



# National Heron Sailing Association of Australia

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date	Thursday 15th December 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), Justin Carey (JC), Richard Gibson (RG), Chris Sacre (CS NSW)
Apologies	John Nobbs (JN), Kate Carey (KC), Paul Armstrong DAC (PA DAC), Anthony Morgan (AM), Jeremy Brown (JB), John Veale (JV)

Ref.	Item	Responsible	Due
<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes from previous meeting</b>		
1.1	November minutes accepted unanimously with one correction. WS to send update to RG for website.		
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<b>2</b>	<b>Correspondence in</b>		
2.1	<p>15/12 Gary Brunton re life member badge</p> <p>Graham Baxendale – re association heron for sale.</p> <p>17/11 Updated measurement form from measurement committee. Changes address the by-law changes, other changes to tidy up the form, e.g., floor thickness not addressed yet.</p> <p>Website enquiry from Victoria for used boat to be advertised.</p> <p>18/10 Website enquiry regarding sailmakers and legality of gaff rig. Melbourne based.</p>	<p>JV</p> <p>PA will write regarding other changes.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Correspondence out</b>		
3.1	<p>15/12 PA (Qld) to Glenn Wilson re potential Victorian Nationals in Jan 25. No response yet.</p> <p>17/11 RG to members on measurement form changes.</p>		



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	<p>18/10 WS replied to website enquiry regarding sailmakers and legality of gaff rig. Melbourne based.</p> <p>RG to write to Measurement Committee requesting advice of timing for changes to the measurement form following by-law changes.</p> <p>20/9 Endorsement for AS measurer accreditation course for Neil Burford provided by PA.</p> <p>19/7 Summary of arguments sent to members on the Voting papers on three centreboard proposals.</p>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Treasurer's report</b>		
4.2	<p>17/11 Bank account is \$32,762, FYTD income \$4240 (mainly memberships) expense \$500.</p> <p>18/10 Considerable income from membership fees mostly and a few plans. No expenses in the last month. \$3673 income so far in the FY, \$5088 was full year income for last year, bank balance \$32080. Funds available for promotion activities.</p> <p>20/9 No report, membership fees of approximately \$2800 have come in. 48% of members have paid their invoice.</p> <p>16/8 Little recent activity. Sailing Australia affiliation fees paid (\$226).</p> <p>19/7 Five transactions since the last report. Some plans sold, Australian Sailing affiliation, registration with fair trading and zoom renewal. Approximately \$29K.</p> <p>21/6 JV e-mail. Small number of membership renewals, Zoom renewals and Fair Trading fees.</p>		
<b>5</b>	<b>Registrar's report</b>		
5.1	<p>15/12 Four new members.</p> <p>Nicholas Davies Micheal tait</p>		



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	<p>Scott Jamison Keith McIntosh</p> <p>Accepted unanimously.</p> <p>17/11 Members ship renewals trickling in. No new members. Membership sitting at WA 4 SA 12 TAS 4 VIC 10 QLD 36 NSW 54 ACT 1. NSW association has reduced regatta fee for first timers at NSW states to \$40. Two new boats in NSW to be registered in the next month or so.</p> <p>18/10 Four new members Tim Werrington, Andrew Campbell, Fiona Wilcox, Emma Gardener Proposed PA, Seconded WS, Accepted Unanimously.</p> <p>Renewals NSW 51/79, WA 4/6, Vic 11/18, Tas 4/4 Qld 33/63, SA 8/19, ACT 1/1 member renewals. 111 paid members currently.</p> <p>20/9 One new boat number issued (10363) for Mick Armstrong. 61 Paid family members, 6 individual and 10 life members. No new members.</p> <p>Discussed old registration cards and whether the Association should retain them. CD will circulate sample details of the cards, decision held over for next meeting.</p> <p>16/8 No new members. New boat number issued. Membership invoices expected to go out very soon.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>No new members to endorse. "Bobbin Robbin" sold to Andrew Hartley in WA.</p> <p>21/6 CD did a handover with JF our previous registrar, including familiarisation with Revsports. New members held over until next meeting.</p>		
<b>6</b>	<b>Measurement</b>		
	<p>15/12 Discussion on measurement requirements for boats with lapsed registration. Aim to get as many</p>		



