

**Minutes of the Hunter Association Annual general Meeting held at Henley  
Midmar yacht club on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

Chairman : D A Schön

Secretary : K I Vennell

Treasurer : J Lenz

- 1) Welcome
  - a. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and thanking HMYC for allowing the hunter class to hold the AGM at their club house.
- 2) Apologies
  - a. Apologies were received from Friz Van Kempor
- 3) Minutes
  - a. Minutes of the previous AGM which were posted on the notice board were taken as read. The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Jessica Lenz and seconded by Barry Hundley
- 4) Chairman's report
  - a. The Chairman gave a brief review of the years activities.
- 5) Treasurers Report
  - a. The treasurer report that at present the association and approximately R22 000 in the bank.
  - b. Some sponsorship money had been received but that money goes direct towards the club hosting the Nationals and does not come through the hands of the treasurer.
  - c. All members are requested to pay their fees direct to the class association not to SA Sailing.
  - d. The monies paid out for the hoisting and maintenance of the website was approved. The fees for the coming year remain the same.
  - e. Class association subs were unaltered.
- 6) Technical Committee Report
  - a. Sail window sizes
    - i. A discussion centred around the need to have increase window sizes was held. The primary objective of the change was to improve safety by increasing visibility. It was approved that the class rules be amended to allow
      1. An option of a window 0.9 to 1 square meter in the lower third of the Genoa. Final size to be determined by measurement and the technical committee.

2. An Option of a 0.5m<sup>2</sup> window on the main sail
3. An option of a spreader viewing window
4. No part of the window should be closer than 100mm from any edge of the sail

b. Hiking

- i. The conclusion on the discussion around hiking was that the present rules were fine. Hiking is allowed but no devices be allowed to hold the body outside the boat.

c. Moulds

- i. The Situation regarding the ownership of the one and only existing set of hull and deck mould was discussed. In a heated and lengthy discussion regarding the ownership and rights of the parties, namely Chris Frost and Rob Samways, that claimed ownership of the moulds, a number of options and suggestions were tabled.
- ii. The conclusion of the meeting was that the parties involved would need to meet to settle the present impasse as both parties had the best interest of the class association at heart.

d. New Boats

- i. A lot of discussion was held regarding the building of new boats, possible changes to the existing deck moulds and lay up options. The principle or consensus of the floor was that whilst it was imperative that new boats are built, the danger of making a large part of the fleet uncompetitive through a radical changes must not be allowed to happen.
- ii. In light the of the questions and changing circumstances around this issue it was agreed that the meeting would not be in a position to decide or vote on issues that clearly need allot of further homework and consultation.

e. Powers of the Technical committee.

- i. It was voted and agreed upon by all that the Technical committee would have the power to make changes to the class without approval at the Annual general meeting.
- ii. The technical committee would consist of 5 members of good standing. The member to have the requisite experience in rules and technical matters.
- iii. Any changes to the class rules had to be passed by a simple majority of the 5 members of the committee.
- iv. Class rules changes would be effective when published by the committee.
- v. All changes would be published on the website and circulated as wide as possible.

- vi. The technical committee also had the power to approve class recognised boat build builders.

7) Election of Office Bearers

- a. The meeting voted the following members to the following offices :-
  - i. Chairman : Paul Changuin
  - ii. Treasurer: Jessica Lenz
  - iii. Secretary : Sandy Ostendorf
  - iv. Class Measures:
    - 1. Andrew Edwards
    - 2. Dave Martinson
    - 3. Frank lenz
    - 4. Hank Pike
    - 5. Colin Hay ( Measurement stamp requested by Colin)
  - v. Technical Committee
    - 1. Tony Cockerill
    - 2. Dave Martinson
    - 3. Paul Changuin
    - 4. Robin Mcintosh
    - 5. Andrew Edwards

8) Nationals 2010

- a. In keeping with the tradition of rotating the national venue the 2010 Hunter Class nations was awarded to Witbank yacht club

9) General

- a. Mast Blanks
  - i. Tony Cockerill has one mast blank left
- b. Tactic and velocitek (GPS based electronic )instruments.
  - i. Present rules do not preclude such instruments and it was the consensus of the meeting that they are allowed within the present class rules.

10) There being no further business the meeting was closed by the chairman at 7.23pm who thanked everybody for their constructive input to the meeting.

Signed by

D A Schön

Class Chairman

K I Vennell

Class Secretary