



National Heron Sailing Association of Australia

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date	Wednesday 27th October 2021
Time	8.30 pm AEDT
Venue	Zoom
Chairperson	Paul Armstrong PHOSC (PA PHOSC)
Present	Richard Gibson (RG), Paul Townsin (PT), Jim Fairlie (JF), John Veale (JV), Chris Sant (CS ACT), Glenn Wilson (GW), Jeremy Brown (JB), Wayne Spencer (WS), Justin Carey (JC), Paul Armstrong DAC (PA DAC), Chris Sacre (CS NSW)
Apologies	Kate Carey (KC), John Nobbs (JN)

Ref.	Item	Responsible	Due
1	Minutes from previous meeting		
1.1	September minutes accepted Unanimously without change.		
1.2			
2	Correspondence in		
2.1	Ray Jacka – Corrimal NSW, building a heron and seeking assistance. PA (DAC) replied on behalf of the association. Kate Morrison – from Brisbane has purchased older heron and seeking assistance. JC made contact on behalf of the association.		
3	Correspondence out		
3.1			
4	Treasurer's report		
4.2	21/9 Membership fees starting to come in. Main expenditure was \$220 for Australian Sailing affiliation. Continuing on Qld account set up. Signatories lined up Paul Armstrong (PHOSC), Jim Fairlie and Justin Carey. 17/8 Progressing Qld account set up. 20/7 Accounts sent by e-mail, little change from last month. Zoom account renewal for \$200 coming up, all agree excellent value.		



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	15/6 Accounts provided today. Progress made on setting up Qld account. Signatories need to attend with ID.		
5	Registrar's report		
5.1	<p>27/10 Invoices have gone out to non-financial members, 49% paid up. Nick Palmer resigned, also Peter Beumont. New numbers 10357 Bill Olsen – stitch and glue, Don Rantanen 10358. Bill Moore (sailed Herons in the '60s) has purchased 6171 for restoration. New members - Bill Olsen accepted unanimously as new member.</p> <p>21/9 Invoices went out to membership database. Ian Jarvis, Alan Flores and Jared Chapman have resigned from the association. No new members. New stitch and glue heron being built in NSW.</p> <p>17/8 JF proposing to keep 21/22 fees the same, Accepted</p> <p>20/7 Quiet month for registrar. E-mail from Christian Butterworth, timber boat enthusiast looking at 7606 from ACT. Looking at digitising historical registration cards.</p> <p>15/6 Sail no 10356 allocated to new boat being built by Peter V. Some further membership renewals received but several still outstanding.</p>		
6	Measurement		
	<p>27/10 RG drafted words necessary to cover the clarification of centreboard issues. Proposing to amend the bylaws via three proposals covering centreboard shape via a membership vote. RG presented the three proposals and agreed to publish in the newsletter. Will formally submit signed proposals to secretary for distribution to members.</p> <p>21/9 PA Meetings are progressing. Discussed centreboards – measurement committee feels the wording on the measurement is sufficient to cover the “shaped to plan” requirement, also the discussed main sail position limits. RG suggests we should promote that the 30mm min radius on the centreboard will be checked at the nationals. RG/PA(DAC) will draft wording to cover</p>	JC	SEP



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	<p>the centreboard shape issues for consideration at the October meeting.</p> <p>17/8 JC provided a summary of his investigations into measurement responsibilities governance framework. Summary will go into next newsletter and website. National Association is the organising authority and responsible for matters related to the class itself. The appointed measurement committee will decide matters related to measurement at the regatta. Measurement committee would appoint inspector(s) to measure boats at a regatta. Protest committee would refer measurement matters to the measurement committee.</p> <p>Now five members on the Measurement Committee to align with constitution requirements. Dates confirmed for rollover of members on the committee.</p> <p>PA (DAC) sent measurement minutes. RG e-mail Man Comm in 1998 voted on centreboard leading corner radius (30mm). "Shaped to plan" requirement is generally assessed via the measurements recorded on the measurement form. Measurement Committee to bring a formal proposal covering centreboards back to the Management Committee to confirm.</p> <p>Measurement committee will reconfirm current measurers annually.</p> <p>20/7 RG – Clarification of roles and authorities for Nationals measurement is needed, JC volunteered to take this on.</p> <p>RG: there was a precedent where a membership survey was done before.</p> <p>PA(PHOSC) will write a piece for the newsletter asking for feedback via the state presidents. Objective is to maximise participation at Nationals.</p> <p>PA (PH) will confirm the National Committee is of the opinion that their role is to appoint members to the measurement committee. Will draft guideline for participation to measurement committee.</p> <p>15/6 PA (DAC) has organised meeting for next Thursday to consider matters raised by Management Committee</p>	<p>JC</p>	<p>AUG</p>



