



National Heron Sailing Association of Australia

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date	Tuesday 15th Aug 2023
Time	8.05 pm AEST
Venue	Zoom
Chairperson	Paul Armstrong (PA Qld)
Present	Chris Sant (CS ACT), Wayne Spencer (WS), Chris Denman (CD), Neil Burford (NB), Jeremy Brown (JB), Justin Carey (JC)
Apologies	John Nobbs (JN), Kate Carey (KC), Paul Armstrong (PA NSW), Chris Sacre (CS NSW), Anthony Morgan (AM)

Ref.	Item	Responsible	Due
1	Minutes from previous meeting		
1.1	July Minutes accepted.		
1.2			
2	Correspondence in		
2.1	<p>15/8 Membership enquiry from NSW to CD. From GW in-principle agreement for Victorian Association to host 24/25 Nationals.</p> <p>20/6 John Veale – submitted resignation as Public Officer.</p> <p>Richard Gibson – on behalf of SA Association confirming appointment of Neil Burford as National Vice President for South Australia.</p> <p>Neil Burford confirming interest in attending measurement committee meetings as a non-voting member.</p> <p>Mike Duffy confirming that he wasn't interested in the association heron. Looking at other options.</p> <p>Peter Littlelike asking about measurement information. Referred to PA (NSW).</p> <p>Ivan Hughes needs Heron measured in SA, referred to NBu.</p>		



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	<p>16/5 Mike Duffy – interest in 2nd hand Herons and Association heron, direct to facebook group.</p> <p>Peter Vaiciurgis and Michael Armstrong to register interest for measurement committee vacancy.</p> <p>RG received John Campbell in Melbourne interested in building a heron from plans or a kit.</p> <p>RG also from Rick Becker in Illinois in US wants to give away his heron but now has multiple people interested in the US.</p> <p>20/4 Neil Burford nomination for measurement committee.</p> <p>Canberra sailor enquired via CD for details on a boat (9157) that is for sale.</p>		
3	Correspondence out		
3.1	<p>15/8 PA to measurement committee re: mast project</p> <p>PA to Victorian Association Malcolm Douglas regarding SLSC potentially hosting 24/25 Nationals.</p> <p>18/7 PA to Hugh Tait, Rohan Nosworthy, Peter Vaiciurgis regarding scheduling of 24/25 Nationals to best fit with other class Nationals.</p> <p>PA to St Leonards SC regarding 24/25 Nationals.</p> <p>WS to Fair Trading NSW, change of public officer.</p> <p>20/6 WS to John Veale seeking confirmation if he intended to continue as public officer.</p> <p>WS to Neil Burford offering the option to attend measurement committee meetings in a non-voting capacity.</p> <p>WS to Mike Duffy confirming the asking price for the association Heron.</p> <p>16/5 PA reminder on expression of interest return date.</p> <p>20/4 Call for expression of interest in measurement committee position.</p>		



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	PA wrote to measurement committee asking for confirmation that Tony Pearce is a measurer.		
4	Treasurer's report		
4.2	<p>15/8 CS membership renewals coming in. New Heron t-shirts paid for and insurance for association boat "This is the Life". Working on insurance and registration transfer for Boolong. Overall position is very healthy.</p> <p>18/7 Account access sorted out. Four payments have gone out. Transport costs to get Boolong and trailer to ACT, purchase of 2nd hand Heron in TAS. Chris Sant mast reimbursement. Limited income.</p> <p>20/6 Distributed statement of accounts. Sorting out authorisations for account access with John Veale. Need to identify who paid and re-imburse for the Zoom account renewal. \$3000 owing for purchase of 2nd hand heron in Tasmania.</p> <p>16/5 CS getting set up with access to the back accounts with assistance from JV.</p> <p>20/4 John Veale provided a written report in his absence. Little change from last month, account balances healthy.</p> <p>16/3 No outgoings. JV Will report later.</p>		
5	Registrar's report		
5.1	<p>15/8 Invoices out on 3rd of August, 34 families renewed and 6 individuals. One new member Brett Murray from Narrabeen, accepted unanimously. Rules night coming up on 23rd Aug for renewed members.</p> <p>18/7 Fairly quiet, no new members. Membership invoices will go out soon. Rules night (Zoom meeting) will be offered for members who are paid up, 23rd August.</p> <p>20/6 One new member Peter Littledike from SA – Largs Bay. Accepted unanimously.</p> <p>19 new members this year and 147 paid members.</p>		



