

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of South African Sailing (Western Cape) held on the 10th May 2011 at Royal Cape Yacht Club

Key to abbreviations:

RB	Roger Bartholomew	EM	Edgar Morris
CW	Colin Whitehead	AK	Alan Keen
DHS	Di Hutton-Squire	CR	Craig Raubenheimer
AG	Andrea Giovannini	GK	Geoffrey Kilpin
SR	Steven Rhodes	JHS	John Hutton-Squire
GD	Greg Davis	WK	William Keiser
PHH	Perry Harrison Hyde	KM	Kuba Miszewski
DR	Dale Rae	WA	Wendy Adams

Welcome

Roger Bartholomew welcomed all gathered and expressed his thanks to all for attending thus filling the quorum as required by the Constitution.

1. Attendance and Apologies

See attendance register for attendees and apologies.

2. Accreditation of Delegates

The delegates from each Club and Category as recorded on the Register were confirmed.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous AGM having been circulated were proposed by DHS and seconded by CW as being correct.

4. Chairman's Report

Acceptance to receive and adopt the report by the Chairman on the affairs of the Regional Body was proposed by SR and seconded by GD



5. Treasurer's Report

Q: CW – Why is a loss recorded on WCROA?

A: RB – The Rubber Duck is getting old has requires a great deal of maintenance.

The meeting agreed that some thought should go into replacing the rubber duck as maintaining it is becoming expensive.

Q: EM – Is the amount reflected for rental only R18 000.00?

A: RB – This is only the WC portion. The amount will decrease significantly once we move to cheaper offices.

Q: AK – Is the imminent sale of the SAS Lasers a rumour?

A: RB – Has not heard of any of the Lasers being put up for sale.

Q: AK– Why are the Lasers listed as current SAS WC assets?

A: RB – Will query this with the Treasurer and Bookkeeper.

Acceptance to receive and adopt the report by the Treasurer on the draft financial of the Regional Body was proposed by CR and seconded by DHS the Treasurers report was thus adopted.

6. Ratification of nominated Committee Members

The Chairman tabled the nominations received as below. There being no opposing votes in any category, no vote was necessary. The nominations were ratified by the meeting.

6.1	Chairman	Roger Bartholomew
6.2`	Vice-Chairman	Di Hutton-Squire
6.3	Treasurer	Duncan Woolley
6.4	Youth	Andrea Giovannini
6.5	Dinghy	Perry Harrison-Hyde
6.6	Keelboat	Greg Davis
6.7	Multihull	Colin Whitehead
6.8	Sailboard	Steven Rhodes



6.9 Race Officer Di Hutton-Squire

6.10 Kite Boarding Greg Thijsse

7. General

Q: AK - What is the WC Exco hoping to achieve this year?

A: RB – As Exco has not met yet, RB is unable to answer this question however, at the first meeting of the new Exco the agenda must include the planning of a strategy session.

DHS – One of the most important goals should be to improve the interaction between SAS and the yacht clubs. A PRO is sorely needed on Exco to achieve this.

PHH – The Point Series is now running smoothly with an extra event viz. Simon's Town Offshore regatta being added. The goal now is to try and get the Dinghy National events running as smoothly.

AG – Exco should be more pro-active and have one common goal. There is not enough transparency from SAS National to Regional ExcOs and through this forum to members. This is a point that should be discussed at Exco level. This lack of transparency has become a huge problem with SAS members dissatisfied with the way decisions are made at National level. SAS Council is viewed as acting on an ad-hoc basis without proper consultation with Regional ExcOs.

GK – Members should be more informed of happenings at other clubs and Regions. Minutes of Exco and Council meetings should be available on the SAS website.

DR – Agreed with GK. Even provisional Minutes are better than nothing. There is very little communication and consultation with Regional ExcOs with Council taking decisions and informing ExcOs after the fact.

