserved the right to use their own methods. He further commented that there is a desire to create consistency of service delivery but if the level of revenue was not achieved a reduction in services may result.</p> <p>Yachting NSW highlighted their current predicament and the meeting noted that they were in discussions with Yachting Australia to explore ways of addressing their problems. The President then commented that Yachting Australia couldn't afford to have any MYAs 'go under' and would seek to assist those experiencing difficulties as much as possible.</p> <p>The President committed, with the support of the meeting, to assist Yachting NSW at no cost to the Federation and assist Yachting South Australia which may be at a cost to the Federation.</p>	

			The meeting then noted that Yachting Australia would embark on a review of the level of fees paid through Membership Scheme and would prepare a report for the next Federal Assembly meeting.	
5	MYA Presentations			
		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	The meeting agreed that throughout the day MYAs had already had the opportunity to update the Federal Assembly on their activities and issues.	
D	OTHER BUSINESS			
			<p>Training – Yachting Victoria commented that they were concerned at the training report which had recently been presented to the Yachting Australia Board and sought to have a right of reply as they believed the report to be inaccurate. Yachting WA commented that they didn't agree with the concept of mandatory texts and viewed the agreement which had been presented as aggressive. Following discussion the meeting noted that two delivery models had been agreed but the same expectations and standards were sought although a difference of interpretation had occurred. The President then commented that should the report presented to the Board prove to be inaccurate Yachting Australia would apologise but highlighted it was important that a proper national approach was established.</p> <p>Yachting Awards – The President gave a brief run-down on proceedings for the Awards Dinner and advised that John Coates (AOC President) and Matt Miller (ASC Chief Executive) were attending and a presentation would be made to Sandringham Yacht Club.</p>	
E	NEXT MEETING			
		To note a meeting of the Federal Assembly is scheduled for April or May 2010		
	CLOSE OF MEETING			
			With no further business the meeting closed at 1520	