



# National Heron Sailing Association of Australia

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date	Tuesday 20 Aug 2019
Time	8.05pm AEST
Venue	Telecon
Chairperson	John Nobbs (JN)
Present	Wayne Spencer (WS), Richard Gibson (RG), Paul Armstrong (PA), Jason Groves (JG), Andrew Nelson (AN), John Veale (JV)
Apologies	Justin Carey (JC)

Ref.	Item	Responsible	Due
<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes from previous meeting</b>		
1.1	Accepted JC JN		
<b>2</b>	<b>Correspondence in</b>		
	Request from Peter Vaicurgis regarding boat numbers.		
<b>3</b>	<b>Correspondence out</b>		
3.1	Notes to membership related to ballot regarding thwart and floorboards.		
<b>4</b>	<b>Treasurer's report</b>		
4.2	20/8 No Report 16/7 No report 18/6 JV not too much activity, cost for lodging \$46 with Fair Trading as an incorporated association. Also, approximately \$200 for the conference call facility for the AGM.		
<b>5</b>	<b>Registrar's report</b>		
5.1	20/8 AN 45 either new or renewing members in 19/20. At least 5 new members. Four new sail numbers issued (one for an old boat), three new ones for Peter V and Don Rantanen.		



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	<p>16/7 Try booking working well. \$600 collected in renewals, 15 members have renewed so far, five extra shirts purchased.</p> <p>AN small number of new members mainly from the Qld State Titles. Overall numbers have crept up to just over 100. One new boat, for Chris Sant, 10295. Andrew has been investigating online membership with Sailing Australia. Also investigating "Try Booking" which is used by Narrabeen.</p>		
<b>6</b>	<b>Measurement</b>		
	<p>20/8 Report provided from Paul. RG concerned regarding centreboard and rudder profiles, measurement form is subservient to the by-laws. Committee has examined and found large variety of shapes not strictly to plan over the life of the Heron. Changes to the measurement form reflect measurements of a number of boats.</p> <p>16/7 PA Not a lot of activity during off season. No new boat measurement forms. Paul has sold his dinghy sports boat and new owner is already booked in for Nationals. PA during changes to measurement requirements face to face interaction is very helpful. PA is happy to trial representatives from other states. Particularly a representative from Victoria would be helpful given the number of boats they build. Tony Cope or Paul Wedding are possible candidates, also Ralph Brown. Aim for one new member now and another in six months' time, after Nationals.</p> <p>RG will prepare some words around the centreboard issue so that it can formally be referred to the measurement committee (next meeting).</p> <p>18/6 No report.</p>	RG	August meeting
<b>7</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>		
	<p>20/8 No report. New newsletter being compiled.</p> <p>16/7 JC Newsletter went out. Targeting another newsletter to mark the start of the sailing season.</p>		



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	18/6 JC reported that Kate had finished the June newsletter. A couple of interest articles followed by the material from the AGM. Notice of Race from Qld Nationals will not make the Newsletter.		
<b>8</b>	<b>Website</b>		
8.1	<p>20/8 RG getting many contacts from people restoring Herons. Some will be included in the Newsletter.</p> <p>16/7 RG has location archival footage in the National Film and Sound Archive of three minutes of Heron sailing in 1968 in Canberra on Lake Burley Griffin. We can get a copy for \$300. Also, RG has some older video tapes from 1980s and 90s which we can get digitised. Decided that we had enough older footage not to need the archival material from Canberra.</p> <p>Revised constitution is now up on the website following the special general meeting.</p> <p>18/6 RG, website has been fairly stable since the last meeting. SA AGM yielded a suggestion that minutes of the committee meeting go on the website. JC suggested Heron forum may be an appropriate place and will post a summary after each meeting.</p>		
<b>9</b>	<b>Nationals organisation</b>		
9.5	<p>19/20 Qld Nationals – 20/8 Working on notice of race also social programme.</p> <p>16/7 Going well. Still aiming for at least 61 boats. Sailing instructions are being prepared, expect ½ windward returns and ½ triangular courses.</p> <p>18/6 Coordination meetings have started. Progressing well. Targeting to get 61 boats at the 61<sup>st</sup> Heron Nationals. Would make Herons one of the biggest fleets in Australia for Nationals Participation. Presentation Night will be in Tewantin.</p>		



