Minutes of ATC Members Meeting – 2 December 2015

Meeting commenced at 8.00PM (EST) as a conference call

Members in attendance:
- Michael Paynter (President)
- Adrian Nicholson (Secretary/Treasurer) (TASA)
- Kate Best (TAWA)
- David Taylor (TAV)
- Blaise Vinot (TAV)
- Alex Kostin (TAQ)
- Peter Davies (TANSW)
- Cary Pedicini (TAV Observer)

Apologies
- R Nicholson (TASA)
- K Widdows (TASA)
- C Byrne (TANT)

Previous Minutes and Business Arising
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct

Moved Mike P Seconded Adrian N - Passed.

1. SA - News
First round of states held with 19 boats and very good racing. All looking forward to Rivoli Bay with very good numbers anticipated for this Regatta.

2. Vic - News
Have done 1st training day, got 6 boats, they had a good time. Have to change the States Venue due to no water at Cairn Curran. So it will now be at Yarrawonga.

Have noticed low numbers of boats at club level racing.

3. NSW - News
Have good fleets at 2 clubs, and fair attendance at other clubs. Have had ACT Travellers Series and lots of boats there. NSW Nationals being planned very well.

4. NT - News
Connor on holidays in Ireland.

5. QLD – News
No news - they have stopped for the season now.

6. WA - News
Had 22 boats on the start line for their states, really going well in WA thanks to the Worlds earlier this year.

7. Qld – National Wrap Up
All went well, just finalizing off the accounts now Liaising with council to complete the grants forms off. Will finalize money back to ATC ASAP.
8 NSW – Nationals

Port Stephens SC all booked, promo video done, RO obtained being Jeremy Atkinson, having regular meetings. Still need to sort out Jurors. Only 13 months to go, will have it very well planned out.

9 Nationals Rotation

As per TASAR Website under Regions and Australia Tab

2017 January Soldiers Point, Port Stevens, New South Wales - 44th National Titles
2017 August, Japan World Titles, Gamagori, Kaiyoh Yacht Harbour
2018 July TBC, Darwin, Northern Territory, 45th National Titles
2019 January, Adelaide South Australia, 46th National Titles
2020 January, Perth, Western Australia, 47th Nationals
2021 January, Melbourne, Victoria, 48th National Titles
2022 Date TBC, Queensland

10 Builder Design Changes

Reference Julian’s email with design suggestions. Most districts have not yet had a chance to properly canvass views, but early responses from TAV was discussed, viz

Issue 1 and 2 – Basic modifications to hull construction to strengthen hulls and ensure boats are made as close to minimum weight as possible. All happy with these changes.

Issue 3 Use of 29er Centreboard and Rudder. This is a 3 mm thicker board, and shorter and made from Aluminum. Concern regarding performance differences and potential retrofitting of existing hulls to fit 29 stock. Inadequate testing and justification for change. Class unlikely to allow this in Nationals as it gives a competitive advantage.

Issue 4 Bolt corrector weights to aft of hull. This is unfair to existing boats and can’t be made retrospective. ALSO if Boats are built correctly as per issue 1 and 2 then this shouldn’t be required at all. We feel this issue is irrelevant.

Issue 5 Carbon Mast/Rig Changes. Insufficient level of support for changes to mast or sails when last canvassed internationally in 2014. No change in position now.

11 Gate Starts

Regatta Guidelines are to be modified to include provision for Gate Starts and ensure future Nationals have them included in their SI’s. They are available as an option by RO’s but class would prefer line starts where practicable. Remove Split fleet from Guidelines.

The Gate Start is to be included in the SI’s for the NSW Nationals.

13 Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be 2nd of March 2016.
The meeting closed at 9.10 PM (AEST)