



Australian VX One Class Association Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Present:- Brett Whitbread (chair), Steve Girdis, Chris Dean, Dave Hyde, Tom Le Grice, Genevieve Warlow, Greg Clarke, Peter Conde, Mick James, Rob Douglas, Alan Moffatt, Sam Allen, David Williamson, Gregory Hall, John Holmes, Ben Pfitzer, Jan Talako, John Holmes, David Williamson, John Whitbread, Dan Gorton, Brett Bowden, Tristan Batey

Apologies:- Alf Jones.

Venue: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.

Date: Sunday 23rd January 2022

Time: 8:00 am

Agenda items / voting results

Previous AGM minutes - approved by all present

Presidents report - approved by all present

Treasurers report - a question on the expected balance after the current regatta was explained by Steve and it was approved by all present

Financial reporting dates

Steve explained that the current financial year for membership was July to June, however the financial reporting dates for the accounts was January to December. He requested that these be aligned to the July to June period for simplicity. Proposed S Girdis, seconded Michael James and approved by a majority.

Sail/Boat measuring

Measuring was outsourced for the first time and it worked well.

The sailmakers declaration was effective and two kites failed due to incorrect cloth being used.

Boat weighing was tricky due to the wet weather.

Several boats removed weight but did not get reweighed which is not acceptable.

Every sail has had its specifications recorded and this data will be available to everyone.

Measuring will be done the same way next year.

As Ox didn't want payment for the two days of sail measuring, he will be given a \$500 voucher for a restaurant of his preference (The Arsonist restaurant).

There was a discussion on boats ballast weights and how to manage compliance with the minimum weight rule. It was proposed and agreed that a declaration of compliance be made by the owner before a regatta as other methods were not agreeable to everyone present.

Committee election

The following people agreed to remain in their current roles.

Steve Girdis - Treasurer

Michael James - Vice President

Dave Hyde - Secretary

This was approved by all present.

Greg Clarke was nominated for the Presidents role by Steve Girdis and seconded by Micheal James. Greg accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously.

Dan Gorton was nominated for the Digital Manager role by Tom LeGrice and seconded by Peter Conde, Dan accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously.

Brett Whitbread was nominated for the Technical chair role by Allan Moffat and seconded by Michael James, Brett accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously.

State Reps

The following were re-elected to their current roles.

Victoria Tom Le Grice
ACT Ben Pfitzer
South Aust Chris Dean

2024 Nationals

Two clubs in Victoria bid to host the 2024 Nationals

Royal Brighton Yacht Club 11-15 Jan 2024
Royal Geelong Sailing Yacht Club 17 -20 Jan 2024

There was a discussion on the wind and sailing conditions at both clubs.
A question was asked about the parking and accomodation at Brighton to which the meeting was assured that both were good.

A vote was taken and Brighton was unanimously selected as the location for the 2024 Nationals.

22 votes in favour, none against.

Australian VX One rules

Brett ran through the proposed changes to the Australian VX one rules, which in summary are as follows:-

- Mast heel replaces the term tenon for clarification.
- The jib traveler cleat may be inverted (turn upside down 180deg).
- The forestay triangular fitting's orientation is defined.
- Mast rake angle data is being gathered for further evaluation.
- The Cunningham purchase is a maximum of 8 to 1 and the configuration is free except for the fixed fittings on the hull.

22 votes in favour, none against.

Rules compliance issues

There was a discussion on the variation of forestay lengths. Brett advised that there was 10 mm variance in the lengths of forestays measured at this regatta.

Sail cloth weights and "moulded" sails

Moulded sails have a variance in their thickness which is the nature and advantage of these sails.

Panel sails can be made by any sailmakers where as moulded sails require high cost special equipment and are usually subject to copyright rules.

There was a discussion on the availability of some cloths to all sail makers.

It was speculated that Norths Sails may not make VX one sails if they are not allowed to use moulded sails.

As there was no consensus on this issue, it was decided to flag the moulded sails issue and monitor it for the next 12 months.

Members should be aware of the requirement for a minimum sail cloth thickness if they purchase moulded sails as they may not be compliant.

2023 Nationals

Chris Dean gave a presentation on the 2023 Nationals and advised people to book early as Adelaide gets very busy at that time of year.

Travelling money was discussed and it will be considered closer to the regatta.

Life Membership

Mick James proposed that Brett Whitbread be made a life member as recognition for his outstanding service to the class. Sam Allen seconded the motion and it was unanimously supported.

Meeting closed 9:35 am