

## **Cherub National Council of Australia Annual General Meeting (17/01/21)**

Meeting Opened at 6:09 pm

### **Attendees**

- Henry St Hill
- Fiona Lunsmann
- Eleanor Imlay
- Richard Howell
- Sarah Imlay
- Nathan McNamara
- Brendan Jenkins
- Lily Peel
- Todd McVee
- Lateisha Cook
- Lisa Champion
- Paul Champion
- Cathy Pagett
- Nigel Blatchford
- Kris Fay
- Haylee Kellam
- James Glassock
- Caitlin Mulquiney
- James Glassock
- Gael Glassock
- Nicole Barnes
- Peter McLeod

### **Apologies**

- N/A

### **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

- Proposed: Henry St Hill
- Seconded: Eleanor Imlay

### **Office Bearer's Reports**

President's Report (Delivered by Henry St Hill)

- This has been a challenging 2020/21 season with a tricky decision to call off our Nationals in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Thank you to Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club for all their efforts in the lead up to our planned national regatta, they did a fantastic job in early-stage preparation. We have enjoyed working with their volunteers immensely.
- Thank you to the NSW committee and WA committee for their contribution to this event and the patience with which they liaised throughout this year.
- The Cherub Association of NSW had, on behalf of the Cherub National Council of Australia, paid a \$560.00 deposit to PSSAC which has been taken as a loss to the Association.
  - Query from Andrew Glassock: Can this money potentially be put aside as a deposit for another regatta?
    - Henry St Hill remarks that this would need to be confirmed with the sailing committee of the Cruising Yacht Club of Newcastle who has taken over the lease/management of PSSAC as of late 2020.

Treasurers Report (Delivered on Behalf of Will Imlay)

- See the president's report; nothing further to report in terms of Nationals expenses.

Secretary's Report (Delivered by Eleanor Imlay)

- All major correspondence to the Association to external bodies this year has been between the Cherub Association of NSW and the resurging Cherub Class Owners Association of NZ.
- As some of you may know if you have been following along via their Facebook page, the NZ cherubs have had an excellent year with the dusting off, refurbishment, and sailing of several of their old boats. Additionally, they have also seen their first newly constructed boat built in approximately 20 years (Allan Roper).
  - This is a promising sign for the class, and we hope to foster a healthy relationship between our Associations in coming years.
- The NZ class has, as of the time of this meeting, chosen to adopt the rules and regulations of the Cherub National Council of Australia, which is a promising sign for running future joint regattas.

#### Technical Officer's Report (Delivered by Brendan Jenkins)

- To Brendan's knowledge, there is one boat being built in Western Australia, but that is all the construction that is currently underway.
- There has been a new mould built from the most recent Bartley hull out of Michael Bartley Shipwrights.

#### State Reports

##### Western Australia (Delivered by Todd McVee)

- The fleet has grown in number dramatically this season, with strong demand for boats from Western Australian sailors.
  - Should anyone know of available boats please forward this information to Todd McVee.
- Two new boats are in the process of being built in Western Australia, hopefully, each will be launched by the end of the season or early next season.
- The Western Australian State Championships are due to be held next month as is normal practice.
- The committee is ramping up their efforts in preparation for their Nationals in 2021/22 (Perth Dinghy Sailing Club) and is excited to welcome all Australian Cherub sailors, supporters, and their families to WA next year.

##### New South Wales (Delivered by Henry St Hill)

- Unfortunately, the NSW Cherubs have had a difficult start to the season with a changing landscape of COVID-19 restrictions hampering our event planning.
- We were successfully able to run our first two rounds of our NSW State Championships with the easing of community sports restrictions just two weeks before our first round.
  - This led to slightly lower numbers of boats participating at our Abbotsford (17) and Georges River (14) race days.
  - Numbers were recovered to closer to normal levels by November with 29 boats registered for our round two States at Belmont 16ft Skiff Club.
  - This means that we have had a total of 32 boats registered for states over our first two rounds of our State Championships.
    - We hope to boost this participation even further over future rounds at Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club and Saratoga Sailing Club.

- There has been a boost in younger crews starting Cherub sailing this season, with newcomers joining our ranks at Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club, Abbotsford 12ft Skiff Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Skiff Club and Belmont 16ft Skiff Sailing Club.
  - We have also seen a boat purchase by locals to be raced in Canberra.
- Lots of people are enquiring about boat availability including returning fleet members from past years.
  - We would like to encourage anyone considering selling their boat to utilise our website to do so and let us know so that we can field queries your way.

#### QLD

- No report delivered.

#### **The nomination of Future National Committee Positions**

- President:
  - Lateisha Cook nominates Todd McVee for President 2021.
  - Henry St Hill seconds this nomination.
    - Nomination accepted; congratulations Todd on your new role.
- Vice President:
  - Todd McVee nominates Hayden Hunt for Vice President 2021.
  - Lily Peel seconds this nomination.
    - Nomination accepted; congratulations Hayden on your new role.
- Secretary:
  - Todd McVee nominates Jacques Audet for Secretary 2021.
  - Henry St Hill seconds this nomination.
    - Nomination accepted; congratulations Jacques on your new role.
- Treasurer:
  - Todd McVee nominates Lateisha Cook for Treasurer 2021.
  - Richard Howell seconds this nomination.
    - Nomination accepted; congratulations Lateisha on your new role.
- Registrar:
  - Lily Peel nominates Eleanor Imlay for Registrar 2021.
  - James Glassock seconds this nomination.
    - Nomination accepted; congratulations Eleanor on your new role.
- Technical Officer:
  - Todd McVee nominates Richard Howell for Technical Officer 2021.
  - Brendan Jenkins seconds this nomination.
    - Nomination accepted; congratulations Richard on your new role.
- Public Relations Officer:
  - Henry St Hill nominates Lily Peel for Public Relations Officer 2021.
  - Fiona Lunsman seconds this nomination.
    - Nomination accepted; congratulations Lily on your returning role.
- Public Officer:
  - Henry St Hill nominates Eleanor Imlay for Public Officer 2021.
  - Fiona Lunsman seconds this nomination.
    - Nomination accepted; congratulations Eleanor on your returning role.

