

Minutes of ATC Members Meeting – Wednesday 24th June 2020

Meeting commenced at 8.04 PM (AEDST) as a video conference.

Members in attendance:

Nicole Kidman (ATC), Stuart Templeton (ATC), Blaise Vinot (ATC), Philip Potter (TAV), Lesley Alford (TANT), Adrian Nicholson (TASA), Dave Meehan (TAWA), Hugh Tait (TANSW), Darren Watkins (ADFA)

Apologies

Fiona McManus

1. Minutes of previous meeting and actions arising

The minutes of the previous meeting (18/03/2020) were accepted as correct Moved: BV seconded: AN All in favour.

2. States and District Reports

VIC

No sailing since our last meeting.

Work has focused on nationals. Regatta agreement is signed.

NOR almost ready. Decided to use Sailor app to promote and manage the event. At this stage we are looking at a low key event due to ongoing uncertainty and difficulty to sign up sponsors. Our focus is on delivering the event and making it a friendly country regatta.

WA

There has been very little action on the Tasar front in WA since the COVID-19 lock down. Things in WA are now starting to get back to some sort of normal and sailing is up and running again.

MOFSC who were due to hold the nationals, have invited the TAWA fleet to participate in their winter series. Hopefully we get a few boats out of hibernation for the series. MOFSC which is a newer Tasar club now has 6 boats at the club, though not all are regularly sailing at the moment. We hope the winter series will grow the interest in the class at the club and get more boats on the water.

TAWA has drafted its 2020/21 season calendar which will be finalised and published shortly. TAWA has interest in Tasar's at two new clubs (Sun City Yacht Club and South of Perth Yacht Club). There are currently 2 boats at each club though they are not sailing regularly but the SOPYC members participated in the RPYC mini-series last season. The association has added the opening days for both of these clubs on its season calendar.

With a few extra Tasar's turning up at the respective opening days we hope to promote the class at these clubs.

Apart from that there are still a lot of unknowns moving forward. We have a couple of boats interested in the Vic nationals. They will most likely drive over east if they can get there without quarantining. There is also interest in the USA Worlds. However, it is very hard to plan ahead at the moment with all non-essential international travel banned and no scheduled flights.

TAWA has also set the date for its AGM, which will coincide with the first round of the State titles in November 2020.

SA

Nothing has happened since the last meeting, but now starting to awaken since Covid. We are starting to investigate options for our AGM and State Titles Presentation and starting to think about what to do for the next seasons sailing. SA will be back to normal for the new season.

NT

With easing of COVID-19 restrictions Club racing is up and running and 5 Tasar's competing regularly. 2 recently purchased Tasar's getting out on the water and hoping to compete soon with a couple of other novice boats close to getting on the water. NT Championships planned for 25-26 July. TANT is in the process of rewriting constitution to ensure compliance with legislation. TANT members continue to assert that sails are too expensive and support the moves nationally to address this.

NSW

AGM was held. Hugh Tait new president. Planning is underway for the season with the addition of an additional event early September.

ADF

Back on the water in the next 2 weeks. 4 boats planning to attend the nationals in Paynesville.

3. Treasurer's report

Accounts were tabled and accepted Moved: BV seconded

Despite lack of Nationals we should not make a loss. Insurance and Australian sailing affiliation fees are now due.

Motion:

That the treasurer be allowed to renew Australian Sailing membership (around \$220) and liability insurance (around \$1200) as they come due. Moved: BV seconded: PP All In favour.

4. 2021 Paynesville Nationals update

Regatta agreement has been signed.

NOR should come out soon, waiting to finalise payment details.

Following WA experience, need to consider refund processes in case of cancellation. Suggested we approach Australian sailing to talk about National Jury requirements, main impact on budget (approx. \$6000, i.e. \$100 per boat if 60 boats, which is our break-even target). For the recent WA Nationals cancellation, Tourism WA covered the losses. Communication underway driven by our new committee member, Laura-Jane Evans

5. Next Nationals rotation

Several options were tabled and discussed. Final decision will depend on possible postponing of USA worlds to 2022 given unlikelihood of Australian's being able to travel internationally until potentially mid-2021. NK to discuss options with WTC/NATA organizing committee.

6. WTC update

WTC leading cost evaluation on sails. Chris Payne did unformal EOI to get costing from 3 different suppliers. Next meeting with Julian on Saturday 27/6/20.

There is a clear sentiment from most states that sails are too expensive and quality too low. General discussion of risk/process to deal with non-genuine sails.

AN to circulate a motion allowing States to allow non genuine sails at State level. Draft motion to be discussed at WTC meeting on 27/06/20.

7. Measurer's report

Nil

8. Other business

Members agreed to continue with Zoom meetings

Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held September 16th 2020 8pm AEST

Meeting Closed at 9:34 pm