



## COUTA BOAT ASSOCIATION INC

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### MINUTES OF 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held under Covid-19 circumstances via Zoom Conference call on  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**The President, James Mighell opened the meeting at 1830hrs**

**Present:** Committee Members James Mighell, Bill Davis, Andrew Skinner, Tim Phillips, Wayne Parr, Rod Martin, Colin Mitchell, Howard Critchley, Peter Sydes, Rob Tucker, Sunday Gibson and the following Members :

Peter Hannah, Bruce Griffiths, John Macnamara, Sunday Gibson, Tim Ryan, Chris Malkin, Duncan Scott, Grant Smith, Tricia O'Brien, Michael Cantwell, Graham Cunningham, Richard Brierley, Tim Collette, Greg Chisholm, Liz Gibson, Leigh Norrie, James George, Phil Edwards, Colin Arcaro, Sally Law, Peter Osbourne, James Souter, Bernie O'Hanlon, Ian Blanford, Paul Santoro, Harry Mighell, David Beck, Alison Kitchen, Andrew Marget, Tom Fricke, Stephen Davies, Rob Williamson, Dan Ingle, Nick Williams, Rollo Wright, Alistair Wright, Michael Paynter, Vic Mulder, Rhys Tucker, Ben Pederson  
(apologies if I missed one or two)

In Attendance: Henry Dyer, Ben Fels from SSCBC

**The Previous Minutes** of the 18<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 18/8/20 were taken as read, having been published on the CBA website for the past 11 months.  
Moved: Andrew Skinner Seconded: Bill Davis

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

Thank you for reading, or at least commencing to read, the 19<sup>th</sup> President's Report for the Couta Boat Association (Club).

The 2020/21 season yet again saw considerable disruption due to COVID. Notwithstanding the fluctuating health requirements of the pandemic, we managed to get most of the sailing season completed.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank Graham Cunningham and all the staff at the Sorento Sailing Couta Boat Club including Club Captain Tim Collett, Sailing Manager, Ben Fels and the remainder of the Club's administration and staff for running all of our racing, including our key events.

Last year I acknowledged Ben Fels' involvement in our fleet. The professional, smooth and enjoyable racing that we enjoy is, to a large degree, due to his hard work and enthusiasm. Thank you again Ben.

I would also like to thank our race officers, Peter Osborne and Mark Lloyd for their efforts again over this last season. They are, of course, like so many of our on and off water race team, volunteers. Deb Kwasnick has led an enthusiastic and capable bunch of volunteers to ensure professional, safe and enjoyable racing. Thank you to all.

The CBA technical committee comprising Ben Fels, Drew Marget and Bill Davis has again worked to ensure the integrity of the fleet is maintained. Thank you.

Fleet sizes were generally consistent over the past season. Notwithstanding the influence of COVID. Hopefully the forthcoming season can have a full program without interruption.

The CBA key events; the Mercedes Benz Mornington CBA Nationals, the CBA State Championships and of course the Gant Portsea Cup were well attended. Mercedes Benz and Gant have been long-term sponsors of the class and I would like to acknowledge their assistance over the years.

Congratulations to the winners of the following major events -

### **Mercedes Benz Mornington Couta Boat Nationals**

Div 1                      1<sup>st</sup> place

Nick Williams              Wagtail

Div 2                      1<sup>st</sup> place

Michael Cantwell      Aliscia

### **GANT Portsea Cup**

Div 1                      1<sup>st</sup> place

Peter Hannah                      Armadale

Div 2                      1<sup>st</sup> place

Sally Law                      Duchess

Merthon Trophy (line honours)

Mal Hart                      Jocelyn

Div 2 Line Honours

Michael Cantwell      Aliscia

### **CBA State Titles**

Div 1

Grant Smith                      Nepean

Div 2

Nick Sankey                      Peta Pan

It was particularly pleasing to see Sally Law winning the Portsea Cup in Division 2 on her beautiful boat, Duchess.

The Next Gen Couta Boat Regatta continues to grow. This year saw a very competitive fleet both on and off the water. As I noted last year, this is probably the future of our class.

Ralph Wilson and his team have been working hard to complete the CBA registration and I commend their hard work. Well done!

Howard Critchley has stepped up to the plate to work to promote the fleet going forward. With his small sub-committee he has worked behind the scenes to try and marry boats with skippers and crews and to initiate some new events and reinvigorate some old ones. I would like to thank Howard for his work and look forward to seeing the fruits of his committee's labour in the forthcoming season.

Finally, I would like to yet again thank the CBA Committee for their hard work. We work harmoniously together for the greater good.

### **James Mighell**

President

The President also made specific acknowledgement of Tom Phillips OAM who was awarded this honour in the 2021 Australia Day Honours for services to sailing and historic boat restoration. Congratulations Tim.

It was Moved by Sally Law , and Seconded by Liz Gibson that the President's Report be adopted

### **Finance Report:**

Treasurer Bill Davis presented the Finance Report with the assistance of the President

The complete Financials for the year are preserved separately on the CBA website

The net surplus for the year was \$8,496 resulting in an accumulated cash balance of \$81,026

Moved that the report be adopted by Grant Smith and seconded by Tim Ryan

### **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

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| • President       | James Mighell  |
| • Ordinary Member | Rod Martin     |
| • Ordinary Member | Rob Tucker     |
| • Ordinary Member | Colin Mitchell |

The following committee members retain office until the 2022AGM:

Treasurer  
Club Secretary  
Vice President  
Ordinary Member  
Ordinary Member  
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Bill Davis  
Andrew Skinner  
Peter Sydes  
Tim Phillips  
Howard Critchley  
Sunday Gibson

### **Appointment of Auditor**

Treasurer Bill Davis sought approval from the floor to NOT appoint an Auditor for the accounts for the year ended 30/6/22

Moved : Andrew Skinner

Seconded: Chris Malkin

### **General Business**

There being no authorised formal General Business to be conducted, the President closed the meeting at 1855hrs

Andrew Skinner

Hon Secretary