

Minutes of the Annual Boat Owners Meeting

of Lake Deneys Yacht Club held at the

Training Room at 15:00 on Saturday 27 May 2017.

Opening and Welcome

Anthony Engelbrecht, welcomed all present to this year's annual Boat owners meeting, and read the notice convening this meeting.

Apologies / Absent / Quorum:

Apologies: Received from the following members:

Rodney Beresford, Adri Nel, Dennis and Bokkie Geyer, Neil Hopwood, Lesley Brand, Lloyd Teasdale, Ian Kent, and Roy Spurdle.

1. Adoption of Agenda

No changes or additions to the Agenda.

2. Minutes of previous Meeting

2.1. Matters arising from previous minutes - None

Minutes proposed by Luke Quinn and seconded by Austin Daly both being present at last year's meeting and accepted by the chair as being an accurate record of the last meeting.

Anthony, looking at this year's Northern Regions and our sailing calendar, we have tried to schedule and plan races and regattas in a manner that it does not clash with other

events around the dam. Asked for suggestions from the floor as to what we can do better or different to grow numbers and get guys down to the club on race days.

Warren Toward, mentioned that he is involved with the SA Jet Ski Association, where they have several races around the country and especially in Gauteng. On a race day, you will have up to 20 - 30 jet ski`s out on the water racing. They draw big crowds as its fast and exciting to watch and the circuit is well supported. Warren wants to know if LDYC would be interested if he could put our club forward to host an event.

Luke Quinn, responded saying that this could be a great idea. We need to look at growing other water sports at the club. There are obviously safety and regulation concerns that would have to managed.

Anthony, the only concern around hosting an event like this is the no wake zone and markings out on the water. Warren, the event organizers arrange and do everything on the day, they map out a course and have people who take care of everything.

Everyone present supported the idea of attracting the Jet Ski guys down to our club and asked that Warren please pursue this on our behalf, and let Anthony know what they need from us.

Peter Pace asked if it wasn't time that LDYC host an All-Cats event. As Stillbaai host all the events taking away some support from LDYC. Anthony, we hosted the Hobie Nationals last year, and agrees that if we want to grow the class we need more Cat events to take place. He shall talk to Charles Girard and see what can be done.

Patrick White asked if we could look at doing a regatta for the Youth once a month, more towards the end of the month. Simon could lay permanent markers down which would be for the cats. Anthony asked if it would just be for the youth or for everyone, we have a lot of racers down at the club and suggested if we could combine the two. Austin Daly, we could have a start at 09:00 and the other starting at 10:00. We could have it at LDYC bay, we have a marker and a buoy out and permanent markers.

Peter Pace, if we could have a regular race course set for once a month more and more guys would become interested again as its one of the classes where in the past there was a lot of support.

Anthony asked if this would form part of the prize giving after the main races on a Sunday, or would it be done separately. Luke suggested that it be done directly after the races.

Alex Bogner, put his hand up and offered to sponsor R1,000 per month for 12 months or youth sailing prizes. Alex. Is trying to encourage more guys to sail and if this could draw more guys then he gladly assists where he could.

Anthony, thanked Alex for his kind gesture which was warmly welcomed. This would be great prizes for the kids.

Patrick White also suggested and requested that the races are run from a skipper handicap and not only a boat handicap, this way the competition remains fair and close.

Anthony, just some other news we hosted the J22 Nationals recently, we had the annual RTIR and the Youth RTIR, we hosted the Hobie nationals amongst others and everyone who visited our club only had good things to say, so a hand of applause to all of you as members for making fellow yachties feel welcome.

Austin Daly, please could someone talk to Deon Viljoen to change the course a bit for the MOD the current course is boring as it's always the same. We need representation at the NKA, Deon Viljoen is stepping down and we need someone to be at NKA meetings.

3. Youth and Youth Sailing

Anthony, we got two 20 foot shipping containers which have been placed down at the compound, one will be used for a clubhouse and the other one will be used for storage. Simon, is going to run electricity and water to the clubhouse and a roof will be put over the walkway. So watch that space as its going to really be nice.

An amount of R15 000 was refunded to our Youth Sailing by SAS, which will be put to good use. This is a result of all the training which Austin, Thomas and he has done with the youth this past year. A total of R 30 000 was received which will continue to go towards training for the youth. A lot of work still needs to be done and we would like some of you to come down on weekends and help. We need some paving which is expensive, we are looking for donations, sponsorship, advertising from companies who could come and put up some signage on the sides etc.

Alex Bogner, put up his hand again and will kindly donated an amount of R 10 000 towards the Youth Fund for paving. Wants to get his son involved in sailing and if he could help, he is happy.

Johnny Smit, will ask his daughter as she knows of someone who could possibly get paving at a good price and shall get back to Anthony once he has spoken to her.

Austin Daly, there is so many things which get taken off our boats, and asked for members to come down one weekend to help go through boats and see what is missing. We have 37 boats which is quite a number and we need to look after these.

4. Safety Boats

Anthony wanted to bring to everyone's attention that the safety boats are there for safety only and not to be used as a ferry boat. Also adding that only certified operators of the safety boat are allowed to use the boat. We have had a number of complaints over the past few months where non-skipped and certified members are taking the safety boats out and using them for personal use.

We want to get more training done so that there are alternate safety boat operators on weekends.

5. SAS (South African Sailing)

SAS has been very active and has appointed a new CEO (Greg Smith) there are some big changes, they have a whole match racing team set up. Anthony has informed them that LDYC has declined the first offer and that a club such as Benoni would be more appropriate. It's something new and as with anything new it takes time to get off the ground. Especially where they want corporate to get involved.

Peter Pace, made a request for LDYC to arrange a shipping container for Cats, Anthony suggests that this be taken off-line so that it could be discussed with Charles Girard and Mark Witjenberg as to ideas and what could be done and or get involved.

Austin Daly, the sad reality is that CAT sailing at LDYC is dying, and we need to get the guys down to our races. We need a representative at Sailcom who attends all the meetings and who can go back and talk to the cat sailors.

Anthony, in closing, SAS has requested all clubs to appoint a Transformation Officer. The LDYC member suggested is Mr Vishnu Govender who might be prepared to represent LDYC. All present were in favour and Anthony, will contact Vishnu accordingly.

6. General

Alex Bogmer, was trying to teach his son to ride on the jet ski and a speed boat came in and caused so much wake that it scared him so much he didn't want to get on again. Where are our No Wake Zone signs?

Anthony, Simon has got two which he will be putting up again this coming week. We are aware of some incidents where power boats have come into our bay with total disregard for others. Most times it is not club members but rather guests and visitors who do not obey the rules.

Johnny Smit, just a request again, on race days the tractors are not always available, they are slow and take their time. The same happens when you want to come in again, they are either on tea or lunch or not around at 12:30. So everyone must sit around waiting which is not acceptable. Just for race days please can this be addressed.

Anthony, asked Simon to address this with the staff as this was brought up last year and comes up during the year as well.

Clive Bruyns, asked if there wasn't something that could be done about all the old hobbies sitting out in front of the clubhouse. Every 3 three years a request is made for everyone to remove their boats or we as the club move them out into the caravan park and ask the owners to come and get them back to their bay. They are all paid for so removing them without permission is not possible.

Luke Quinn, thanked Anthony for all his hard work this past year, a lot of thankless work and long hours have been sacrificed by Anthony and his family, to make sailing what it has been, this past year. The work he has done with Youth sailing, particularly needs to be applauded and the numbers speak for themselves.

With no further matters to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 16:15.

The next meeting will take place on 26th May 2018 at 15:00.

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