



Albert Sailing Club Inc.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
ALBERT SAILING CLUB INC.  
SATURDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023**

**Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Albert Sailing Club held at the Albert Sailing Club clubrooms, 1 Aquatic Drive, Albert Park commencing 5.10 pm.**

### **Attendees**

Sue Schoene, Ralph Schone, Lesley Scott, Geoff Saliba, Jack Woods, Mark Snell, Graeme Blunt, Rita Bagossy, Charles Bagossy, Chris Bennell, Joe Chircop, Rod Thomas, Cindy Tilbrook, Don McKenzie, Greg Ryan, Peter Bennell, Phil Gardyne, Giane Gardyne, Madeline Paul, Steve Milton, Paul Farrell, Jenny Farrell, John Old, Danny Matthews, Mitchell Caddaye and Helen Faulkner (26)

### **Apologies**

Di Moloney, Tony Schalken, Erin Paul, Arthur Misson, Ron Lackington, Pam Webster, Anne Kaczorowski, Noel Howitt, Tim Falkiner and Brian Finlayson

**Proxies** - None

### **Confirmation of Minutes of Last AGM**

**Motion:** That the draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 14 May 2022 be confirmed.

Proposer: Lesley Scott Seconded: Geoff Saliba Passed

### **Committee Report**

Rod Thomas, Commodore, provided a detailed account of the wide range of activities covered by the committee including increased membership and full sailing and training programs; involvement in external relations with Parks Victoria on two of their key projects arising from the Albert Park Master Plan, and also participation with the Albert Park Community Sporting Tenants association. He also covered the successful Grants program and addressed the on-going work relating to the club's property and infrastructure, and the status of the negotiations regarding the club's future lease;

Rod acknowledged and provided thanks for the major contribution made by the committee as well as the many other club members who helped support the functioning and success of the club.

**Motion:** That the Committee Report be accepted.

Proposer: Rod Thomas Seconded: Greg Ryan Passed

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer tabled the Financial Report. The Treasurer's Report was then delivered by the Treasurer. The club achieved a net profit for the 2022/2023 period of \$27,724 as detailed in the Treasurer's Report.

**Motion:** That the Financial Report and Treasurer's reports be accepted.

Proposer: Joe Chircop    Seconder: Cindy Tilbrook    Passed.

**Motion:** That the Statutory Financial Report be accepted

Proposer Cindy Tilbrook    Seconder Joe Chircop    Passed

## **Club Member of the Year and any Life Member nominations**

Rod Thomas, Commodore, announced that the Club Member of the Year was Graeme Blunt and spoke of Graeme's active involvement on the committee as the 'Ideas Person', as well as his work co-ordinating the club's Discover Sailing and Picnic days, his support on maintenance items, spruiking the club to new members, and helping to establish the social sailing races, as well as other support roles.

The announcement was met with wide acclamation by club members

There were no life member nominations.

It was noted that the Club Member of the Year and Life Member nomination(s) should be added to the AGM Agenda as a standard item before the Elections Agenda item

**At this stage all committee positions were declared vacant.**

## **Election of Flag Officers and Office Bearers for 2023/2024**

Committee Nominations were received from the following:

- Greg Ryan – Commodore
- Vacant – Vice Commodore
- Rod Thomas– Rear Commodore
- Joe Chircop – Treasurer
- Paul Farrell – Club Captain
- Tim Falkiner – Secretary
- Bettina Azzopardi - Committee
- Peter Bennell - Committee
- Danny Matthews – Committee
- Don McKenzie – Committee
- Madeline Paul – Committee
- Cindy Tilbrook – Committee

As the number of nominations for officer positions and for general committee positions did not exceed the number of vacancies, all the above nominees were declared elected in terms of the Club's rules and bylaws.

### **Closing Comments by New Commodore**

Greg Ryan provided a brief background to his own sailing experience and committee involvement and then gave thanks to Rod as the retiring Commodore, for his tireless work in a broad range of areas including filling the gap in the Rear Commodore roles, leading the training programs and assisting and encouraging new sailors, as well as helping to mentor Greg and others in a range of areas. Greg also acknowledged the great work of the committee in the transition from the covid period to the current strong position of growing membership, enhanced club facilities and financial stability.

Greg's final comments covered the club's future Vision and Mission which would result in increased membership engagement, more mentoring to improve sailors skills and confidence, and further improvements to the club facilities, whilst retaining the opportunity for future discussions and integration with the other club.

**Questions:** Geoff Saliba raised the possibility of having a year round race start time of 2pm. Greg acknowledged this and indicated that the suggestion would be referred to the Sailing Committee for review and consideration.

**Meeting closed at 6:15 pm.**

Jack Woods  
Acting Secretary  
Albert Sailing Club