



PORT ESPERANCE SAILING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2023
Sunday 17th September, 2023
03:00pm

Present: Jeremy Firth, Neil Fuller, Rachael Trueman, James Vicary, Arthur Clarke, Siobhan Carter, Tony Dunshea, Sally Errey, Andrew Wong, David Woods, Caroline Homer, Rebecca Hancock, Doug Jones, Joanna Lawton, David Morton, Matt Wardell, Andrew Weir, Janet Whitlow, Martin Wohlgemuth, Ian Preston, Sandra Garland, Marlan Garland, Brett Coughlan.

Apologies: Susan Norton, Dot Bruck, Gavin Rigby, Rob Jackson, Claire Heywood, Jen Rudland, Ange Thorpe, Gill Richards, Josephine Jaworsky, Tolly Jaworski, Penny Saint Leger.

PESC AGM Minutes 2022 Acceptance: Moved: Rachael T., seconded: Martin W. Carried.

Commodore's Report:

The last 12 months have been busy for the club and without a doubt the most exciting news is that we have a functional clubhouse once again. We formally moved into the upper half of the building just before our annual regatta at Easter. I want to express our thanks to Cygnet Construction Builders for putting in a huge effort to get us in for the regatta. Also, a big thanks to all the volunteer club members who put in the hours to help get the building occupiable, special thanks to Gillian Richards for her commitment in managing the project.

Having a roof over our heads once again was fantastic during the Easter Regatta. With the weather delivering some horizontal rain on the Sunday participants were able to hide away and watch it blow through. The benefits of having a clubhouse for those running a regatta cannot be underestimated and was much appreciated by organisers and participants alike.

One of the most important benefits of the new clubhouse again is of course being able to bring together and embrace our membership and our community. Friday evening social evenings have now re-established and there has been a surge of activity from members and community to finishing painting the interior. A big thanks to Martin for coordinating this activity.

The interior acoustics have been problematic due to the removal of some design features to save costs. However, we are working to improve these with great community projects such as the Big Fish Project organised by Joanna Lawton with help from Gill Richards, Bianca Curran and Rebecca Hancock. This creative and colourful community project built with local kids will also help absorb some of the sound waves.

The junior sailing has of course operated for most of the season out of the rented shed on Station Road. Despite these challenges we have seen good numbers of juniors interested in learning to sail with up to 15 beginners and up to 6 green fleet sailors. We ran training from the foreshore on most Sunday mornings. Great fun was had on our usual event through the season, such as Rabbit Island Picnic, Southport Australia Day weekend, Randalls Bay weekend and the link with Sandy Bay sailing club during their Dover weekend. Thanks to our instructors John Skinner, Gill Richards and myself and to our volunteers Doug Jones, Tony Dunshea, Neil Fuller, Jess Wardell and Martin Wohlgemuth.

Our Easter Regatta was a great 3 day event with a good junior dinghy fleet. Participants were entertained by our local musicians in the Pescadores and fed with delicious food from our volunteers. It was another fun and busy weekend and thank you to everyone who contributed. We were lucky again to get Jeremy and Penny back for their last year of running the race control and start finish lines and once again thank you to them for all their years of commitment to the club.

One of the highlights for me personally was seeing four PESC junior representatives at the Sabot Week and National event held at Port Dalrymple Yacht Club. This is a great week of fun and a great opportunity for our juniors to sail in bigger fleets. Jess Wardell had some great results in the Nationals and was the 3rd placed Tasmanian sailor. Dete Wardell and Rafa Mendoza competed in the 2-up division with different crews and did an amazing job in some challenging conditions. Dete Wardell won the Sabot Week 2-up event with his crew Joey Adams from KBSC, with Rafa 2nd place with his crew Max Beswick from Leven Sailing Club. Solomon Powell raced in the 1-up division in Sabot Week. The younger sailors did a remarkable job in challenging conditions, and I am very proud of all their achievements.

I will not be nominating again for the role of Commodore this year. I have been in the role for 7 years now and I have really enjoyed seeing the development of regular junior sailing activity over this time. Despite the horror of losing the clubhouse to fire in 2020 and the challenging time that followed I look back and feel very fortunate to have been part of the team rebuilding this great new facility which sees the start of another chapter of PESC's rich history.

I want to give sincere thanks to all the committee members who have contributed over this time and in particular the team involved with getting this new building to where it is. Special thanks to Racheal Trueman and Rebecca Handcock for their ongoing commitment in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer.

(Acceptance moved Martin W., seconded Arthur C., carried)

Treasurer's Report:

The following financial reports were provided for members:

Auditor's Report
Profit & Loss for 2022-23

Balance Sheet at 30 June 2023

Details of Building Expenditure: for 2022-23, and total to 30 June 23

Global Picture

For the financial year 2022-23, total income was **\$275,806** and total expenditure was **\$563,498**, a loss of **\$287,692**. At 30th June 2023, PESC had **\$32,346** in its accounts, non-current assets of \$44,564, and **\$30,506** in GST reimbursements due for 2022-2023, resulting in a total equity position of **\$107,417**.

