



# Minutes

## Lowry Bay Yacht Club Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 11 August 2021**

**Held at the clubrooms at 7 p.m.**

### **Chair**

Max Meyers (Commodore)

### **Present**

#### **SENIOR**

Jennie Darby, Ann Dormer, Ingrid Harder, Patrick King, John Lord, Don Manning, Barbie Mavor, Mary Meyers, Max Meyers, Dave Muir, Theo Muller, Keith Murray (via video), Brent Porter, Lynn Porter, Jamie Reid, David Reece, Tony Hofsteede, Martin Scott, Kevin Thomson, Geoff Thorn, Guenter Wabnitz, Kathy Walls, Grant Reid, Gareth Edwards, Gordon McIntosh, Matthew Nolan, Paul Clarke, Katie Mathison, and Mike Beck.

#### **FAMILY**

Margaret McKenzie, Debbie Snelson and Maria Williams.

#### **LIFE**

Steve Taylor, Bob Rowell

### **In Memoria**

A few moments were taken by all present to remember Liz Davis who passed away a few weeks earlier. Liz was well known to members having actively participated in sailing and onshore events and always putting her hand up to volunteer.

## **Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

Ian and Enid Craig, John and Helen Rushton, Phillip Orchard, Irene Muirhead, Ray Manning, Oliver Muller, Cole Porter and John Lloyd.

## **Confirmation of minutes of 2020 AGM**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 August 2020, as circulated to members, be confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Max Meyers

Seconded: Don Manning

All in favour – motion passed.

## **Commodore's report 2021**

Max Meyers presented the Commodore's report as circulated.

The following points are noted:

*Finances:* The club is in a much better position than expected, given the uncertain economic outlook coming out of COVID. The healthy surplus for the year has been achieved largely due to the efforts of the Treasurer in taking on additional administrative tasks following the disestablishment of the manager role last year.

*Planning:* An extraordinary effort has gone into researching facts and preferences in preparing the 5-year plan that was initiated at the last AGM. This has provided clear preferences of members and stakeholders to enable specific scenarios to be developed that will guide the club in responding to Seaview Marina when it wants to exercise its right to relocate the club.

Members were asked to comment on the report. There were no comments.

## **Financial report 2020-21**

Keith Murray presented the financial statements for 2020-2021 as circulated.

The club's financial assets are satisfactory and should give the members security for the ongoing year. Cash balances have increased by \$20,000 and there are no outstanding debts. Membership numbers have remained static at 231. The increased subscription rate made a small increase in revenue. There

is a surplus for the year of \$21,900 and the main contributors to the improved result have been: Clubhouse rental 5,000, Grant from NZ Sports Resilience Fund 5,000, Covid 19 wage grant 1,800, and elimination of administration salary 16,600. These increases in revenues have offset increased rent, insurance, and reduced contribution from the Bar. The diverse sources of revenue have been of much help to insulate the club from national and international financial problems.

**Motion:** That the financial statements for 2020-2021 be adopted.

Moved: Keith Murray

Seconded: Guenter Wabnitz

All in favour – motion passed

## **Fixing of subscriptions for 2021-22 club year**

A draft budget was prepared for the incoming Executive committee. In addition to expenses for Business-as-Usual, this included amounts to cover an Administrator and unknown maintenance that would see an increase in member subscriptions.

It was the general view of members that, given the current surplus and the potential to obtain a grant to cover an Administrator, an increase in the rate of subscriptions could not be justified at this time.

Therefore, the following motion was put:

**Motion:** That subscriptions for 2021-22 for both senior and family members remain unchanged at \$150 and \$95 respectively.

Moved: Max Meyers

Seconded: Barbara Mavor

All in favour – motion passed

## **Annual plan review**

Ingrid Harder, addressed members on the 5-year plan that had been previously circulated. She thanked the members of the planning team, namely Geoff Thorn, Phillip Orchard, Daniel Benton, Barbara Mavor and Jennie Darby for their dedication to the preparation of the plan.

The Planning Committee has consulted widely with Club members and broader stakeholders to develop a Strategic Plan for the Club.

**Motion:** It is moved that:

- LBYC adopt the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan presented by the Planning Committee; and
- the Executive Committee of the Club prepare annual work plans consistent with the Strategic Plan.

Moved: Ingrid Harder

Seconded: Geoff Thorn

All in favour – motion passed

## **Proposed addition to LBYC General Rules**

The Commodore presented a proposed rule change on behalf of the Executive Committee. This would ensure that incoming Executive Committees review the long-term plan and decide how this will be implemented or revised and report to the AGM on progress and any changes.

Some discussion points were as follows:

Geoff Thorn – Incorporated Societies Bill is close to being enacted and will have more detailed requirements relating to the club's administration and planning.

Theo Muller – Agree with the sentiment of the proposed rule as the club has seen many plans in the past that have not been actioned.

Paul Clarke – Prefer to keep this rule out of the constitution, however it could be reconsidered at the next AGM.

The following motion was put to members:

**Motion:** That the members adopt a new Rule 13 as follows:

Rule 13 Long-Term Planning and Development

The Club will maintain, publish, and implement a long-term plan and decide how this will be implemented or revised. At the end of each year the Executive will report to the Annual General Meeting on progress and changes to the long-term plan.

Moved: Max Meyers

Seconded: Mary Meyers

All against – motion declined.

## **Election of officers**

Nominations were received as follows, and nominees were elected unopposed:

### **Non-executive officers**

Patron:	Ian Craig
President:	Bob Rowell
Accounts Review Officer:	John Rushton

**Motion:** That nominations for non-executive officers be accepted.

Moved: Max Meyers

Seconded: Jamie Reid

All in favour – motion passed

### **Executive officers**

Commodore:	Geoff Thorn
Vice Commodore:	Jamie Reid
Rear Commodore Cruising:	Guenter Wabnitz
Rear Commodore House:	Lynn Porter
Treasurer:	Vacant
Executive Committee:	Ingrid Harder, Phillip Orchard
Executive Secretary:	Barbara Mavor
Sailing Secretary:	Jennie Darby

**Motion:** That nominations for executive officers be accepted.

Moved: Max Meyers

Seconded: Guenter Wabnitz

All in favour – motion passed

## **General business**

Geoff Thorn, the newly elected Commodore, took the Chair.

### *Thanks to Outgoing Executive*

Geoff thanked the outgoing Executive Committee members, namely Max Meyers, Keith Murray, Brent Porter and Mary Meyers for their contribution to the club in what was a particularly difficult time with COVID and the uncertainties that brings to the club environment.

### *The future*

Geoff Thorn re-assured members that the future looks good.

*Member programmes*

Guenter Wabnitz spoke about providing varied and interesting activities and programmes for members and would like to see greater participation levels from members.

*Start box*

Kathy Walls asked whether members will be consulted on proposal/ideas for the new start box. The Commodore responded that this is currently with the Sailing Committee who will report back to the Executive Committee before being presented to members.

There being no other general business, the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.