



National Heron Sailing Association of Australia

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date	Thursday 16th March 2023
Time	8.10 pm AEDT
Venue	Zoom
Chairperson	Paul Armstrong PHOSC (PA PHOSC)
Present	Chris Sant (CS ACT), Wayne Spencer (WS), Chris Denman (CD), Justin Carey (JC), Jeremy Brown (JB), Anthony Morgan (AM)
Apologies	John Nobbs (JN), Kate Carey (KC), Paul Armstrong DAC (PA DAC), Chris Sacre (CS NSW), John Veale (JV), Richard Gibson (RG)

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1	Minutes from previous meeting		
1.1	February minutes accepted unanimously. WS to send update to RG for website.		
1.2			
2	Correspondence in		
2.1	<p>16/3 Measurement committee nominating Bill Pedersen as longest serving member. Mast proposal, two queries, from Robin Pidd (asking the reason for the proposed change) and Scott Jamieson (asking if performance testing had been carried out for the proposed section).</p> <p>16/2 Neil Burford, equipment report from Nationals Neil Burford, proposal for by-law change for masts.</p> <p>15/12 Gary Brunton re life member badge (Feb update - JV will deliver)</p> <p>Graham Baxendale – re association heron for sale.</p> <p>17/11 Updated measurement form from measurement committee. Changes address the by-law changes, other changes to tidy up the form, e.g., floor thickness not addressed yet.</p> <p>Website enquiry from Victoria for used boat to be advertised.</p>	<p>JV</p> <p>PA will write regarding other changes.</p>	



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3	Correspondence out		
3.1	<p>16/3 Sent out proposal (21st Feb) for by-law change to members to invite comment on the proposal.</p> <p>Replies to Robin Pidd (referred him to the attached document on proposal) and Scott Jamieson on mast proposal (explained that the measurement committee will be carrying out testing on a number of options for mast sections/materials).</p> <p>15/12 PA (Qld) to Glenn Wilson re potential Victorian Nationals in Jan 25. No response yet.</p> <p>17/11 RG to members on measurement form changes.</p>		
4	Treasurer's report		
4.2	<p>16/3 No outgoings. JV Will report later.</p> <p>16/2 Income mainly from fees (driven by Nats), approx. \$400 recent expenses also about \$400 (mainly plans sent out). Balance \$32,952. Also, association heron (Tas) and trailer (SA). Will be buying a replacement mast for non-complying carbon mast. Carbon tip mast will be retained by association for testing.</p> <p>17/11 Bank account is \$32,762, FYTD income \$4240 (mainly memberships) expense \$500.</p>		
5	Registrar's report		
5.1	<p>16/3 CD no new members, quiet. One inquiry on boat history from prospective buyer in Qld.</p> <p>16/2 Three new members since last meeting. 104 members in total. New members proposed CD, seconded JB accepted unanimously.</p> <p>Shannon Corbett (NSW)</p> <p>Jalina Thompson- Kambos (SA)</p> <p>Peter Smith (SA)</p>		



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	15/12 Four new members. Accepted unanimously.		
6	Measurement		
	<p>16/3 PA (Qld – ex PHOSC) to reply to measurement committee welcoming Rohan Nosworthy to trial new section at Qld States. PA to draft expression of interest for new member to the measurement committee. Potential selection criteria discussed, history and knowledge in the class, active member and technically capable.</p> <p>Written report from Measurement Committee Chairperson (PA (NSW));</p> <p>Unfortunately, we have not been able to coordinate a Measurement Committee Meeting</p> <p>There has been no other measurement issues since last meeting</p> <p>Regarding the mast project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I have not had any further communication from Nick Billet regarding his full carbon mast 2. I have been advised Keeley Spars are now undergoing liquidation, and will be shut down permanently in the near future. This affects supply of the other proposed section I am aware of in circulation 3. Rohan Nosworthy has requested to trial the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The sections are ones used by the Impulse dinghy and are available from two commercial suppliers who have stock of over 30 masts each, and have both done production runs in the last 18 months.</i> <i>They are internal tracked extrusions of 6061/6068 T6 temper aluminium and are anodised.</i> <i>Cost from MD Spars is \$320 inc GST</i> <i>Cost from GTS Engineering is \$275 inc GST</i> 		



