ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006

The meeting commenced at 10:15am on 2 January 2006, at the Lindisfarne Sailing Club, Tasmania.

The meeting was of State Delegates in accordance with the Rules.

1. ATTENDANCE

Officers:

Chris Keil (Tas) (President, in chair)

Maree Early (Vic) (Secretary/Treasurer)

Phil Johnson (Vic) (National Measurer)

Delegates:

South Australia: Rob Francis

Victoria: Barry Eastgate & Andrew Graham

New South Wales: Natalie Farrell

Tasmania: Andrew Bradshaw

Non Delegates in Attendance:

See attached appendix

2. APOLOGIES

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Shane Navin (NSW)

Fiona McCulloch (VIC)

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting held at the Twofold Bay Yacht Club, NSW at 3:30pm on 27/12/2004 were confirmed as distributed.

Moved: Barry Eastgate, Seconded: Natalie Farrell

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the provisional financial statement for the year ending 31st December 2005, see attachment. The accounts were stated as provisional but no changes were expected.

Moved: Maree Early, Seconded: Andrew Bradshaw - That the Statement be received. Carried

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President, Chris Keil presented his report on the year 2005.

Appreciation was expressed for the great support given the National Championships and interstate competitors were thanked for travelling to Tasmania for the event.

The web site was well supported and was proving good for communication with and between members.

He stated he was looking forward to the next Nationals in Queensland.

Moved: Chris Keil, Seconded: Natalie Farrell - That the report be received. Carried

7. NATIONAL MEASURER'S REPORT

National Measurer, Phil Johnson, gave his report for 2005.

He noted the year had been controversial with some lively discussion on the website forum.

He stated that the purpose of listing major dimensions on the website had initially been for the replacement of parts rather than to facilitate construction of new boats but suggested that general information regarding construction materials and intent of the class controls could be listed on the site.

One boat that did not comply with the rules was known to have been built in Tasmania during the year.

The Measurer recommended that any rule changes on fittings be carefully considered in light of all the rules as the intent of the rule could be changed by default otherwise.

Moved: Chris Keil, Seconded: Maree Early That the report be received. Carried

8. ELECTIONS

The following persons, being the only nominations for each office, were declared elected;

President Rob Jackson (Qld) (Chris Keil to continue in office till Qld is contacted)

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Simpson (Vic)
National Measurer Phil Johnson (Vic)

9. NATIONAL TITLES

9.1 29TH NATIONALS – LINDISFARNE, TAS

It was noted that the series was going well so far, with forty-four entries participating in the regatta. It was pleasing to see good support from mainland states.

9.2 30TH NATIONALS – CLEVELAND, QLD

The venue for next year was confirmed as Cleveland YC.

9.3 31ST NATIONALS – LARGS BAY, SA

The S.A. Association tabled a proposal by Largs Bay SC to host the Nationals in 2007/08.

10. STATE REPORTS

10.1 VICTORIA (BARRY EASTGATE)

The Victorian Titles to be held at BRYC over the weekend of 25/26 February 2006.

State Committee membership was stable, but the death of State Publicity Officer John Seeber during the year was noted with regret. John's memory will be assured with the John Seeber Memorial Teams Racing Trophy inaugurated last November.

A double-handed division is to be introduced at the State Titles but entrants will not be eligible for championship places.

A training weekend in October saw about 35 boats participating.

Victoria is undertaking a 12 month project to produce a DVD for Sabre training and development.

10.2 SOUTH AUSTRALIA

About 24 boats competed in the State Titles. Fleets were mainly at Goolwa, Largs Bay, Victor Harbour, Port River and Brighton Seacliffe.

10.3 NSW& ACT

12 to 15 boats at Connell's Point with 10 to 12 each race day.

Three heats of State Titles have been held at Connell's Point and Canberra with the next two to be held at Lake Wallagoot.

Class promotion will be undertaken at more clubs in the New Year.

10.4 QUEENSLAND

No report.

10.5 TASMANIA

It has been a big year organising the Nationals but Tasmania now has 35 financial members at Midway Point, Lindisfarne, Montrose and Deviot, and there is a big push to get "sleepy" boats out of the shed. The states were held at Midway Point over the March long weekend with good support from sponsors.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 WINDOW POSITION (Relayed from SHANE NAVIN)

Requested that this be specified in the rules. The National Measurer responded that the only controls on the window at present were the maximum area of 774 square centimetres and that it be no closer than 150mm to any edge of the sail.

11.2 MEASUREMENT ISSUES (JOHN DIXON)

Prescribed fittings – considering proposing an amendment to allow "any fittings".

Vang position on the boom – potential to delete this measurement control.

Black bands – Query possible removal and control through sail measurement.

These issues may be submitted to a postal vote during the year.

Double handed class – May propose national adoption after trial at Vic States.

11.3 THANKS

Barry Eastgate proposed thanks to Maree Early for her efforts as Secretary/Treasurer.

11.4 NATIONAL TITLES ROTATION

Suggested that order of rotation be changed so that it is not (as this and next year) from Tas to Qld

12. NEXT MEETING

To be held in association with the next Australian Titles at Cleveland, Qld.

13. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11.25am

APPENDIX 1: NON DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

Name	State	Name	State
Red Barrett	Tasmania	Rob Gale	South Australia
Andrew Bradshaw	Tasmania	Bob Wright	South Australia
Peter Cook	Tasmania	Wayne Bates	Victoria
George Fish	Tasmania	John Dixon	Victoria
Jeremy Fish	Tasmania	Stephen Early	Victoria
Andrew Fist	Tasmania	Phil Johnstone	Victoria
Jack Thompson	Tasmania	Alan Riley	Victoria
		Albert Riley	Victoria