



Minutes of ATC Members Meeting – Wednesday 18th March 2020

Meeting commenced at 8.02 PM (AEDST) as a conference call.

Members in attendance:

Nicole Kidman (ATC), Stuart Templeton (ATC), Blaise Vinot (ATC), Philip Potter (TAV), James Burman (TANSW), Conor Byrne (TANT), Marilyn Diverell (TANT) Adrian Nicholson (TASA), Dave Meehan (TAWA), Louise Binks (TAWA), Kayne Binks (TAWA)

Apologies

Fiona McManus

1. 47th Tasar Nationals Mandurah

David Meehan explained review process leading to risk analysis document emailed earlier during the day. Made sure that engagement with all major stake holders remained strong, Tourism WA, MOFSC, Australian Sailing, ATC. Key factors were protecting volunteers who are in the high-risk category and considering that removing social events would remove essence/spirit of the regatta.

In view of the above decision was taken to cancel the regatta.

Actions:

- MOFSC as the Organising Authority (OA) to release statement accordingly and inform competitors.
- ATC to post notice on website
- TAWA to work on financial consequences with aim to provide full refund but this will need to be discussed with MOFSC before any decision can be confirmed.

ATC express deep thanks to TAWA team and especially Dave, Louise and Kayne who have worked hard to get the event off the ground and have to work even harder to cancel it.

TAWA thanks ATC for input and leadership in the decision making process.

Discussion

James Burman questioned cancellation or postponement.

Decision was to cancel rather than postpone for the following reasons

- No easy slot before Vic Nationals in January 2021
- Cancellation makes it easier to manage financial position of regatta

Next Nationals in WA

Nicole and Stuart had preliminary thoughts on the matter to be further discussed in the coming weeks

Option 1

2021 Paynesville

2022 NSW (4 months after Seattle Worlds)

2023 WA (12 months before VIC Nationals/Worlds)

Option 2

2021 Paynesville

2020 QLD (July)

2023 NSW

2024 Nationals/Worlds VIC

2025 WA

Points to be further considered are:

- Spacing between events to prevent regatta fatigue
- Managing the post worlds slump
- Giving each event maximum chances of success

2. Previous Minutes and Business Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting (16/12/2019) were accepted as correct.

Moved AN Seconded: NK - All in favour

3. District reports

NSW – News

States were held at Woollahra SC, 22-23 Feb 2020 with only one day of sailing and 4 races completed. Title was taken by Victorian Mark Bulka with son Oliver. Despite this it was a good weekend. Traveller's trophy races also completed. One container was going to WA, now cancelled and sailors will be disappointed.

SA - News

SA recently had round 2 of our State Titles at Goolwa Aquatic Club, only 11 boats participated.

We appear to have a few of our reliable sailors out with various getting old ailments at the moment.

Sailing was very competitive with half the fleet competing for the win, and the other half competing

not to come last. Some new members we get certainly can sail, but the majority need a lot of time (years) and patience before they get up to speed. Final round of States was held at Wallaroo SC, and with 5 potential winners. Series was won by Stuart and Nicole with one-point margin ahead of Kym Flint and Karen Westlake.

We have had a letter of complaint to TASA from one of our members about the ongoing issue of the Price of Sails. Our Association discussed this at a recent meeting, and formulated a response

by asking the ATC to discuss this serious issue at the WA AGM. We have asked that a motion be put at the AGM regarding this. We feel we need to bring this issue to a head.

NT – News

A new committee has been elected.

President Conor Byrne emailconorbyrne@gmail.com
Vice President Merrilyn Diverell mezza65@optusnet.com
Secretary Lesley Alford Lesley.alford@denhamia.com.au
Treasurer David Pugh d.pugh58@yahoo.com.au

3 to 6 boats on the water with some novices buying boats. Big experience gap between front and back of the fleet but association made decision to support attendance to nationals when/if required. Sails price is also an issue and TANT intends to write to ATC.

VIC – News

States were held at Cairn Curran sailing club following a last-minute location change due to blue algae in Yarrawonga. This caused a few cancellations but still manage to get 22 entries. Title was won by Heather and Chris. Strong attendance at Rivoli Bay in January with 8 boats including 5 from regional Victoria.

AGM held at Cairn Curran with new committee elected:

President: Blaise Vinot
Secretary: Philip Potter
Treasurer: Gareth and Laura Evans
Next TAV meeting to focus on Nationals at Paynesville

TAV introduced a new prize for the 20/20 category, one each of the 2 people on each side of the 20-year line to encourage parent-child combination.

WA – News

Focus was on cancellation of Nationals. States planned this weekend but may not happen. On the positive side Mandurah has a core fleet of 6 boats.

QLD – News

Nil received

4. Treasurer's report

No formal report submitted. \$40 income from non-member advertising. Impact of no-nationals not assessed but finances should be ok for the year. BV to review. BV indicated the ATC will need to assess whether subsidy can be provided or not for the next worlds in Seattle.

5. 2021 Paynesville Nationals

David Taylor to be main coordinator
Accommodation: Tony Creak
Race management: James Sly/Chris Payne

Aim is to develop racing officers in view to the worlds. NOR to be published In April if possible. NK reminded that NOR needs vetting by ATC.

6. 2020 AGM

BV and NK to discuss this week in order to find proper process. BV indicated it has to be held to comply with Victorian legislation. (ATC incorporated in Victoria)

7. WTC Update

Adrian explained motion to be presented at AGM regarding the TASA proposal that a new manufacturer be selected.

NK and BV gave update on actions taken:

- Before letter NK and BV agreed at Rivoli Bay sails are a priority issue
- Decision was made to engage WTC as we can't work in isolation
- WTC meeting was convened by teleconference on the 1st of March, attendees Julian Bethwaite (designer/copyright holder), NK (ATC President), BV (ATC Secretary), Chris Payne (World Measurer), Peter Ellis (World Secretary), Anthony Boscolo (World President)
- Meeting openly discussed sail issues including, price, quality, distribution. WTC decided that next step is to ask for 3 quotes from mid-tier manufacturers to assess where the problem is. (manufacturing or distribution margins). CP is coordinating for the WTC
- Next meeting planned for April with same attendees
- BV explained that solution is not as straightforward as it might look as quality of material is integral to sails and we need to find a solution that does not disadvantage other countries or lead to measurement class. NK confirmed that engagement strategy with JB is making progress and he was very open to supporting the class with changes if required. He has already asked how CP is progressing so hopefully momentum will continue

8. Measurer's report

ST provided the following update:

- Guidance document for centre board retrofit has been finalised and will be published shortly.
- District Presidents and Secretaries to forward on document to members.
- New load cell acquired (thanks TAWA) to be shipped to SA and brought to Paynesville.

Phil Potter is gathering weight data to support change of weight rules. VIC uses exemption to 4 kg max at States. Weight rule is a legacy issue that could be put to review through WTC if supporting info sufficient.

Question raised on jib sheet trial: no news BV to follow up with TANSW.

PP asked if GPS tracker would work for OCS management. ST open but not sure if technology is currently used. PP to follow up.

9. General Business

Incorporated in above points.

Meeting was closed at 9.16 pm AEDST

Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held in June 2020.