

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HUNTER CLASS ASSOCIATION
HELD AT HENLEY MIDEMAR YACHT CLUB ON SATURDAY, 17TH MARCH 2012

Present:

P. Changuion (PCC) - Chairman	T. Duguid
L. Wagner	A. McMillan
J. Bruckmann (JB)	R. Harvey
T. Cockerill (TC)	K. Harvey
D. Martinson (DM)	J. Riley
B. Ogilvie (BO)	

1. Welcome

P. Changuion (PCC) welcomed everyone to the 2012 Hunter Class Association and thanked HMYC for hosting.

2. Apologies

Nigel Miln, Chris Frost & J. Lenz (Treasurer)

3. Minutes of the previous meeting - 20th March 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by B. Ogilvie and seconded by J. Bruckmann.

4. Matters arising from the previous meeting - 20th March 2011

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's Report

- PCC said he had come to the end of his three-year tenure as chairman. J. Bruckmann was unanimously voted in as the new chairman.
 - It was a disappointing year in terms of the class for indeterminate reasons.
 - The number of boats at this year's Nationals was disappointing. The main reason was the public holiday falling mid-week, resulting in sailors having to take leave in order to sail.
 - The class has a good reputation but technical issues are arising from non-water tight rules. These issues to be discussed later in the meeting.
 - The website is up-to-date and accurate but PCC needs more input from members via Facebook or email for the blog. The class has 88 fans on Facebook. This facility can be used to advertise the Hunter Class on other classes.
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6. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the treasurer, J. Lenz (JL), PCC handled this report.

- He thanked DAC for giving all the proceeds of last year's Nationals (R15, 000) to the Hunter Class. Both PCC and JL donate their services for the website and bookkeeping gratis. For these reasons, the account balance is currently R47, 000.
- Regarding membership fees, it was agreed that one of J. Bruckmann's staff would invoice all class members (for a small fee) and each club representative would personally remind their club members about subscriptions.
- PCC thanked B. Ogilvie, Schneider Electric's representative, for their continued sponsorship of the Hunter Nationals. It was suggested that simple, appreciative emails to the company would go a long way.

7. Technical Report

- The mast situation was discussed at length. It was agreed that the most economic and viable option is needed. T. Cockerill proposed that J. Bruckmann do some research and report to the Technical Committee. This was seconded by B. Ogilvie.
- ? Using the Squib masts?

Rules

- The rules are open to interpretation; grey areas in particular need to be clarified, tightened up and finalised after this regatta. They can then be written into the rules and added to the website.
- It was agreed that the Technical Committee use the following criteria when making decisions:
 - Is it safe
 - Does it cost money
 - Does it make the boat go faster?
- The Technical Committee must act in the best interests of the class and then give guidance to those who sail in the middle of the regatta.
- Individuals with an issue should approach the Technical Committee. The latter will then make a decision and a reason why.

Rule 20

- PCC proposed that the Technical Committee has the power to write the rules, which must then be abided by. 3/5 is the casting vote.
 - B. Ogilvie proposed that the Technical Committee has the power to stop a boat from sailing the evening before a regatta.
 - J. Riley explained that in Britain they check five ?? Every year and warn the owners that their boats are going to be checked before the regatta.
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8. Election of Office Bearers

- i. Chairman - proposed and seconded - Mr J Bruckmann
- ii. Treasurer - accepted unopposed - Ms J Lenz
- iii. Secretary - J. Bruckmann to find a secretary who will be paid a small, annual stipend.
 - a. Class Measurers D. Martinson
 - b. H. Pike
 - c. C. Hay
 - d. M. Sergison
 - e. T. Duguid
 - f. R. Harvey proposed
 - g. K. Harvey proposed

It was agreed that measurers do the measuring at their home regattas.

- iv. Technical Committee
 - a. J. Bruckmann
 - b. T. Cockerill
 - c. D. Martinson
 - d. P. Changuion
 - e. L. Wagner
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9. Nationals 2013

It was agreed that next year's Nationals would be held at Witbank Yacht Club from 21.03.13 - 24.03.13. The first race would start no earlier than 2 pm on the Thursday and the last race would finish by 11 am on the Sunday.

10. General

PCC thanked Jenny Riley, Chairwoman of the British Squib Class, for her attendance at the meeting and for making the trip over to South Africa for the regatta. Mrs Riley spoke warmly of her experience in South Africa and looked forward to the reciprocal visit of P. Changuion and T. Duguid to England in July, where they would be participating in the Squib Nationals. It was hoped that this reciprocation would continue going forward, with the national champions or medal winners making the trip every year.
