

2019/2020 Balmain Sailing Club Management Committee Minutes

26 August 2020 | 630 pm Meeting held BSC/Telephone Hook-Up

Type of meeting	Management Committee
Secretary	Minute taking Colin Grove

Attendees: Campbell Reid Alan Gregory (AG), Ed Tacey (ET), Conrad Johnston (CJ), Ray Miller (RM), Colin Grove (CG), Mike West (MW)

BSC Manager David Stenhouse (DS)
Jon Simpson

Apologies: Kathryn Underhill (KH)

Meeting commenced 630 pm with apologies noted as above.

The Minutes of the BSC Management Committee of 22 July 2020 were approved with one minor amendment.

Action Items arising from previous minutes:

CG advised the meeting that *five* nominations for the vacant Officer and Director positions have been received and accepted as follows:

Commodore: nomination received from Campbell Reid

Treasurer: nomination received from Ed Tacey

Nominations for the *two* vacant Directors positions were received from:

- Kate Clark
- Chantelle Hodgson
- Mike West.

A ballot will need to be held at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the two vacant Director positions. Jon Simpson has volunteered to act as Returning Officer at the AGM and his nomination was duly endorsed by the meeting.

Jon addressed the meeting and outlined the recommended procedures to be adopted for the ballot which were then endorsed by the meeting, a note will be sent to all members advising of the above details and the returning office will outline the full voting procedures prior to the ballot.

- Discussions have been held with a number of contractors in order to finalise the design and cost of the replacement dock and launching facilities.
- CG has held discussion have commenced with the RMS re a new lease and as well discussions have also been held with the Inner West Council in respect of the current lease.

Management:

- The meeting authorised the Club Manager to send out the latest Covid 19 advice and recommendation from Australian Sailing.
- The meeting appointed Secretary CG as the Clubs Public Officer which is a statutory requirement under the NSW Associations Incorporations Act.

Club Managers Report: David Stenhouse

SAILING

- Website upgrades have been made that allow for entries into the full 2020-2021 season for keelboats and dinghies and for the 2020 Balmain Regatta.
- New results pages of the BSC's website for the 2020-2021 season have been created.
- Updated and revised Sailing Instructions for the annual Main Harbour Race, the 2020-2021 Friday Afternoon Series 1, 2 & 3 and the West Harbour Spring

Sail Pass

As some of you will be aware, Australian Sailing will be amending RRS Rule 46 from January 2021, assuming that we go ahead with the implementation of *Sail Pass*, we need to add links to our website and decide how much we should charge (if anything) for people for race on a one-off basis (I recommend \$25).

Please see the links below for details.

<https://www.sailing.org.au/news/faq-changes-to-rule-46/>

<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/sailpass-home/>

MEMBERSHIP, STORAGE & DONATIONS

As of the 24th of August, we have 158 financial members. A record (\$60k) compared to previous years. Still a lot of work to do to reach a target of \$100k. Membership lists have been sent to the Secretary for the AGM.

Revenues from Hall Hire are down to almost pre-renovation levels – however this is not surprising under the circumstances (COVID) and \$3,600 has been raised since April 1 2020.

COVID-19

An email has been sent to all members regarding advice from Australian Sailing on further restrictions re sailing.

Revenue

Although revenues for food and beverage are less than for the same periods in previous years – our profits are surprisingly good. Bar profits are more likely to be impacted if the social distancing rules continue through the Twilight Sailing season

The most notable points are considerably increased revenues from membership, storage and donations – YTD and the reduced revenues/profits from Hall Hire (COVID) the Sailing School (not COVID related) and functions (VIVID/Annual Presentation). Losses have been more than totally mitigated by Job Keeper and other COVID finance support received (\$33k.

On behalf of the club I applied for and was successful in getting an Australian Sailing administered grant for sporting organisations impacted by COVID of \$1,000.

Philip Grove has kindly made a \$5k donation to the deck project via the Australian Sports Foundation.

Finance:

Attached are the latest Profit and Loss Accounts

IT Systems

(Nil Report)

Sailing:

- The Main Harbour Race saw our largest fleet of yachts (21) race in windy but otherwise picture-perfect conditions. The race attracted a few entries from boats who would ordinarily compete in the CYCA's Winter Series which was cancelled due to COVID. Our dinghy fleet elected not to sail due to the strong winds
- The Friday Afternoon Series has got off to a strong start in terms of the number of series entries (19), however just four boats managed to complete race 1 due to light winds. Race 2 was abandoned due to no wind. Race 3 had 17 starters and 15 finishers. *Irukandji* (GFS) ran aground off Spectacle Island and in a display of good sportsmanship, casual entrant *Carinya* (DSC) stopped racing to assist.
- The West Harbour Spring Series commences this Sunday. There are currently 33 entrants and several late entries are expected.

RISK MANAGEMENT/ WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- All members are to become familiar with the document and as well a copy has been placed on the website and all members strongly encouraged to read it and adhere to it at all times
- AG has also completed an Incident Management Plan which all members should be familiar with a copy is to be kept in the clubhouse at all times and the race starters should have a permanent copy beside the start desk.

Regatta:

- The 2020 Balmain Regatta is just over 2 months away. At this stage, subject to Covid 19 restrictions, it is proposed that we have a Twilight Race on Friday the 23rd of October, the Pub Challenge on Saturday the 24th and the main Regatta on Sunday the 25th.

Infrastructure:

- CR and CJ are continuing discussions with designers / contractors in respect of the new dock and launching ramp.

General Business/Correspondence:

Letter from Chris Durham re new dock and impact on swing mooring.

Meeting Closed 8 pm

The BSC committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss and agree actions on general club matters. If members would like to attend, or have an item they'd like raised at the meeting, please email secretary@balmainsailingclub.com at least a week before. A question or concern may be dealt with before the meeting, if not, it can be added to the agenda if time permits, or to the following month if the current agenda is already full. All members are welcome to read the committee meeting minutes. These are posted on the notice board in the club house usually on the next race day, following a meeting.

Next meeting: 630 PM BSC 23 September 2020