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	plus additional matters raised by Peter V, and to elect new chair. Four sets of plans have been sent out. RG noted that SA would like to have a representative on MeasCom.		
		PA (PH)	AUG
7	Newsletter		
	<p>27/10 Newsletter about to go out.</p> <p>21/9 Will be calling for articles, starting in two weeks.</p> <p>17/8 KC 2nd edition just out, working on next edition. WS to send e-mail to members with links.</p> <p>20/7 KC working on next edition.</p> <p>15/6 The Committee recorded its appreciation for the quality of the last edition. The next edition will be put together from next month.</p>	WS	COMP
8	Website		



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8.1	<p>27/10 Nothing to report.</p> <p>21/9 nothing to report.</p> <p>17/8 Nothing new to report. Getting regular contacts off the site. Historical newsletters providing a wealth of information.</p> <p>20/7 RG nothing to report. JV and RG working on video to illustrate rigging process for a gaff rigged Heron.</p> <p>15/6 A video of rigging a gaff-rigged Heron is being produced for the website</p>		
9	Nationals organisation		
9.7	<p>27/10 Current plan from SA government looks somewhat positive with possible exception of visitors from WA to SA Nationals being able to return home. Once SA reaches 80% then fully vaccinated interstate travellers (from LGA without community transmission and >80% vaccinated in LGA) will be able to visit without quarantine. Unanimously supported to postpone nationals for 12 months to January '23 given uncertainties around hosting the event and risks associated with Covid 19 restrictions.</p> <p>21/9 NoR published. Looking to for entry system based on EOI and pay later. Next committee meeting moved to 27th Oct to accommodate as late a decision as possible.</p> <p>17/8 Situation is precarious regarding planning for the regatta. Current position was that all states/territories with potential competitors need to be able to participate at the point in time (Jan 1st) in which a decision is made in order to progress the regatta. National committee agreed to carry the postponement costs with the host club up to a cap of \$2k with negotiation on further costs after that. Agreed that the committee publicise a decision date in order to assist people with existing or making new accommodation bookings.</p> <p>20/7 NoR being drafted. Looking at strategies to optimise fixed costs given the risk that Regatta may be postponed again.</p> <p>15/6 SA producing revised NoR.</p>		



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9.8	ACT National – 20/7 Nothing to report. 15/6 Planning proceeding slowly.		
10	State reports		
10.1	<p>21/9 WA – cherub nationals cancelled in WA.</p> <p>NSW – nothing to report.</p> <p>VIC – looking to hold state championships on 11-12th Dec at St Leonards. GW getting quotes on new mast sections, will circulate. Vic also at Jack Holt regatta in May '22.</p> <p>ACT – sailing delayed due to lockdown. ACT dinghy championships still scheduled for Nov 13/14th.</p> <p>20/7 WA some boats have been sold on to NSW. Have 3-4 boats last season at PDSC.</p> <p>VIC – Season was interrupted. Best fleet of fifteen at SL. Normally 5-15 boats. Schools boat building programme has finished. A couple of new timber boats to sell on.</p> <p>ACT – no Winter sailing at present. Hopeful of at least one more boat on the water next season. ACT dinghy champs 13/14 Nov.</p> <p>NSW – A representative from each key club is attending NSW meeting. Chris Sant (ACT) will attend as an optional invitee. Considering buying a large trailer to support regatta attendance. CS (NSW) will share race calendar.</p> <p>SA – numbers down slightly. Don Rantanen building a new glass boat.</p> <p>QLD – SBSC just had second Winter race, went well.</p>		
11	General business		
11.1	<p>27/10 Heron trailer registration lapsed. John Veale to follow up with RMS once registration confirmed (TF58TG).</p> <p>17/8 Supply of masts discussion carried over to next meeting.</p>		



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	<p>15/6 Discussion of how we can make the AGM accessible to members with a hearing disability. JF to write to Mark Smith with proposed approach.</p> <p>Three boxes of old membership index cards are currently stored in JF's garage. The boxes are deteriorating. JF will get a quote for putting the information on the cards into digital form.</p> <p>PA (PHOSC) proposed that we invite representatives from Vic and WA to join the Management Committee, and that we offer assistance to each State to run annual State Championships. It was agreed that PA (PHOSC) reach out to both States with these offers.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>JF</p> <p>PA (PHOSC)</p>	
12	Meeting closed		
12.1	The meeting was closed at 9.30 pm (AEDT).	Note	
13	Next meeting		
13.1	Next Meeting: 16 th November 2021 8.00pm (AEDT)	Note	