

## **Australian VX One Class Association Inc.**

### **Annual General Meeting**

Venue: Royal Geelong Yacht Club

Date: Saturday 27th January 2019

Time: 9:00am to 10:06am

### **Minutes**

1. Presidents Report:

John Whitbread made commented on the solid growth of the class, especially the attendance of boats for the current Nationals boasting 86%. 12 new boats are booked for this year and this should see a solid investment into the class leading into 2020.

Passed by Fred 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam B

2. Treasurers Report:

Starting Financials \$5,540

Merch expense \$7,200

Membership \$4,950 from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

Current funds in account \$3,970

No outstanding expenses.

Moved by Steve W and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam B

3. Measurers Report :

Joel commended the Fleet on their enthusiasm towards having a 100% compliance for the 2019 nationals. Joel suggested 2 regional Measurers to assist in sail measuring throughout the year. Reps can measure and sign off on sails throughout the year. For a National event all sails will be presented to the chief Measurer to check for sign off. All 3 measurers will check each others work at random at the event. All boats will still be weighted at all National events.

Geelong Rep : Peter Rechenbera

Canberra Rep : Stuart Minchin

Adding 2 measuring reps, moved by Joel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael

4. Election of Committee for ensuing 12 months:

2018 Committee to continue unchanged into 2019, but with the addition of 3 extra roles.

President: John Whitbread

Vice president: Michael James

Treasurer/Secretary: Brett Whitbread

Measurer: Joel McDonald

Assistant Measurer: Peter Rechenbera

Assistant Measurer Sturt Minchin

Web Master : Ben Pfitzner

5. National championships venue roster:

Chris Dean put forward a proposal for the 2020 Nationals to be held at Pt Lincoln Race Week.

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There were a few different venues discussed like Geelong, Canberra, Port Stephens, and Gosford, but it was unammiss that the biggest potential for growth was to have the 2019 Nationals as part of the Festival of Sails in Geelong; proposed by Fred, seconded by Joel. No other proposals received.

7. Discussion on adoption of international weight of 255kg:

It was agreed that we will sail the next nationals at 260kg, we will discuss at the 2019 AGM if we want to continue with 260kgs; proposed by Fred, seconded by Tom. A voting show of hands was also 99%.

(NB. 13 of the 22 boats in Australia are Ovi or Mackay)

8. Australian input to the class rules:

Brett has put a proposal into the International committee for a change to the jib batten position, batten length on mains, and cunningham cleat positions; the proposal is being discussed with the international committee and also World Sailing. Brett informs the room that if the changes are made we will not be able to adopt rules until 2020. Currently the fleet is only about 50% compliant to AUS class rules. Joel proposed that by 2019 100% of the VXOne fleet of Australia would comply with the 2018 class rules, 99% of the people in the room were for the compliance.

9. International administration and fees:

Brett informed the room that an international marketing account is on the table for discussion with the executive committee, if this is passed how much money do we want to give to this account. There is also voting rights on international class rules that we will get if we start paying into marketing account. Still open to discussion.

10. How to grow the fleet:

Discussions on what work at club fleets, like open days and mini hot lap regattas are all options to grow the fleet. It was also put forward by Paul if we can use sailconnect.com and mysail.team, as a way of linking all boat owners and to draw on crew at your home club. It was also decided to try and clean up all the social media pages by closing down some VX pages and opening one only VX page for Australia. Discussion was also put forward to generate a VXOne Australia webpage, this will include results, news, regattas, photos, membership, for sale sections and also include advertising to help pay for the running of the page.

11. Membership fees:

Paul proposed different fees for skippers chartering, crews and Owners, and the potential of having voting rights. It was decided to keep the membership how it is.

12. Other:

Fred put forward a possible change from the SS saddles used to hold toe straps to a more body friendly soft saddle set up, this is well within the class rules and Fred is going to do the R and D on this.

Meeting Closed 10:20am Brett thanked Fred for all of his hard work as President over the last 5 years.