Day-to-day operations

- At 1st July 2022 the cheque account balance was \$14,918, and at 30th June 2023, the balance was **\$14,310** (a nett loss of \$608 for the financial year).
- Income was **\$25,077**. This included \$8,273 membership fees.
- Expenditure on operating expenses was **\$25,382.08**.
This included: insurances - marine \$5,205; public liability \$2,624; building instalments \$2,022 (Full year will be \$8,447); regatta expenses \$4,743; rent of shed \$1,800.

Re-build of the clubhouse

- PESC received the second \$215,000 instalment of the \$430,000 grant from the Tasmanian Government.
- \$35,000 was raised from donations and fundraising activities (incl.\$10,000 from the CYCT, as previously pledged).
- Timber was donated by NSFP for external cladding.
- Expenditure on the re-build for 2022-23 was **\$538,116** (ex GST). Total expenditure on the project to 30 June 23 was **\$960,926** (ex GST).
- At 30th June 2023, the balance of funds available for the re-build was **\$17,303 + \$30,506** (GST reimbursement).

Membership: 101 financial members @17/9: 34 Senior Sailing; 10 junior; 3 Honorary; 1 secondary; 51 Social.

Stand down of 21/22 Committee, and election of new committee:

The Commodore called on Jeremy Firth to adjudicate over the standing down of the old committee and the election of the new. There being only one nominee for each of the positions, a formal voting process was not required.

Nominations for the flag officers and general committee members are in and we have a full complement with all positions filled. To summarise the changes: There is considerable continuity from last year. Governance changes involve some reshuffling of positions with one loss and one gain: Matt Wardell has stepped down as Commodore but he would like to remain on committee. He has been nominated for the position of Vice Commodore (Sailing). I believe he intends to continue to run the junior program and coordinate other on-the-water activities, including various cruising events and, of course, the Easter Regatta. Martin Wohlgemuth has been nominated for commodore. After serving on the PESC Committee continuously since 2011, Vice Commodore (Sailing) Neil Fuller is stepping down. There has been one new nomination of David Morton for the committee. express appreciation: At this stage it is appropriate that we bear witness and our heartfelt thanks to Matt and Neil in appreciation of their contribution to the welfare of the Port Esperance SC:

- Matt for his 7 years as commodore through some very tricky times, particularly after our clubhouse burnt down in 2019 and for coordinating the organisational effort required to rebuild it.
- Neil for his 12 years of stalwart service on the committee, not to mention his considerable catering skills – hopefully the incoming committee will ensure he is asked to continue to provide his famous curries on appropriate festive occasions.

Along with the other continuing committee members and Gill Richards they have done us proud; here we are meeting in our beautiful new clubhouse.

Further Nominations: Although there is no need for, or constitutional provision for, further nominations from the floor, it is fitting that at this stage if anyone has a burning ambition to stand for election this time around, now is the time to raise your hand.

There being no further nominations, the nominees are:

Commodore: Martin Wohlgemuth, (Prop: Matt Wardell, 2nd: Rachael Trueman)

Vice Commodore (Sailing): Matt Wardell (Prop: Martin Wohlgemuth, 2nd: Rebecca Hancock)

Vice Commodore (Social): Joanna Lawton (Prop: Neil Fuller, 2nd: Martin Wohlgemuth)

Treasurer: Rebecca Hancock (Prop: Arthur Clarke, 2nd: Neil Fuller)

Secretary: Rachael Trueman (Prop: Arthur Clarke, 2nd: Martin Wohlgemuth)

Public Officer: Arthur Clarke (Prop: Rachael Trueman, 2nd: Neil Fuller)

Committee:

James Vicary (Prop: Matt Wardell, 2nd: Rachael Trueman)

David Morton (Prop: Martin Wohlgemuth, 2nd: Rachael Trueman)

Dot Bruck (Prop: Rachael Trueman, 2nd: Rebecca Hancock)

Doug Jones (Prop Susan Norton, 2nd: Patrick O’Sullivan)

All candidates were declared elected and wished well for the coming year.

Jeremy then handed the chair to the newly elected Commodore.

Appointment of Auditor and their Remuneration:

Elise Oost was unable to conduct the audit for 2022-23, so the Treasurer engaged Paul Banks to audit the accounts, for a fee of \$250. It was proposed that Paul Banks be appointed as the club's auditor for 2023-24.

(Moved Rebecca H, seconded Arthur Clarke, carried.)

Membership Fees for 2022/23:

The Commodore explained that junior membership fees have been kept low to encourage membership and participation. A review of membership fees will be conducted by the new committee.

Meeting closed at 03:48pm.