The meeting agreed that putting Council Minutes on the website be a formal request put to Council at their next meeting.

AG – There is a lot of discontent within the sailing community with members feeling that the whole SAS structure is wrong. He pointed out that important events like the Hi-Performance camp held in the WC clashed with a major event of RCYC. This was held without proper consultation with the Regional Hi-Performance representative on Exco.

GK – Big new projects should first be debated amongst clubs and classes before it becomes policy.

JHS – A professional manager should be employed by SAS to run the sport as a business.

The meeting fully agreed with this.

DR – Throughout the 2 years of being on Exco, no communication between the Councillor in charge of the Hi-Performance portfolio and DR Regional Hi-Performance rep. took place. There should be a policy in place that ensures that Councillors have regular contact with their counterparts on Regional ExcOs. Through this a good flow of communication and discussion can be set up.

EM – With less and less volunteers coming forward, SAS will have to go the professional way.

Q: CW – Are there any moves afoot to change the SAS structure?

A: RB – Only at discussion level

GD – Hi-Performance is being run by one person for all classes. National should choose the classes for hi-performance training and let the classes run it.

AG – Nobody on Hi-Performance at this moment is qualified to make the decision of who gets to represent classes at international level.

Q: JHS – Why can WC not employ a professional manager to run the region?

A: RB – Funding.

AG – A sponsor could be sought to pay for at least one year's salary.

DR – The role of a professional must be well thought out and a clear job description must be drawn up.

The meeting agreed that the employment of a professional manager be brought up at Council.

Q: EM – How soon after the Council meeting will this meeting get a response from Council?

A: RB – Within few days

AK – A few points to ponder

It must be made easier for volunteers to help e.g. the driving of rescue craft requires a skippers ticket. Volunteers are still the key resource of manpower at regattas.

Bureaucracy must be reduced as well as the stringent regulations and officialdom.

WA – Unfortunately SAS is governed by SAMSA regulations.

AK - International sailors at a recent regatta were not allowed to drive rescue boats because of the regulations. In their own countries no such regulations were in force.

WK – Many sailors confuse SAS with SAMSA. Structures should be put in place by SAMSA to police their regulations.

DR – The new provincial colours system will be ready to go by June next year. A big thank you from DR to Anton Vivier for getting the new data base under construction. This will be ready by the end of this year. The only hurdle to overcome now is to get the colours to run over a season and not a calendar year. Currently it is run over a calendar year in line with ISAF but is not practical in our hemisphere.

RB – Thanked DR for all the hard work she put in to setting up the new provincial colours criteria.

KM – Clubs should not be allowed to change dates once the calendar is set. Other clubs and regattas are adversely affected by this.

AK – Sailors should be allowed to do what they want and not what they are told to.

GD – Asked that RB find out what is happening with the All Africa Games.

KM – Every two years sailors go to the Mirror Worlds and have to pay a fee to SARS for taking the boats out of the country. These monies are refunded once the boats are returned. He would like to appeal to SAS to pay this amount on their behalf.

CW – Responded by saying that the Hobie Association and Class assist their sailors.

EM – The venue for the WC Dinghy Champs needs to be changed. There were many complaints about the state of the camp site this year.

PHH – Agreed saying that the regatta should be moved as the format and venue is getting stale.

EM – Suggested using a venue which would enable revenue generated by the regatta to go back into sailing as Saldanha Bay currently benefits from most of the revenue generated.

AG – Suggested that the Sunday start be later to accommodate those wishing to attend church services and spend some time with their families.

GD – Suggested FBYC over Easter.

JHS – This is a high level event and should be run at a high level.



PHH – Wants to draw up a polling form to go onto the website to gain some idea of what the sailors want.

KM – PHH should set up a meeting of interested parties to draw up the polling form and discuss possible venue or date changes.

DR- Any date changes should be checked with other regions so that no clashes occur.

RB asked that GD thank RCYC for the use of the venue.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1930.

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