Congratulations to the incoming committee and good luck on your 2021 endeavours.

## **General Business**

### **Nationals Hosting Rotations:**

- Henry St Hill, speaking for the NSW Committee, asks that we bring the 2022/23 Nationals back to NSW considering COVID-19 restrictions prevented our state hosting this year's National Championships.
  - Motion seconded Todd McVee.
- Vote from Attendees:
  - Yes: 17.
  - No: 0.
- Motion to return to NSW for our 2022/23 National Championships has been passed.
  
- Henry St Hill asks that we revise our typical Nationals hosting rotation (NSW – WA – SA – QLD) in the future to potentially alter our usual SA Nationals to an open travel state.
  - Lily Peel acknowledges that we may have the opportunity to build a fleet in South Australia based on the momentum build by our 2018/19 Nationals at Largs Bay.
  - Fiona Lunsmann acknowledges that we have not seen fleet growth in our last three South Australian rotations, so a travel round may be advantageous to fleet building in, for example, Victoria.
    - Attendees agree that this matter can be discussed in future years.

### **Altering the language of our Constitution (Perpetual Trophies) to Allow for the Award of a Trophy for the First Placed All-Female Crew:**

- Henry St Hill poses some changes to our award of perpetual trophies (see appendix).
  - Summary:
    - Henry St Hill poses motion for the introduction of an all-female crew perpetual award.
    - Fiona Lunsmann seconds this motion.
      - Andrew Glassock suggests there may no longer be a need for the best female skipper trophy as we now have a larger number of women in fleet.
        - Nigel Blatchford agrees that there may be some level of redundancy here.
      - Fiona Lunsmann suggests that may be too early to take this trophy away as we are prone to some level of generational shifts in female-male balance.
        - Lily Peel, Richard Howell and Eleanor Imlay agree with this notion.
    - Vote to introduce a perpetual trophy for the first placed all-female crew at our Cherub National Championships (and associated language changes):
      - Yes: 16
      - No: 2
    - Motion is passed based on a majority vote of attendees.

### **Proposed Update to CNCA Constitution and By-Laws Regarding Nationals Courses:**

- WA committee poses a motion to allow the option for windward-returns to be raced at our nationals in combination with our standard triangle, loop, triangle, loop, beat to the finish.
  - Henry St Hill asks for clarification of proposed course changes and notes that the current language is to run our existing courses only as far as is practical.
    - As such, you would already be able to run windward-leeward or similar courses should the race committee be inhibited by, say, geography.
      - Todd McVee notes that geography is not the WA committee's concern in this case, but rather a strong fleet preference for windward-leeward courses.
        - Todd notes that in WA every week people tend to race windward-leeward courses to conform to what is done by other local classes. As such, it is what their fleet is comfortable racing on a week to week basis.
  - Andrew Glasscock suggests that we can do this in one of two ways:
    - 1) We can add windward-leeward courses to the current wording or
    - 2) We can adapt the constitution to advise participants of the course 6 months in advance at the discretion of the organising body.
      - Todd McVee indicates his preference for Option 1 from a WA standpoint.
- We are unable by our current constitution to make this course decision today due to lack of proper notice of proposed changes to all members of the Cherub Association of Australia (30 days). We pass this discussion onto to the WA committee, and new National committee, to call a special meeting of the Cherub National Council of Australia should they wish to discuss this matter in further detail.

Thank you, and we look forward to racing with you all again in 2020/21.

Meeting closed at 7:03 pm

## Appendix

### **Proposed by the Cherub Association of NSW:**

***Amendment to language surrounding trophies and the naming of trophies for award at our Cherub National Championships. Proposed addition of trophy to recognise the first placed all female crew at the completion of the National titles. Please see details below.***

***Red text is indicative of a change in wording, grammar or punctuation.***

***Blue text gives a worded description of why a change has been recommended.***

***Black text is unchanged from our existing constitution.***

1.2.5 **FEMALE SKIPPER** The W.M. Blaskett Perpetual Trophy for the leading **female** skipper shall be awarded to the best placed **female** skipper.

*Language updated for clarity & consistency*

1.2.7 **BEST PRESENTED BOAT** The O'Mahony Boat Construction Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the owner of the boat which is deemed by the Race Committee to be the best presented boat **at** the series.

*Typing error amended*

1.2.8 **FEMALE FORWARD HAND** The trophy for the leading **female for'd** hand shall be awarded to the best placed women for'd hand.

*Language updated for clarity & consistency*

1.2.9 **ALL FEMALE CREW** The trophy for the leading **all female crew (skipper and for'd hand)** shall be awarded to the best placed **all female crew**.

*Additional perpetual trophy for all-female (historically awarded, but not currently included in constitution)*

1.2.10 **RETURN OF TROPHIES** All trophies shall be held by the successful skipper or crew until before the next succeeding Championships. The trophy shall then be forwarded to the member conducting the series and shall be in good order. It will be the responsibility of the CNCA to issue a reminder notice to all trophy holders. For every week in default a penalty of \$5.00 shall be imposed by the CNCA of the Member to which the holder of the Trophy is affiliated.

*Renumbered to account for added clause*