



## COUTA BOAT ASSOCIATION INC

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### MINUTES OF 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the West Beach Bathers' Pavillion at 330A Beaconsfield Parade  
St Kilda on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**The President, James Mighell opened the meeting at 1845 hrs**

**Apologies:** Max Chester, Graham Cunningham, Grant Smith, Marcus Burke, Peter Sydes, Russell Watson

**Present:** Committee Members James Mighell, Bill Davis, Andrew Skinner, Tim Phillips, Wayne Parr, Rod Martin, Colin Mitchell, Rob Tucker and 70 Members as per registration list

**The Previous Minutes** of the 15<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 18/8/17 were taken as read, having been published on the CBA website for the past 11 months.  
Moved: Scott Llewelyn Seconded: Moose Johnston

**President's Report.** The President James Mighell presented his report below:

It is with great pleasure that I present the 16<sup>th</sup> President's report for the Couta Boat Association (Club). The past domestic sailing season has proved a very challenging period for racing Couta Boats. The weather gods have not been kind leaving us with either no wind or far too much wind. I would however like to thank the team at Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club lead by Commodore Richard Hurley, Club Captain Scott Llewellyn and the Club's administration for the successful running of a number of our key events and their continued support over the past season.

I would like to make special mention of SSCBC race committee. Lead by Sailings Operation Manager Adam Hawkins, the Race Committee have done a very professional job in often very difficult conditions. Not only

on the water but off the water, the race management has been as good as any club in Australia.

The CBA technical committee comprising of Ben Fels, Adam Hawkins, Drew Marget and Bill Davis has now completed its first year managing the CBA Class Rules for our fleet. Few clubs in Victoria would have the degree of professionalism shown by the technical committee in what is often an extremely difficult task. They have provided an invaluable resource to ensure that the integrity of our class is maintained.

The CBA is the organiser of a number of key events on our calendar. Our key sailing events include the Couta Boat National Titles, State Titles and the Portsea Cup. Social events include the Portsea Picnic and the Good Friday Royal Children's Hospital catch a fish and cook it day. It is hoped that all of these events, including the social events, will grow in strength over the forthcoming years.

In October 2017 the CBA Nationals were held in New South Wales. They were hosted by the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club, the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club and the Avalon Sailing Club. I think it would be impossible to identify three clubs in Australia that are more idiosyncratic, charming and welcoming than these three clubs. Ten boats travel from Victoria, two from Western Australia and a strong fleet from New South Wales competed in the regatta. I am quite sure that the 20 couta boats sailing on Sydney Harbour left an indelible memory not only amongst the participants but also the myriad of other sailors on the harbour. I would like to thank the host clubs for the race management and hospitality shown to all of us and in particular Larry Eastwood and his fellow committee members of the New South Wales Couta Boat Association.

Congratulations to the winners of the following major regattas:

### **SSCBC Couta Boat Aggregate**

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Div 1             | 1 <sup>st</sup> place |
| Howard Critchley  | <i>Barra</i>          |
| Div 2             | 1 <sup>st</sup> place |
| Graham Cunningham | <i>Fiona</i>          |

## **Portsea Cup**

Div 1

Jeffrey Richardson      *Georgia*

Div 2

Rob Tucker              *Joan*

## **State Titles**

Div 1

Mal Hart                  *Jocelyn*

Div 2

Rhys Tucker              *Morning Star*

Notwithstanding numerous abandonments, fleet participation has been fairly steady over the past season. The Lacco Cup was conducted to incorporate the Division 2 Nationals and saw a fleet of 24 boats which were simply fantastic. It is hoped that our next season's Lacco Cup will be even stronger.

A particular highlight of the past season was the "Next Gen Couta Boat Regatta" that saw 30 boats over the two fleets with very competitive racing. The atmosphere both during the race and after it was a great credit to the sailors and organisers of the event.

I would like to finally thank the CBA committee for their hard work and welcome Andrew Skinner onto the committee as our Secretary. I look forward to working with our committee over the coming year.

The President's report was moved to be adopted by David Hendy, and seconded by Frank Incarni

## **Finance Report:**

Treasurer Bill Davis presented the Finance Report noting the Association's financial performance for the year had been impacted by two extraordinary line items, they being the write off of old wine stock (\$1,665) and the contribution to Members who travelled to Sydney for the 2017/18 nationals \$10,000)

The net loss for the year, including these extraordinary items was \$1,921

Moved that the report be adopted by Russell Barrett and seconded by Alex Zadnik

### **Election of Office Bearers:**

Pursuant to clause 28.2 the following committee members retired by rotation and there being no other nominations, were re-elected for two years

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Treasurer       | Bill Davis     |
| Club Secretary  | Andrew Skinner |
| Ordinary Member | Tim Phillips   |
| Ordinary Member | Russell Watson |
| Vice President  | Peter Sydes    |

The following committee members retain office until the 2019 AGM:

- President James Mighell
- Ordinary Member Wayne Parr
- Ordinary Member Rod Martin
- Ordinary Member Rob Tucker
- Ordinary Member Colin Mitchell

### **Appointment of Auditor**

Treasurer Bill Davis sought approval from the floor to NOT appoint an Auditor for the accounts for the year ended 31/3/19

Moved : Tim Ryan

Seconded: Russell Barrett

### **General Discussion**

There being no authorised formal General Business to be conducted, the President opened the floor for general discussion

Moose Johnston asked the President to report on the recent winter series "handibilly" trial. President explained that following the trial, the Committee had no appetite to change the rules to allow handybillies on the halyards

The meeting was officially closed at 1930hrs

Following the meeting the members were treated to an outstanding yarn session from Tim Phillips, Dugga Beazley and Will Baillieu

Andrew Skinner  
Hon Secretary