



**ROYAL BRIGHTON YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED A0018674M
253 ESPLANADE, MIDDLE BRIGHTON. VIC. 3186
HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 2024 at 7:00PM**

MINUTES

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Rule 32 & Rule 36, the Half Yearly General Meeting of Members will be held in the Bayview room at RBYC on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

Attendees:

Commodore Niesje Hees, Vice Commodore Peter Demura, Rear Commodore Peter Gebhardt, Club Captain Marnie Irving, Honorary Treasurer Brett Heath, Murray Cowdell, Tony Hennessy, Cath Hurley, Neil Sargeant, Peter Austin, Anthony Garvey, Robina Smith, Brenton Smith, Past Commodore Wendy Luck, Russ Porteous, Past Commodore Paul Woodman, Shirley Qian, Karen Johns, Margaret Findlay, Rod McKenna, Tom Thompson, Helen White, Ralph O'Shaughnessy, Past Commodore Paul Pascoe, Will Merritt, Lou Irving, Mary-Alice Tedstone, Grant Dunoon, Past Commodore Peter Strain, Past Commodore David Bingham, Past Commodore Ron Davies, Peter Langhorne, Chris McConnell, Denis McConnell, Pam Merritt, Keith Badger, Simon Tedstone, Andrew Poulton.

2. APOLOGIES

Peter Coleman, Ted Baillieu, Jim Leckey, Athenie Leckey, Debbie Jonker, Bronwyn McIlveen, Past Commodore Paul Jackson, Mandy Jackson, Past Commodore Alan Woodward, David Dyring, Patrick Purcell, Ray Smith, Malcom King, Kim Luck, Past Commodore Peter Johns, Jennifer Pascoe, Gary Bunyard, Glenn Norton, Sean Hogan, John Mooney, Lyn Bingham.

3. OBITUARIES

Andrew Neeson
Andrew Plympton AM

A minute's silence was observed.

4. MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held 19th September 2023 and Special General Meeting held 22nd February 2024

Business arising from the Annual General Meeting held 20th September 2022 – Nil

MOTION That the minutes of the AGM held 19th September 2023 be accepted.

MOVED: Murray Cowdell **SECONDED:** Paul Pascoe **CARRIED**

MOTION That the minutes of the SGM held 22nd February 2024 be accepted.

MOVED: Murray Cowdell **SECONDED:** Paul Pascoe **CARRIED**

5. COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Commodores report attached was taken as read. A summary of current activities was delivered. These activities focus on the shared values of membership and the community.

MOTION That the report be accepted.

MOVED: Peter Strain **SECONDED:** Lou Irving **CARRIED**

6. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer's report attached was taken as read.

Notable items include:

- Gross profit up 9.6%
- The control over rising expenses
- The Finance Sub Committee were thanked for their work over the year.

Grant Dunoon asked about the return to the club of long-term leases. The treasurer responded that the Marina had seen an 8% increase in revenue.

MOTION That the report be accepted.

MOVED: Paul Pascoe **SECONDED:** Peter Gebhardt **CARRIED**

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sailing – taken as read, Club Captain Marnie Irving spoke to the Sailing report. Highlighted were the skipper forums held in May. A solution to access to the tower had not been reached. Participation rates are a topic of conversation amongst all clubs.

Assets - taken as read

Cruising Group – taken as read.

- Chair will be rotated amongst members
- Declining membership Cruising division
- WhatsApp being used for communication
- Third Fridays are Cruising Dinner dates

Aquatic – taken as read.

- Engagement with club and sailors continues to be enjoyed.
- Aquatic members are looking to maximise the relationship

Cleaner Sailing – taken as read.

- Recycling program being explored
- The Club is seen to be environmental responsible particularly as we interact with the bay.

It was asked if we received the Clean Marina Accreditation, yes we are a level 3 Clean Marina

IDAG - taken as read.

- Membership Survey noted

Social - taken as read.

150th Anniversary – working on ideas that represent the whole club. Major events being a regatta and ball. Simon Tedstone suggested that Labour Day weekend was busy with State Championships.

MOTION That the reports from the Sub Committees be accepted.

MOVED: Paul Pascoe **SECONDED:** Simon Tedstone **CARRIED**

8. BUSINESS ON NOTICE

No notices received

Recommendation from Committee under Rule 8(3)(a)(i) that Senior Member Kevin Wilson having rendered valuable service to the Club be elected to Honorary Life Membership of the Club. Past Commodore Ron Davies spoke to the motion

MOTION MOVED: Ron Davies **SECONDED:** Niesje Hees **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. RECEIVE ANY NOTICE OF MOTION

MOTION

That the Club appoints Auditors, Ashfords Pty Ltd, for the 2023-24 financial year.

Moved: Brett Heath **Seconded:** Niesje Hees **CARRIED**

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Karen Johns asked if these meetings could be live streamed in the future

Meeting Closed 19:51

By Order of the General Committee
March 2024