

Baffle Creek Boat Club Inc
Minutes of the annual General Meeting held at Flat Rock 27/11/2011

Meeting opened at 10 15am

Present: Sunirmalya (Suni) Symons, Jean Osanz, John Hughes, Steve Jordan, Gail Grose, Kevin Grose, Ruth Gledhill, Faye Rattrey, Alicia (Charlie) Hay, Vicki Stringfellow

Apologies: Bev Grundy

Chair: Sunirmalya Symons

Minutes: Ruth Gledhill

Minutes of the previous AGM: Read by Ruth to be accepted as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting

Moved: Suni

Seconded: John

Carried

Commodore's Report: Suni thanked the executive for being well organised and cooperative. As the executive meets informally every week there is little need to have more formal meetings, but these would be organised on a needs basis, for example when planning the raft race.

Suni officially thanked Charlie for the work she has done as treasurer in the past years and expressed regret at her resignation from the position.

Moved: Suni

Seconded: Vicki

Winter sailing this year was again a success and will be continued for those interested.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's breakdown of income and expenditure and independent auditor's report were tabled and circulated for discussion. As the raft race was cancelled this year the club operated at a loss, however there is still a significant amount in the bank account.

Business arising:

As there was no raft race this year due to flooding we have some donated funds and grants left and there is a need to follow up with this to see what procedure should be followed. i.e. can we carry them over to next year? **Action:** John to follow up on donation.

There is a need to formalise the agreement with the landlord regarding payment of rent. To date we receive no invoice/notification when rent is due which makes it difficult for new executive members to keep track. \$500 is currently owed. **Action:** Charlie to follow this up and liaise with the incoming treasurer.

Election of office bearers for 2012

Suni declared all positions vacant.

The following nominations were received:

Commodore: Sunirmalya Symons

Nominated: Charlie

Second: John

Vice commodore: Steve Jordan

Nominated: Suni

Second: Vicki

Secretary: Ruth Gledhill

Nominated: Suni

Second: Steve

Treasurer: Jean Osanz

Nominated: Suni

Second: Steve

Gear Master: John Hughes

Nominated: Suni

Second: Vicki

Committee: Vicki Stringfellow

Nominated: Ruth

Second: Steve

There were no further nominations and the candidates were elected unopposed.

Other Business:

Nomination of a potential life member of the club: John Hughes

John suggested that Bev Grundy be offered life membership of the club as a way of showing appreciation of the work she put in as secretary in past years. Kevin suggested that we need to consult the constitution to ensure that all requirements for life membership are met and that correct procedure is followed.

Action: Ruth to check constitution and report back

Motion: That pending confirmation of the constitution requirements Bev be offered life membership.

Moved: John

Second: Ruth

Carried

Review of membership and sailing fees – Ruth Gledhill

Ruth suggested that as our fees were very low perhaps it was time to review and increase them. Ensuing discussion rejected the suggestion because although an increase would be minimal as this is a small club the financial benefit was insignificant and would not justify potential loss of members. No motion was entered.

Christmas breakup event – Ruth Gledhill

When/where would this take place?

Motion: Christmas break up be held at Flat Rock on December 11

Moved: Steve

Second: Suni.

Steve: Suggested there is a need to audit equipment and what needs to be purchased.

John: has a good idea of what we have, but there is a need to check the floats on all masts with a view to replacing them. There is a need for a small amount of funds for steel to extend the trailer.

Action: John to check prices and report back.

Suni: need to ensure that new members have achieved an acceptable and safe standard before they embark on solo sailing. At least 2 members of the executive should be consulted before they are authorised. When new members are present, the rescue boat should always be available.

Action – Ruth to check the availability of grants to train members as qualified sailing instructors.

Kevin: Suggested the club needs to check previous life membership and that the club should investigate the possibility of accepting the lease on the Flat Rock area which would result in security of tenure and ensure a voice in future government decisions. Charlie raised the issues of liability and maintenance.

Action: executive to investigate the ramifications and report back.

Fay: suggested that the club place notices in school newsletters as a means of raising public awareness about the club and encouraging new members. This was considered a good idea and it would be followed up.

Fay also raised the possibility of car-pooling as a way of encouraging participation of younger members whose parents did not always have the time or ability to transport them. Ensuing discussion suggested that this has implications of responsibility and duty of care and needs to be undertaken on a personal basis rather than as a club.

Suni: Suggested that we should consider the possibility of replacing the existing rescue boat with a Zodiac which would be easier to handle and safer in potential rescue attempts.

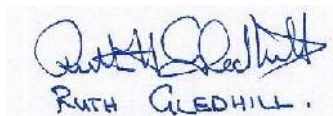
Action: Executive to investigate prices and availability.

Meeting closed at 11: 11 am

Signed:



Sunirmalya Symons
Commodore



RUTH GLEDHILL.

Ruth Gledhill
Secretary