

Minutes of the Sabre Sailing Association WA (SSAWA) Annual General Meeting 30th March 2015 EFYC 7pm

Attendees		Apologies
Clayton Erwin	Bill Gillham	Josh Preston
Mike Dean	Robert Depiazzi	Andrew Hatley
Peter Wheatland	Chris Holyday	Nick Loney
Brian Jones	Kelly Mirigliotta	Mark Nagle
Craig Nyland	Dave Quinn	
Leonie Price	Pete Coop	
Charlotte Coop	Ian James	
Louis Suriano	Dave Kenny	
Ray Martin	Carl Girolamo	
Steven Walters	Scott Olney	
Peter Johnston	Bob Taylor	

Meeting opened by Pete Coop, President at 7.10pm.

1. Minutes from last AGM:-

The minutes of the previous AGM (Sunday 16th March 2014) were circulated. It was moved by Clayton Erwin and seconded by Ian James that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

2. Business Arising from last Annual General Meeting:-

There was no business arising from the last AGM to be actioned.

3. Presidents Report:-

Pete Coop gave an overview of his 1st year as President of the SSAWA. The year had been dominated by conflict at National level regarding the varied and strong views around rules and measurement.

This has been a very divisive period for the class, and as a result, very little time has been awarded to the development and growth. Nationally, we are now in a position where a lot of this conflict is behind us.

His emphasis for the coming season is to be class development.

He covered the change in format of the State championships, encouraging more communications, and his vision for making the class more flexible.

Pete clarified that the Trademark Name 'Sabre' was to stay in Charlotte Coops name. The paperwork passed to Brett Young to transfer it back into his name had been destroyed.

In addition, Alan Wilson (President of National Sabre Association) has taken legal advice and is full confident that the class is protected.

National Update – Pete gave an overview of his role with the National committee in helping push forward the Rule and Measurement issues that were ongoing.

Pete thanked Clayton Erwin for all his hard work in organising the sponsors, the container and transport to and from the Adelaide Nationals in style.

4. Secretary Report

Charlotte Coop stated in her report that the registration process and State Championship entry process will be available in electronic format as well as paper versions. This was enabled after the change to the constitution last year. We had 41 members this season. All active Sabre sailors at club level were members of the SSAWA.

Charlotte stated that she has been keeping an up to date list of Sabres and accessories and circulating it regularly by e-mail.

5. Treasurer Report

Income		Expense	
Membership (41 members)	\$1,140	Class Flags	\$258.50
States Entry (33 Entered)	\$825	Tiwi	\$2,890.00
Shirts	\$690	Shirts	\$1,028.50
Nationals Transport	\$900 (Plus \$800 2013/14)	Steel for Container	\$1,113.60
Interest	\$60.31	Fees	\$1
		Flights (Louis to attend measures forum)	\$1,015.01
		Capitation Fees	\$100
Total	\$3,615.31		\$6,406.61

Opening Bank Balance	\$12,512.21
Income	\$3,615.31
Expenditure	\$6,406.61
Profit/Loss	(2,791.30)
Closing Bank Balance	\$9,720.91
Assets	
Tiwi	\$2,800
Steel Racking for Container	\$1,100
Total balance	\$13,620

The final accounts will be done at the end of financial year on June 30th 2015.

6. Measurers Report

Louis has been busy measuring numerous sails and foils, plus 7 new GRP boats plus 1 new wooden boat.

It has been a busy time with the new Red Tip Sabres arriving, and good to have Craig Nyland with his mould to build GRP Sabres.

7. Marketing / Publicity Report:-

Kelly had been adding news items and updates onto the Facebook page/National website with the help of Charlotte Coop.

8. Election of Office Bearers:-

As per notice of the AGM, nominations were called for all positions.

President – Pete Coop nominated to continue as President for the next 12 months. Charlotte Coop moved the motion and everyone agreed

Vice President – A new position created. One nomination received – Clayton Erwin. Charlotte Coop moved the motion and everyone agreed

Secretary/Treasurer – Charlotte Coop happy to continue in this role. It was brought up whether to separate the role again, but it was agreed that it works better as a double role as there was a lot of overlap. Pete Coop moved the motion, and everyone agreed.