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	<p>interstate boats as possible pre-measured before arrival is SA to reduce the load on local measurers at the event.</p> <p>SA nationals committee identifying anomalies between the measurement form and by-laws. Once finalised will be passed to measurement committee for review / improvements to the form.</p> <p>17/11 No report. PA will speak with Dinghy Sports on mast supply and existing masts in circulation.</p> <p>18/10 Responses from Fraser Galloway and Nick Billet in favour of the carbon masts and tips</p> <p>No other measurement news as still trying to organise a meeting</p> <p>Happy to provide a list of check measurements for the NSW State Titles and SA Nationals, Peter V and I have discussed necessary measurements</p> <p>20/9 No report. Centreboard motions have passed and downstream changes to documents need to be enacted. JC will draft by-law changes into the word document. Measurement form changes are needed very soon. RG will contact measurement committee regarding measurement form changes.</p> <p>Mast project. Discussed draft letter to members canvassing suggestions for potential replacement mast materials. Agreed goal is to keep the scope as open as possible at this time. RG will mark up the draft document and return it to PA (PHOSC).</p> <p>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 characteristics. Initiate discussion with members. PA</p>		



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	<p>(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>		
<b>7</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>		
	<p>17/11 Collecting contributions for December edition. Will include ACT Dinghy Championships report.</p> <p>18/10 September newsletter gone out. Next edition is scheduled for Nov/Dec.</p> <p>20/9 Gearing up for next edition. Running a little behind, will seek submissions next week.</p> <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>		
<b>8</b>	<b>Website</b>		
8.1	<p>17/11 Steady traffic from website. Links up for Nationals NoR and entry form.</p> <p>18/10 No report</p> <p>20/9 Running smoothly, averaging one enquiry each week concerning older boats.</p> <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>		



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	21/6 New Heron Australia facebook group has been great success allowing two-way communication from members.		
<b>9</b>	<b>Nationals organisation</b>		
9.7	<p>SA Nationals</p> <p>15/12 Tracking towards entry numbers in the low thirties.</p> <p>17/11 Organisation going well, looking at trophies. Expecting a great regatta. Looking on track for at least 30 boats.</p> <p>18/10 Refer RG e-mail. Entries will open shortly.</p> <p>20/9 Still working on SIs, have found a sponsor for prizes.</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> <p>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.</p>		
9.8	<p>ACT Nationals –</p> <p>18/10 No change</p> <p>20/9 No change.</p> <p>16/8 No change.</p> <p>19/7 No change.</p> <p>21/6 Looking at forward hand race on same day as invitation race. Otherwise, No change.</p>		
<b>10</b>	<b>State reports</b>		
10.1	<p>17/11</p> <p>ACT dinghy championships at CYC attracted nine herons. Herons had their own division.</p>		



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	<p>NSW – getting ready for States at Speers Point. Also Sail Sydney coming up in December. Narabeen rebuilding. CRSC and Narabeen using herons in their training fleets.</p> <p>Qld – steady.</p> <p>WA – fairly quiet.</p> <p>SA – state champs in December.</p> <p>18/10</p> <p>WA - Regular sailing has started. Three boats for sale.</p> <p>Tas - Association Heron being used for local promotion. New sailors joining the fleet. Two herons in the shed being re-fitted. Local sailing conditions have been favourable so far.</p> <p>ACT - Dinghy championships 13th-14th Nov at CYC, hoping for 10 herons (4 from PHOSC, 1 from Narrabeen, 1 from Chipping Norton). Club sailing started on 17th Sep. Some local interest in Herons so there is opportunity to build the fleet.</p> <p>Qld - Local sailing started, 8-10 at SB and 2-4 at DP. Expecting seven boats to go to SA Nationals.</p> <p>NSW - Ten boats at Chipping Norton for first interclub. CS e-mail - Aiming for 35+ boats at Speers Point end Nov for states. Focussed on building fleet numbers particularly participation in the middle of the fleet. Two new plywood boats being built with Shane Greaves, also a secondary school is looking at building from pre-cut kits as a school project (possibly three boats).</p>		
<b>11</b>	<b>General business</b>		
11.1	<p>15/12</p> <p>17/11 SA looking to trial a new mast section at their states. Past practice at Nationals has been that non-compliant boats trialling new equipment are not eligible to win the regatta – treated as a ‘C’ class boat. For state</p>		



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	<p>regattas the state association as the organising authority is able to make their own call on eligibility.</p> <p>Registrar historical hard copy memberships records agreed to destroy.</p> <p>18/10 Meeting times. Discussed and agreed to moving the meeting to third Thursday of the month.</p>	CD to action	
<b>12</b>	<b>Meeting closed</b>		
12.1	The meeting was closed at 9.25 pm (AEDT).	Note	
<b>13</b>	<b>Next meeting</b>		
13.1	Next Meeting: 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 8.00pm (AEDT)	Note	