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6	Measurement		
	<p>15/8 E-mail update received from PA (NSW). Testing on various mast sections progressing with goal to finish by Christmas. Discussed whether current mast proposal from NB could be tweaked slightly before being put to a vote. Agreed that this would be possible as long as it represented minor changes within the scope of the existing proposal. NB will revisit wording and return to the committee. Agreed that Committee appoint Peter Connor as returning officer if he is willing.</p> <p>18/7 No report. Discussion of SA Nationals report is still pending from last meeting. PA (Qld) will follow up.</p> <p>20/6 No recent meeting. PA (NSW) wrote to Michael Armstrong to confirm his status as a measurer. No action yet on the equipment inspector's report from SA Nationals, published in March Newsletter, will be covered at next measurement committee meeting.</p> <p>16/5 No recent meeting or notable changes.</p> <p>Appointment of new member to the measurement committee. WS read expressions of interest provided by Michael Armstrong, Peter Vaicuirgis and Neil Burford. RG spoke in favour of having SA representation to the committee.</p> <p>CD moved RG seconded that PV be reappointed and NB to be included as an ex-officio member to the committee with a view to appointment on the next rotation. Accepted unanimously. PA to write to Michael Armstrong to confirm his status as a measurer.</p> <p>20/4 No report. PA (Nth) wrote to Rohan Nosworthy. Proposed mast sections being tested at Qld states. John Deshon has submitted his resignation as a measurer the committee noted his contribution in particular to the development of the first stitch and glue heron. PA will write to John on behalf of the committee to provide thanks for his contribution.</p>		
7	Newsletter		



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	<p>15/8 Call for articles is out for the September newsletter.</p> <p>18/7 No update.</p> <p>20/6 All feedback was that the June Newsletter was up to its usual high standard.</p> <p>20/5 AGM reports needed for Newsletter.</p> <p>20/4 Agreed that March newsletter was excellent.</p>		
9	Nationals organisation		
9.8	<p>23/24 ACT Nationals – YMCA sailing club.</p> <p>15/8 Progressing well with good local support. Looking at merchandise and trophies. Setting up accommodation booking portal through revsports. Entry price will be around \$250. Sea plane operations should not impede on the racing area. NSW have purchased new flag for the Nationals.</p> <p>18/7 Draft NoR ready. Accommodation organised. Working on social programme. Getting personnel organised for on water and will coordinate with CD to set up on line entry system. Meeting also discussed the potential to organise and offer lease boats, also crew register for visiting skippers without crew.</p> <p>20/6 Organisation progressing, regular meetings with YMCA. Some more locals will be competing at the Nationals, Bill Arthur has purchased a boat - will be sailing with his Grandson, plus some others.</p> <p>20/5 Additional accommodation option now available. YMCA have a property – Bush Capital Lodge – 10 minutes drive from the sailing club with hostel style accommodation. Would need about 50 people interested. CS (ACT) will provide more details soon for the website.</p> <p>24/25 Nationals – Victoria, confirmed with St Leonards SC, subject to agreement on dates.</p> <p>20/6 PA (Qld) will make contact with Glenn Wilson.</p>		