Measurer – 2 nominations received; Rob Depiazzi and Craig Nyland. A ballot was arranged, and all eligible voting members cast their vote. Rob Depiazzi was declared the winner. Charlotte Coop moved the motion and everyone agreed.

Marketing/Publicity – 1 nomination received – Chelsea Baker. After taking a year off after the business of the Perth National organization, we welcome Chelsea back to move this role forward. Charlotte Coop moved the motion and everyone agreed.

9. Regattas to support as a Class

General discussion over the various regattas throughout the season and the question was posed as to whether we should support 1-2 regattas as a class to try and get some strong numbers.

There was a mixed response, with some feeling that as the season is relatively short, and with 3 weekends taken up with the States, that we would be better to encourage the membership to support their own fleets and in addition Maylands and any other club that raced on Sundays.

There was a strong interest by several sailors to continue to attend regattas.

If we get 8-10 Sabres, then we do get our own start line.

Regattas include – Sail Fremantle, Hector Waller (Nedlands), Royal Perth Mini Series.

10. Club Reports

PDSC – IAN JAMES

Going through a period of strong consolidation.

Lots of youth interest in the Sabre

Sailing on Friday nights from 4pm

EFYC – PETER JOHNSON

Smaller fleets – gone from 20 each week to approx. 10 Sabres regularly sailing since Christmas.

3 new RedTip boats

3 Juniors have left

New courses introduced

Often have 2 races on Saturdays

6 Sabres went to Walpole over the long weekend.

Wednesday sailing from 2pm continues to attract 6-8 boats

MAYLANDS – CHRIS HOLYDAY

Good growth. Small club with a dominant laser fleet. A huge thanks to the regular support of Rob D, Ray M, Brian J, Dave Q and Peter J who have shown their support. Short races every fortnight at 12 noon

TCYC

Struggling for numbers due to various reasons including injuries.

11. States Report

Feedback was sought before the start of the season as to the format of the States. They were run over 2 Saturdays and one Sunday at TCYC, Nedlands Yacht Club and PDSC. There were 4 races scheduled over each day 2 in the morning and 2 in

the afternoon). Total of 12 scheduled races with 8 to count as a series. This was to provide the opportunity for a wide variety of wind and weather conditions.

Results:

1st Place – Steve Walters

2nd Place – Ashley Hood

3rd Place – Pete Coop

1st Wooden Hull – Ray Martin

Presidents Award – Trevor Holm from Walpole

Pete gave an overview of the change in sailing instructions that were needed over the duration of the States

There were 2 issues:

1. Changing Boats Throughout the Season

This came about as a request from Red Tip Sailing due to their boats not being ready for the start of the season.

Craig Nyland also fell into this category as a result of YMS delivering his mould late.

The following was added to the Sailing Instructions:

'A competitor may request in writing before the race to the Organising Authority to change boats, in doing so, they require satisfactory reason for changing boats, as well as satisfy the Organising Authority that they intend to continue to be a regular participant in the Sabre Class at club level.'

2. Use of More Than One Sail

This change that meant that sailors could use different sails throughout the State Championship.

Background to this amendment -

Adelaide have a 2 Sail rule in their sailing instructions.

As a committee, we agreed due to the following circumstances:

1. The Sabre class allows for people to choose different sails, for their weight and their conditions – this would include cut down sails.
2. Most owners of a Sabre in this state have 2 sails +
3. Many of our association members (especially this year) have invested in new sails. Should any of the Sabre state heats blow really hard, It is not fair that they would have to subject these new sails to any unreasonable wear and tear. They should have the option to put on their older sail, in order to protect their investment.

On both of these issues, only a minority of people (10%) disagreed/expressed their opposition. Pete Coop was disappointed that towards the end of the season (3 weeks before the final heat) that he was receiving correspondence from that minority who were still trying to undo these changes.

Going forward, should the committee agree on an amendment, voted on by the wider association, then that decision must be accepted.

A survey will be sent electronically to all members in June/July to determine if these changes will be included in 2015/2016 sailing instructions.

12. Class Development & Marketing

This is an area of focus for 2015.

1. Monthly Newsletter
2. Flyer
3. Keep Facebook/National website up to date
4. Submit regular articles to sailing websites and keep the Sabre profile high.

Meeting closed by Pete Coop at 9pm

Next AGM – March 2016