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9.7	<p>SA Nationals – 20/8 Going well, meeting with Largs Bay SC.</p> <p>Locked in for Sat 9- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Jan '21. Have held first organising committee meeting. Discussions starting with Largs Bay. Darryl Emery will be PRO. We will not have to share the course.</p> <p>18/6 are moving the timing at Largs Bay to a later date, approximately 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> of January will confirm later. Not sharing with Fireballs.</p>		
9.8	ACT National – nothing to report.		
<b>10</b>	<b>State reports</b>		
10.1	<p>20/8 NSW – programme completed and [posted on the web site.</p> <p>Qld – 28 boats at Jack Holt Regatta.</p> <p>16/7 SA had AGM and presentation. Several boats for sale on the SA website and also Gumtree.</p>		
<b>11</b>	<b>General business</b>		
11.1	<p>20/8 PA has run out of Heron Handbooks. Important to get the new edition ready.</p> <p>Discussed sharing membership information to committee. JG to investigate options.</p> <p>16/7 <b>By law resolutions.</b> Action WS to document the arguments and send out e-mail for electronic voting by members. Michael Groves has agreed to act as returning officer again. Voting to closing 5.00pm Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Send draft of summary of arguments to the committee.</p> <p>18/6 Notice of special general meeting has gone out. For this time, we need to convene a meeting to confirm the results. RG offered formal acknowledgement of the work of Justin Carey, Paul Armstrong (PHSC), John Deshon in developing the proposed changes to the Constitution.</p> <p>21/5 JC regarding changes to the constitution. JD has done some work already to pick up on discrepancies and</p>	WS	21 July



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11.2	<p>bring the constitution in line with the Revised Act. JC has prepared a ToR for a sub-committee to look at the constitution as forecast at the AGM. After forming the sub-committee JD has assisted by taking the initiative to prepare a draft of potential changes to the constitution.</p> <p><b>Option 1:</b> Go out in the next two weeks. Convene a special general meeting to receive the poll results. Then run an “electronic” poll for the by-law changes without convening a meeting during August. Post onto the forum about middle of next week. If it does not provoke too much reaction look to go out for a vote two weeks after that.</p> <p><b>Option 2:</b> Follow the path discussed at the AGM. Send out by-law and constitution changes in early August together.</p> <p><b>RG:</b> Raised that the requirements for by-law changes and constitution changes are no longer in alignment following past changes to the constitution.</p> <p><b>JC:</b> In this case the changes will be bundled together into one proposal for a single vote. Would like to tackle the straight forward changes at the first round and then come back for more thorough re-draft later in the year.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> That option one be progressed. Accepted unanimously.</p> <p><b>18/6 Membership Fees:</b> Discussed setting at <b>\$40</b> which would still cover normal operating costs of the Association and hopefully stimulate an increase in membership. This would be a flat rate which would simplify the need for a boat registration fee. <b>Accepted Unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>21/5 Membership Fees:</b> Discussion on options for structure and level of membership fees. Recent savings in insurance and newsletter costs mean that the Association could still operate sustainably and offer members a much lower joining fee. General agreement that this was the way to go but agree to dedicate the June meeting to this issue.</p>		



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	<p>RG would like to look at how we can better support the Measurement Committee and to build a broader representation from other states. JN will make contact with PA.</p> <p>JN, there is a set of moulds in Qld. They are Mark II shape (asymmetric). They are for sale on Gumtree for \$1200. RG will research the history of the plug in JN's keeping and the Qld mould to develop a position on the best course of action. JN will speak with PA to find out the background to the mould and plug at Dinghy Sports.</p>		
<b>12</b>	<b>Meeting closed</b>		
12.1	The meeting was closed at 9.45 pm (AEST).	Note	
<b>13</b>	<b>Next meeting</b>		
13.1	Next Meeting: 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 8.00pm (AEST)	Note	