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10	State reports		
10.1	<p>15/8 State Reports – looking to publish and Australia wide season programme.</p> <p>NSW: programme nearly finalised. States locked in for Toronto for March '24. NSW AGM held, new secretary/public officer.</p> <p>SA: Coffin Bay SC are interested in hosting States in 2025. Junior States being targeted for either Port SC or Largs Bay SC for the New Year.</p> <p>WA: JB had a look at boat 7905 issued in 69/70, never sailed, potential restoration project.</p> <p>QLD: Nick Billet has confirmed he will take on the role as the Qld representative.</p> <p>18/7 State Reports</p> <p>NSW Calendar pretty much sorted. Try a heron day at Toronto in (24th) September. States moved to early March at Toronto.</p> <p>Tas – pretty quiet. AM will sort out insurance for “This is the Life”.</p> <p>ACT - CS will sort out the insurance for Boolong.</p> <p>SA – NB working on some boat work over the Winter and Frost Bight regatta at Port River SC. Finalising the SA programme for next season.</p> <p>WA – JB looking at a “project” boat for renewal.</p> <p>20/6 State Reports</p> <p>SA recently had their presentation night. Some Herons at various clubs sailing their Winter series. State titles scheduled for 9/10 Dec at Wallaroo SC. Looking for promotion ideas.</p> <p>NSW Looking to offer rules session being presented by Tasar class (Hugh Tait) to new season paid up Heron association members. Working on season Calendar,</p>		



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	<p>States (venue not confirmed yet) being moved to February.</p> <p>QLD – pretty quiet since the states, covered in Newsletter, 45 boats.</p> <p>TAS Had seven boats represented at meeting the Lindisfarne SC. Will be sailing as a class at LSC next season. Association heron being transported to Canberra in July.</p> <p>16/5 CS (NSW) NSW planning next seasons calendar. State titles moving to Feb, otherwise similar to last season with an event every month except Dec.</p> <p>RG (SA) AGM and presentation night on 2nd June. Chris Ramsay a SA heron sailor from the early 2000's passed away last week.</p> <p>AM (Tas) meeting shortly to plan calendar for next season. Tas. proposing that with Bolong (association heron) coming back to the mainland the association could support heron sailing in Tas. with a second-hand boat available for sale at \$3k (10185-This is the Life). PA will investigate insurance options. Motion moved to purchase the boat by RG, JB seconded, passed unanimously.</p> <p>JB (WA) about four boats on the market. Some interest from parent of junior trainee sailors. Tom Depiasi a heron sailor and builder from WA passed away recently.</p> <p>20/4</p> <p>SA: Richard Gibson and Paul Townsin standing down from Heron administration. Darryl Emery putting side tanks into 8292.</p> <p>Qld: Nick Billet will be replacing Justin Carey as the Qld representative. Qld states preparation going well, hoping for 40+ boats.</p> <p>NSW: Coffs Harbour regatta postponed due to swell conditions, targeting June long weekend. Junior states regatta went well with Canberra boats winning both divisions.</p>		



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11	General business		
11.1	<p>18/7 Discussed the current mast proposal and pros /cons of putting the proposal to a vote before the completion of the testing work on other options. PA to draft a letter to the Measurement Committee regarding the testing programme and their feedback on the current proposal.</p> <p>20/6 CD raised membership fees. Agreed to hold them constant from last season's rates.</p> <p>Sailing Australia awards. Discussed opportunity to nominate class sailors and volunteers for awards. PA, NBu and CD will work on progressing the nominations, about six weeks to submit.</p> <p>Mast proposal to be covered as agenda item for next meeting.</p> <p>NBu has purchased the SA moulds from Don Rantanen.</p> <p>NBu suggested the potential for coaching initiatives at a state fleet level to build the class with accredited coaches.</p> <p>JC The new shirts (84) have arrived, need to work out what to do with them. For discussion at next meeting.</p> <p>16/5 CD suggested he could prepare a register of actively sailed Herons in Australia. Purpose to enable tracking of boats to support enquiries. Would support updating of the list available on the website. CD will firm up the details and return to the committee.</p>		
12	Meeting closed		
12.1	The meeting was closed at 9.45 pm (AEST).	Note	
13	Next meeting		
13.1	Next Meeting: Tues 19 th September 2023 8.00pm (AEST)	Note	