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	<p><i>MD Section measures overall (inc track) 68 x 44mm</i></p> <p><i>GTS Section measures overall (inc track) 65 x 47mm</i></p> <p><i>Both have wall thickness stiffeners in varying positions.</i></p> <p><i>I intend to rig the mast with no internal sleeving initially.</i></p> <p><i>I have a MD section on hand which if approved, I will rig and sail at Coffs Harbour regatta and Qld States as a Genoa rig.</i></p> <p><i>I will await further advice/approval before proceeding any further</i></p> <p>4. Freddie still has approximately 20 aluminium masts in stock with most current boats updated and only a few new herons each year so stocks should last a few seasons.</p> <p>5. If we decide to approve carbon as an option, new tips are readily available at a much cheaper price</p> <p>6. A full meeting will hopefully be held next month</p> <p>16/2 Minutes from measurement committee sent through. Passing of Andy Gough noted, PA (Qld ex PHOSC) will send condolence card on behalf of Association. PA (DAC) will prepare and article for the next newsletter. Next MC meeting scheduled for March. Neil Burford commended on the measurement role he carried out for the Nationals and the Management Committee noted their thanks.</p> <p>Mast project – carbon mast being trialled in Qld, also SA trialling a new mast section, used by Pacers (subject of current by-law proposal). PA (DAC) would like to trial these various (4) sections (including carbon tip aluminium mast and also current full aluminium mast) rather than</p>		



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	<p>rush into change. Currently 20 mast blanks in stock.</p> <p>JC reported back from 505 nationals that boats were not compulsorily measured or weighted, only at the request of the owner.</p> <p>15/12 Discussion on measurement requirements for boats with lapsed registration. Aim to get as many interstate boats as possible pre-measured before arrival is SA to reduce the load on local measurers at the event.</p> <p>SA nationals committee identifying anomalies between the measurement form and by-laws. Once finalised will be passed to measurement committee for review / improvements to the form.</p> <p>17/11 No report. PA will speak with Dinghy Sports on mast supply and existing masts in circulation.</p>		
7	Newsletter		
	<p>16/3 Should be out by the end of March.</p> <p>16/2 Neil Burford's equipment report from Nationals to be included in the Newsletter (JC/KC). Next newsletter due out in March</p>		
8	Website		
8.1	<p>16/2 Facebook group is blossoming with great interaction and information sharing. RG will look at dropping the old Facebook page. Website hosting renewed.</p>		
9	Nationals organisation		
9.8	<p>23/24 ACT Nationals – YMCA sailing club.</p> <p>16/3 Planning is progressing well. Neil Burford has offered to coordinate measurement for the regatta, race officials being organised and NoR / SIs being drafted.</p> <p>16/2 Dates settled as (CS e-mail). Neil Burford has kindly offered to lead measurement activity for the regatta. ACT would need an advance of funds for the regatta to</p>		



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	<p>manage cashflow until entries open. Agreed to run funding out of National Association Account and track activity. Interest in second hand boats for Nationals from ACT (association boat will be at ACT nationals also). Also looking at accommodation options.</p> <p>24/25 Vic Nationals – St Leonards SC</p>		
10	State reports		
10.1	<p>16/3 Chris Sacre provided a written report;</p> <p>All is well in NSW</p> <p>Congrats to Port Hacking for a successful single-handed regatta.</p> <p>The next event is the Jr State Champs on 25/26 March. Number likely to be a little down due to clashes with Opti and Bic states. We would love to see our QLD champs there and can provide boats for those willing to fly in.</p> <p>Then Coffs Harbour event at the end of April. Again, we encourage QLD herons to come south and all Sydney aiders to head north.</p> <p>TAS – five herons displayed at the wooden boat festival. Good response. Some archival super eight film footage of Tasmanian heron sailing by Charlie Payne via Andrew Payne donated to the Tasmanian Maritime Museum. The “700” series herons from Tasmania were grandfathered as “A” class at the time the Tasmanian heron association became part of the national association circa 1968.</p> <p>WA – fairly quiet with small fleet. Interest in herons but not for racing, 2-3 regular herons sailing at PDSC.</p> <p>QLD – States coming up. Large contingent planning to attend from SYD/NSW.</p> <p>ACT – Chris Sant representing Heron class in their champion of champions competition.</p> <p>16/2 NSW - All is well in NSW. Wallis lake weekend a great success. Great synergies with the sabot class.</p>		



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11	General business		
11.1	16/3 JC still progressing new T-shirts. 16/2 RG is able to attend on 3 rd Tuesdays from April to October. Move meeting from April (WS). JC looking at a new run of “retro” heron T-shirts. All agreed to support. JC will get quote for One hundred shirts.		
12	Meeting closed		
12.1	The meeting was closed at 9.00 pm (AEDT).	Note	
13	Next meeting		
13.1	Next Meeting: Tues 18 th April 2023 8.00pm (AEST)	Note	