

PORT ESPERANCE SAILING CLUB

Annual General Meeting Minutes:

3 pm Sunday 19 September 2021

- **Attendance**

- **Members: 38 members attended**

Brian Bodger, Chris Bodger, Dorothy Bruck, Siobhan Carter, Julia Carlson, Arthur Clarke, Brett Coughlan, Fran Davis, Reg Davis, Tony Dunshea, Erin Dunshea, Sally Errey, Jeremy Firth, Neil Fuller, Marlan Gartland, Sandra Garland, Sally Gregor, Rob Gregor, Rebecca Hancock, Steve Harrison, Claire Heywood, Robert Jackson, Douglas Jones, Joanna Lawton, Ange Lewis, Susan Norton, Ian Preston, Gillian Richards, Rosemary Sandford, Rachael Trueman, James Vicary, Matthew Wardell, Andrew Weir, Helen Whitty, Martin Wohlgemuth, David Wood, Rose Wright, Rowan Wylie.

- **Non- Members: Nil**

- **Apologies:**

Patrick O'Sullivan, Penny St Ledger, Leuwin & John Hopkins, Martes Alison, James Cowmeadow, Craig Coulson, Gavin Rigby, Barbara and Steve Glaus.

- **The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 23th August 2020** were corrected to show Auditor as being Elise Oost, and then Accepted by Martin Wohlgemuth, seconded by Rachael Trueman and carried.
- **The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 23 August 2020** were corrected to show one of the attending members as being Brett Marshall. Moved by Rob Gregor, seconded by Rachael Trueman and carried.

- **Port Esperance Sailing Club AGM 2021 - Commodores Report by Matt Wardell**

It has been a very busy year for the club. Despite the disruption and uncertainty during the last 12 months with COVID 19 and operating a sailing club without a clubhouse, our work over this year I hope provides significant promise for the future of PESCL.

Our junior sailing program got underway in October out of a loaned Duggans Concrete shipping container. Our new Optimist sailing dinghies, purchased following our insurance payout and generous contributions from many members of the sailing community, were put to good use with about 20 juniors registered in the learn to sail program. An addition 2 Optimist sailing dinghies were loaned from Sandy Bay Sailing Club and proved essential for delivering junior sailing activities on Sunday mornings. We were very fortunate to receive financial assistance from Bendigo Bank and Liberal MP Nick Street to ensure we had all the safety equipment we needed. The culmination of the learn to sail program was a to sail and picnic on Rabbit Island.

Our new Quest sailing dinghies, purchased with the assistance of Tasmanian Community Fund, were also put to good use over the year and proved to be a popular well performing training boat for both juniors and adults. A particularly successful weekend was an interclub activity where some of our juniors sailed the Quests to Randalls Bay to link up with Port Cygnet Sailing Club juniors for a weekend of camping and fun activities.

Over the season we identified the need for an additional coach boat for sail training and Bendigo Bank again assisted us in the purchase of a new inflatable for use the 2021/22 season.

A big thank you to all our sailing instructors and volunteers over the season. The Junior sailing activities help bring the community together and get kids on the water exploring the Bay and beyond.

We have worked hard to maintain and develop new relationships with other sailing clubs, including SBSC, RYCT, PCSC, CYCT, and Australian Sailing and Tasmanian Sabot Association to help us deliver new sailing opportunities. The club now has 4 x Sabots and a 470 sailing dinghy thanks to generous personal and club donations. Sandy Bay Sailing Club hosted a junior and youth coaching clinic in Port Esperance which was a great success, and it seems will continue to be a regular event on their sailing calendar. PCSC provided valuable assistance during our Easter Regatta, and we saw wonderful, shared activity at Randalls Bay with them, again an event that will be repeated this year. Australian Sailing also assisted us with discounted training courses for our sailing instructors. I hope we can maintain and build our junior sailing program and encourage more adult sailing opportunities over the coming year.

Our Easter Regatta was a challenging event under tight COVID restrictions, but a Huon Valley Council grant helped to make the event happen. The high winds did not help over the weekend with volunteers left trying to hold down gazebos during gusty conditions. Despite low numbers of entrants, we are thankful that we were able to run the event at all, which unfortunately was not the case with many other clubs.

We have exciting news for our rowers with the construction of a new community-built St. Ayles skiff underway. This build has been made possible though a tourism grant obtained by Far South Tasmania local tourism association, and it has been agreed that PESC will be the custodian of this vessels once complete. This will be one of several St. Ayles skiffs in Tasmania and its completion is keenly awaited by our rowers for social and competitive rowing.

I hope most of you will now have had a chance to see our new website which is now visually and functionally a much better platform. I want to acknowledge Rachael Trueman for really driving this project and ensuring our members are kept well informed.

The Regatta provided an opportunity for an exciting announcement by the Labour Party to help fund the clubhouse rebuild. This was soon followed by an electoral commitment from the Liberal Party to fund the rebuild with a contribution of \$430,000. This commitment would not have eventuated without the hard work of the committee & members ensuring the relevant local members were kept up to date with the project. I wish to thank all the committee for the additional time and effort required to push forward our rebuild project at a local and state level.

