

Sabre Sailing Association of Australia (Inc)

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting for Year 2006
Held at the Cleveland Yacht Club at 10:00am Tuesday 2nd Jan 2007**

1. Attendance and Apologies

1.1 OFFICERS:

President: Bob Jackson

Secretary: Mike Simpson

Measurer: Phil Johnson

1.2 DELEGATES

New South Wales

John Atkins

Shane Navin

South Australia

John Gratton

Sean Hackett (*proxy for R. Gale*)

Queensland

Peter Skinner

Sue Hextell

Tasmania

Andrew Bradshaw

Andrew Fist

Victoria

Fiona McCulloch

Barry Eastgate

1.3 NON-DELEGATES

QLD: Stan Miller, Brian Russell, Rex Scott, Ryan Kirk, Phil Briggs, Anne Mussett, Wendy Witt, Lea Foster, David Kirk

SA: Bob Wright

VIC: Wayne Bates, Stephen Early, Russell Rooney, John Dixon, Peter Reid, Andrew Graham, Ashley Parkinson, Daniel Keil

1.4 APOLOGIES

SA Delegate Robert Gale (*Sean Hackett acting as Proxy*)

2. Notification of Proxies

The Secretary advised that Sean Hackett was acting as proxy for SA Delegate Robert Gale.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Year 2005 Annual General Meeting held at the Lindisfarne Sailing Club, Tasmania at 10:15 am on 2 January 2006 were confirmed as distributed.

Moved: Barry Eastgate, Seconded: Andrew Bradshaw. CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2006.

Moved: Barry Eastgate, Seconded: Sue Hextell - That the statements be received and incorporated in the annual statement to Consumer Affairs Victoria. CARRIED

5. President's Report

The President, Bob Jackson, presented his report on the year 2006.

Appreciation was expressed for the great support given the National Championships by the Queensland organising committee, and interstate competitors were thanked for travelling to Queensland for the event.

Moved: Bob Jackson, Seconded: Mike Simpson - That the report be received. CARRIED

6. National Measurer's Report

National Measurer, Phil Johnson, gave his report for 2006. He noted that a boat constructed from sheet FRP was built in Queensland was not constructed according to the rules and was therefore not approved.

He noted that the rule changes voted on by a Special General Meeting during the year had been controversial in that his interpretation of the changes did not accord with the views of the original proposer.

During discussion it was suggested that a full review of the Building Guide and the Rule be undertaken as soon as possible, with input to be sought from all States. Secretary to implement the process.

Moved: Mike Simpson, Seconded: Sean Hackett - That the report be received. CARRIED

7. Reports from Member States

7.1 New South Wales & ACT (Shane Navin)

Connell's Point was the busiest Sabre club, with 4 new boats built or ordered during the year.

Otherwise activity had been quiet and some concern was expressed for the future of the NSW state group, particularly its ability to manage the next scheduled NSW titles in 2009/10. The Secretary undertook to contact NSW and determine if any support is needed.

7.2 Queensland (Sue Hextell)

Four new boats were built during the year and one major refurbishment undertaken. Cleveland still has the largest fleet and there are a number of outlying Sabre sailors up and down the coast and inland. Promotions were undertaken by groups of Sabres travelling to various clubs and events, raising awareness of the class. The website has been used extensively to communicate with members and promote the class.

7.3 South Australia (John Gratton)

The report from the SA President was presented. Main points were:

Boats on the register remain at 75 with a number sold between seasons and three new boats constructed this year. Some long time members did not renew this season so members have dropped from 54 to 48 despite a push and reminders from Committee to members to renew. Perhaps with the 30th Championships being held in South Australia next year we will see an improvement in numbers.

Sabres continue to be sailed at Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club, Largs Bay Sailing Club, Victor Harbour Yacht Club, Royal Port Pirie Sailing Club, Port River Sailing Club and Murray Bridge Sailing Club. The largest fleet is at Brighton & Seacliff where there are 25 or more starters most weeks.

Entries into the State Championships this year were disappointing with only nineteen entries received. There has been close racing in the three heats that have been sailed and only 3 points separate first and third so the series is still wide open.

Planning for the 30th National Championships has already begun and information packages have been distributed at Cleveland. Tentative dates have been set as 28th December 2007 for the Invitation Race and the heats to take place from Friday 29th December to Friday 5th January 2008.

7.4 Tasmania (Andrew Bradshaw)

It has been a quiet year after organising the Nationals in Tasmania but there are now 25 financial members, 10 down on last year. Thirteen boats took part in the State titles at Midway Point. The tragic loss of enthusiastic Sabre sailor Jack Thompson was noted. Twenty-three boats participated in training conducted by Wayne Bates. There have been four boats built or refurbished over the year.

7.5 Victoria (Fiona McCulloch)

State membership was stable with approximately 125 financial members.

The Victorian Titles to be held at Black Rock YC over the weekend of 23/24 February 2006 were enthusiastically received and the same format is proposed for 2007 at Blairgowrie YC.

The 2006 training weekend in October was well received with about 35 boats participating.

The "Botterill" mould had been passed to the new builder, Martin Sly, and one boat produced from it is sailing at Gippsland, where the re-established fleet continues to grow.

Three editions of the Victorian newsletter had been published on the website with good acceptance.

Planning for the 2008/09 titles at Gippsland was continuing.

8. Result of Special Meeting - Oct 2006 - Alteration to Rules re: Fittings & Vang Attachments

The Secretary reported on conduct of and detailed voting on motions considered by the Special General Meeting.

9. Election of Office Bearers

9.1 President SA President, Greg Warner, was elected as President as is traditional.

9.2 Vice President No VP has been elected for some years and no nominations were received.

9.3 Secretary/Treasurer/Public Officer Mike Simpson was the only nominee and was declared elected.

9.4 Two ordinary members of the Management Committee

No nominations were received. No ordinary members have been elected for some years and management has functioned satisfactorily via Special General Meetings.

10. Appointment of Measurer: Philip Johnson was the only nominee and was declared elected.

11. General Business: No Notices of Motion were received by the Secretary.

12. Future Titles Schedule:

- 2007/08 Brighton & Seacliff YC, South Australia
- 2008/09 Gippsland Lakes YC, Victoria
- 2009/10 New South Wales (Venue to be advised)
- 2010/11 Tasmania (Venue to be advised)
- 2011/12 South Australia (Venue to be advised)
- 2012/13 Queensland (Venue to be advised)

The Secretary to correspond with NSW with the aim of getting a venue settled by the next AGM.

13. General Discussion:

13.1 Phil Briggs postulated that Sabres were not suited to windward/leeward courses but this was not supported.

13.2 The meeting carried, with acclamation, a motion thanking Shane Navin for his years of work for the Association.

14. Date/Location of Next Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 2nd January 2008 at Brighton & Seacliff YC, SA, in conjunction with the 07/08 National Titles.