
MEETING MINUTES – AGM

Date of Meeting: 6/1/2017. Time: 16:13-18:19

Location of Meeting: Henley Sailing Club, 1 Seaview Rd, West Beach SA 5024

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1. Purpose of Meeting:

> To discuss the future development of the class in Australia.

2. Attendance at Meeting:

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2. Meeting Agenda:

- Recap on States Class position
 - Election of state reps
 - Class Rules
 - 2018 Australian O'pen Cup
 - Encorporating Teams racing into Australian O'pen
 - Current relationship with Australian Sailing
 - Class progression
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State recaps;

NSW – Richard DOOLEY not present (class report read by Arthur Gargett). Great growth in Silver and Green fleet. Biggest states to date 65. Slight drop off in Gold fleet. Low A.S entries from O'pen BIC's. Richard Dooley happy to step down as NSW rep.

WA – Brien HENNESSEY. Growth all round with between 60 – 70 active boats and 38 at 2016 states.

VIC – Chris HORDERN. VIC have recently set up their own state committee which is working well. VIC run the first SuperCup event which focuses on more FUN events. Very good feedback and numbers to this event. Numbers in general due to many gold fleet sailors moving on to other classes.

SA – Jo MITTON. A positive vibe in SA even though numbers are low. Adam Spees commented that YSA almost seem to make a conscious effort to not promote BIC's.

QLD – David LYNCH. QLD are lacking a distributor that is actively involved and David feels this is key to the development of the class. Numbers have dropped off due to many sailors moving on to different classes. Positive outlook for 2017.

NT – Richard WILTSHIRE. No BIC's present in NT and minnows still the most popular class. Not much to report.

NZ – Amanda HERBERT. NZ have recently set up their own Class Association. The support of Sir Russell Coutts has boosted the class dramatically. Averaging 25+ boats to each regatta. Positive all round from NZ.

3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues:

- Election of Office Bearer.
 - **President:** David LYNCH
 - **Secretary:** Bevan MCKAVANAGH
 - **Treasurer:** Glenn LAZZAR
- State directors were nominated to suggest clubs to host 2017 O'pen Cups. **NSW:** Dave HYDE **QLD:** David LYNCH **SA:** Jo MITTON **VIC:** Chris HORDERN **WA:** Brien HENNESSEY **NZ:** Geoff DAWSON
 - Dave HYDE was elected to represent the Australian O'pen BIC Class on an International level.
- **Class Rules.**
 - A general discussion was held on the change to the age categories made by the International Class. It was felt the removal of the U19's category would lower numbers by up to 10% and had no benefit on the class.
 - The majority voted against the change of age categories and AUS will continue to run with U13's, U16's and U19's.
 - The age calculation date was agreed to be changed to the first day of the event. This vote was unanimous. Starting at the Nationals in 2018.
- **Australian Sailing Relationship:**
 - A general discussion took place about the current relationship with A.S. Multiple negative experiences were raised about attending A.S events in 2016.
 - It was decided to highlight two events in each state (chosen by the rep) and only push/advertise these, in a hope to raise attendance.
 - Continue to push the Class in the direction we are going and express to A.S that we want to work with them.
- **2018 Australian O'pen Cup**
 - Morton Bay is the proposed Sailing club to host the 2018 BIC Nationals. Southport Y.C is a secondary club if Morton Bay doesn't come through.
 - David LYNCH to secure venue with help from BIC Sport.
 - Teams Racing to be trialed at the 2018 Nationals, but not to jeopardise the 2up Adventure Race due to this being a key experience for new sailors.
- **PanPax Cup.**
 - Glenn LAZZAR suggested hosting an event that included, Hawaii, Japan, New Zealand & Australia.
 - The concept was received extremely well by everyone present and agreed to continue the conversation further at another time. Bevan MCKAVANAGH suggested Hamilton Island as a location.
- **General Business:**
 - David LYNCH had positive conversation with A.S in regards to BIC's being included in pathway.
 - Oliver ASHTON suggested approaching A.S and asking for a Green fleet option for the BIC's. Received well and to be proposed to A.S this year.
 - New O'pen BIC Development Manager as Ryan SPRING will be moving into a different area of the business. Jessie Lawson to start work in February.

4. Action Items:

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Secure a club for the 2018 Nationals	D.LYNCH	ASAP	Proposes M.B.Y.C
Highlight 2 Australian Sailing events for O'pen BIC's to attend in each state	State Reps	End of Feb.	TBC
PanPax Cup	G.LAZZAR B.MCKAVANAGH T.PARKS	ASAP	TBC

Apologies:

- Richard DOOLEY
- Richard WILTSHIRE
- Amanda HERBERT

5. Next Meeting:

<i>Date:</i> TBC		<i>Time:</i>	TBC	<i>Location:</i>	TBC
<i>Agenda:</i>	TBC				