The clubhouse rebuild is progressing well in challenging conditions caused by the unprecedented construction industry boom. I believe we will see the project completed during 2022. I would like to acknowledge the valuable input of various community and club members in supporting this process.

Without a clubhouse we also have no bar facility and the all-important revenue this brings to help support the club. Again, thanks to the great work of the committee and the assistance of numerous members, volunteers, and other community organisations we have been able to run bars and stalls at several events through the year, as well as deliver wonderful social events to ensure members stay connected. Additionally, I wish to thank all members for their continued support and membership in a year without a clubhouse.

Looking forward PESC has a positive future with a new purpose-built facility pending and a growing community interest in sailing on Port Esperance Bay.

A very big thank you to all the committee for their contributions and substantial time commitments over the year to ensure there is a positive future for PESC.

The Commodore's Report was accepted by James Vicary and seconded by Martin Wohlgemuth and carried.

• Treasurer's Report From Rebecca Hancock

TREASURERS REPORT 2021 AGM

For the 2020-21 financial year, PESC's total income including the insurance payout was \$515,466.36. Excluding the insurance payout of \$461,791.35 for building and contents, our income was \$53,675.01. Expenditure was \$43,184.01. Therefore, PESC's operational surplus/profit before other items was \$10,491.00.

Additionally, \$44,564.40 was spent on dinghy boats to re-build a small fleet for the club. These appear in the balance sheet as non-current assets.

At 30 June 2020, we had \$41,076.32 cash in the bank available for day-to-day operations (excluding fundraising set aside for capital purchases). At the end of 30 June 2021, we had \$17,078.73 available for operating. Therefore, we have spent \$23,997.59 of our savings, mostly towards dinghies.

The Committee considered it was vital that we keep operating as a sailing club until we have a new building, and in particular to continue offer sailing opportunities for children, and therefore we made a judgment that dipping into our retained earnings to supplement our fundraising was justified.

PESC was successful in obtaining \$25,397.99 in grants for dinghies and equipment. We received \$12,008.73 in donations and fundraising plus earned additional money from sales of food and drinks at events. Our membership remained strong – 32 Senior sailing, 27 Junior sailing, 12 Associate, 40 social members. We earned \$5,181.96 from membership fees. We made money hosting the regatta.

The insurance payouts plus \$6,520.13 in building donations and bank interest (total \$468,311.48) have been set aside in a building account and term deposit. \$11,760 was spent on fees for quantity surveying, a geotechnical survey and architect fees. (Balance \$456,551.48.) PESC has signed a contract with the Tasmanian Government for a grant of \$430,000 for the clubhouse. The first tranche of \$215,000 will be paid upon granting of permits to commence building.

PESC has recently registered for GST which is required to receive the Tas government building grant.

The current period, with no clubhouse, is financially challenging for the club. We can't make revenue from the bar and we have ongoing operating expenses. One of our main costs is insurance: (\$9,806.95). The Club clearly cannot continue to use savings for operational costs or asset purchases. However, last year was an extraordinary year and the situation is temporary. We have savings in the bank, we have a solid membership base and we will continue to fundraise to help cover our operating expenses in order to steer the club through the next difficult year or so until our clubhouse is re-built. It is the Committee's considered view that we should have sufficient funds to maintain a positive bank balance until we return to usual trading.

As a final point, I wish to state clearly that funds designated for the building and grants have been expended for these purposes only. No funds from these sources have been used to supplement day-to-day operational costs.

Treasurer's report was accepted by Martin Wohlgemuth and seconded by Angela Lewis and carried.

• **Auditor's report**

The Auditors report was accepted by James Vicary and seconded by Rob Gregor

The members resolved to appoint Elise Oost as auditor for the club for the next year for a fee of \$100. Accepted by Rachael Trueman and seconded by James Vicary.

Arthur Clarke moved that \$66.00 be set aside to pay for the payment of the annual return to CBOS. Seconded by Sally Gregor and carried.

• **Appointment of Management Committee for next 12 months**

Dave Wood declared all Office Bearer positions vacant. He then read out the following nominations for the 2021/22 committee. The following people were nominated for positions:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Decision
Commodore	Matt Wardell	Sally Gregor	Neil Fuller	Elected
Vice Commodore (Sailing)	Neil Fuller	Sally Gregor	Rachael Trueman	Elected
Vice Commodore (Social)	Joanna Lawton	Rebecca Hancock	Rachael Trueman	Elected
Treasurer	Rebecca Hancock	Sally Gregor	Rachael Trueman	Elected
Secretary	Sally Gregor	Rob Gregor	Rachael Trueman	Elected
Public Officer	Arthur Clarke	Sally Gregor	Rebecca Hancock	Elected

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Committee member	Rachael Trueman	Sally Gregor	Rob Gregor	Elected
Committee member	Tony Dunshea	Arthur Clarke	Rebecca Hancock	Elected
Committee member	Arthur Clarke	Rob Gregor	Sally Gregor	Elected
Committee member	Dot Bruck	Sally Gregor	Rebecca Hancock	Elected
Committee member	Doug Jones	Susan Norton	Patrick O'Sullivan	Elected

The membership present were all in agreement with the nominations and welcomed the new Committee members Dot Bruck and Doug Jones to the 2021/22 Committee.

AGM Closed at 3.35 pm