



National Heron Sailing Association of Australia

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date	Tuesday 16th August 2022
Time	8.05 pm AEDT
Venue	Zoom
Chairperson	Paul Armstrong PHOSC (PA PHOSC)
Present	Chris Sant (CS ACT), Wayne Spencer (WS), Chris Denman (CD), Richard Gibson (RG), John Veale (JV), Paul Armstrong DAC (PA DAC), Chris Sacre (CS NSW)
Apologies	John Nobbs (JN), Kate Carey (KC), Glenn Wilson (GW), Justin Carey (JC), Anthony Morgan (AM), Jeremy Brown (JB)

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1	Minutes from previous meeting		
1.1	July minutes accepted unanimously without change.		
1.2			
2	Correspondence in		
2.1	<p>16/8 Peter Connor declaration on by-law proposals received, all passed, 24 votes on each, 22 for and 2 against.</p> <p>Neil Burford attending Australian Sailing measurers accreditation course. Seeks endorsement from Association. Association to provide the requested supporting endorsement.</p> <p>Neil Burford on mainsail foot measurements. Reference to ruling on mainsail foot irregularities. Forward to measurement committee.</p> <p>Glenn Wilson resignation as President of Victoria Heron Association from 31/8, noted.</p> <p>19/7 Pacer association confirmed that Largs Bay SC did not accept their proposal to share the venue during the Nationals.</p> <p>21/6 Pacer Association (Paul Taig – President) approached the Association about sharing Largs Bay with us for their Nationals in Jan '23. RG is coordinating the communications on behalf of the Nationals organising committee. Contingent on Pacers having their own</p>		



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	course and Largs Bay SC needs to be willing and able to accommodate the additional work.		
3	Correspondence out		
3.1	19/7 Summary of arguments sent to members on the Voting papers on three centreboard proposals.		
4	Treasurer's report		
4.2	16/8 Little recent activity. Sailing Australia affiliation fees paid (\$226). 19/7 Five transactions since the last report. Some plans sold, Australian Sailing affiliation, registration with fair trading and zoom renewal. Approximately \$29K. 21/6 JV e-mail. Small number of membership renewals, Zoom renewals and Fair Trading fees.		
5	Registrar's report		
5.1	16/8 No new members. New boat number issued. Membership invoices expected to go out very soon. 19/7 Discussion on membership fees. Arguments made to both hold or increase the \$40 fee. CD will send out invoices to members. Decided to hold \$40 fee. No new members to endorse. "Bobbin Robbin" sold to Andrew Hartley in WA. 21/6 CD did a handover with JF our previous registrar, including familiarisation with Revsports. New members held over until next meeting.		
6	Measurement		
	16/8 Will determine and action changes to the measurement form now that centreboard ballots finalised. Four sets of plans have gone out recently. Approximately 27 mast tips in stock with Dinghy Sports. Need to develop a longer-term strategy to ensure continuity of supply and consistent performance		



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	<p>characteristics. Initiate discussion with members. PA (PHOSC) to draft discussion paper for circulation to members to commence engagement.</p> <p>19/7 No report. Centreboard by-law proposals out.</p> <p>21/6 Measurement committee scheduled to meet in next school holidays (two weeks). Some anomalies noted in floor reinforcement allowed across different boat configurations (mk I - fibreglass, mk II - foam sandwich and timber).</p>		
7	Newsletter		
	<p>16/8 No report</p> <p>19/7 Went out to members. All agreed a really good edition.</p> <p>21/6 Ready to go out in 2-3 weeks.</p>		
8	Website		
8.1	<p>16/8 Plenty of activity from the facebook group. Particularly interest in boat restoration.</p> <p>19/7 Started a Qld website. Similar setup to NSW and SA sites. Steady stream of contracts through the website, 10-15 queries per month.</p> <p>21/6 New Heron Australia facebook group has been great success allowing two-way communication from members.</p>		
9	Nationals organisation		
9.7	<p>SA Nationals</p> <p>16/8 Progressing well. Entries will open in October.</p> <p>19/7 Nor has been posted. Draft SI are being reviewed. Entries will open later in the year. SA states will be in December.</p>		



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	21/6 Close to finalising NoR. Entry will be via Top Yacht. The Association Heron has gone to Tasmania, Trailer in SA at Port River SC.		
9.8	ACT Nationals – 16/8 No change. 19/7 No change. 21/6 Looking at forward hand race on same day as invitation race. Otherwise, No change.		
10	State reports		
10.1	16/8 NSW – looking healthy in preparation for new season. Interclub programme is looking good. SA – Noted the passing of Sue Tyerman who was a tireless supporter of the class in SA. State championships scheduled for 3 rd /4 th of December at Port River SC. Discussed availability of lease boats at SA Nationals and how the association could support that. 19/7 SA – quiet, some old boats surfacing. Details on facebook. NSW – Shane Greaves (CRSC) is producing stitch and glue CNC ply heron kits, based on ‘O’ for Awesome. Dates for 22/23 season in the newsletter. AGM scheduled for 17 th August. WA – Supporting some queries from local sailors. ACT – Quiet, some Winter sailing and maintenance. 21/6 TAS - Boolong safely stored at Lindisfarne SC. Restoration work on other herons progressing. Some herons to be entered in wooden boat festival. WA – More boats “surfacing” on 2 nd hand market. Hopeful of getting more boats on the water next season.		



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	<p>SA – Held presentation night a few weeks ago with 27 people in attendance. Some increasing interest in Herons in the lead up to the Nationals.</p> <p>ACT – ACT dinghy championships scheduled for mid-November.</p> <p>Qld – Some “new” boats popping up. Good turn out for states with approximately 30 boats,</p> <p>NSW – Regatta at Coffs Harbour in late April. Similar timing for 22/23 season to allow boats to also attend the Qld states in early May.</p>		
11	General business		
11.1	<p>16/8 PA (PHOSC) will reach out to Victoria Association. CD looking to get registry card files digitised. To trial process.</p> <p>19/7 PA (PHOSC) will contact PA (DAC) regarding the mast project.</p> <p>Centreboard Proposals: when result is available need to notify members and also downstream changes required such as to measurement form.</p> <p>21/6 Measurement proposal: Proposed RG Seconded JC and unanimously agreed to appoint appointed Peter Connor as returning officer. Agreed to target closing date in late July to enable members time to make any required changes. PA, WS, CD and Peter Connor to hold follow up zoom meeting to finalise process.</p> <p>Mast Project – PA circulated ToR for sub-committee to work on this. PA (DAC) will chair the sub-committee. Initial steps will look at securing current supply rather than investigating new technologies.</p> <p>15/3 Agreed to look at hosting a rules session on Zoom during the Winter with an external presenter.</p>	PA	Aug Meeting
12	Meeting closed		
12.1	The meeting was closed at 9.06 pm (AEDT).	Note	



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13	Next meeting		
13.1	Next Meeting: 20 th September 2022 8.00pm (AEST)	Note	