



Minutes of ATC Members Meeting

Wednesday 16th of September 2020

Meeting commenced at 8.05 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 None received

1. Minutes of previous meeting and actions arising

The minutes of the previous meeting (24/06/2020) were accepted as correct Moved: LA seconded: DM All in favor.

2. States and District Reports

VIC

No sailing since our last meeting.

Work has focused on nationals. Proposing to cancel.

Backup plan is to participate in sail Melbourne as invited class. TBC soon from 16-18th of January if regatta goes ahead.

SA

AGM completed. Happy to report there is a full committee. Season's programming underway. 1st race held at Somerton last Saturday. Clubs are getting for their sailing season as per normal.

NT

A handful of Tasars have competed in Darwin Sailing Club Point Score and Classic series and the NT Championships. Numbers are still down post 2018 Darwin Nationals. Clinic planned for 19 September to encourage new Tasar owners. TANT Constitution revision has progressed well and the next step is a formal SGM to adopt the changes. TANT members support the proposed motion to accept a non-genuine Tasar sail manufacturer if it reduces the cost of sails.

ADF

Following states laws. Main regatta in December has been cancelled. Funds re-allocated to training. Looking at fixing some more Tasars and selling a batch of 8 to 10 orange boats. Will keep ATC informed of auction details. Push to use RS400 as training boats is not going away.

NSW

Sailing is taking place at club level. No restrictions on numbers but need to remain in one of the 4 delimited zones. Trying to resolve different interpretations by NSW government and Australian Sailing. Hugh just recently elected to advisory committee of Australian Sailing. Travellers Trophy races have been postponed. States have been flagged for Speers Point Sailing Club but not firmly committed yet. TANSW doing lot of communication about club activities. Conducted survey of members and offers to share with other states (with contribution) annual survey monkey subscription.

WA

TAWA meeting last week. Calendar set as per normal timing. States to be run in Mandurah over 2 weekends in November and December. AGM to take place in November.

3. Treasurer's report

Accounts were tabled and accepted Moved: BV seconded PP
Insurance and Australian sailing affiliation fees have be paid and new certificate of insurance emailed to ATC members.

4. 2021 Paynesville Nationals update

After consultation with the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club and Australian Sailing, the TAV recommends that the January 2021 Nationals be cancelled. Uncertainty about social distancing rules and border opening rules are the main drivers behind this recommendation.

Motion: That the 47th Tasar National championship planned for January 2021 at Paynesville be cancelled. Moved: NK Seconded: BV All in favor.

ATC expresses disappointment and thanks TAV for work completed in trying to organize the regatta.

5. Next Nationals rotation

NK indicated that 2021 Seattle worlds will likely be postponed to May 2022. After discussion it was agreed that September 2022 would be preferable unless we know for certain before May 2021 that all international travel restrictions will be lifted.

NK to communicate ATC thoughts to Lisa Renehan, NATA.

After considering a number of options the ATC resolved a tentative schedule for the coming years as below:

Option 7

Jan 2022	Port Lincoln SA (TBC) co-hosted TASA/TAWA
September 2022	Seattle Worlds, USA
Dec/Jan 2022/23 or Easter 2023	NSW Nationals (or WA Nationals noting above)
Jan 2024	Sandringham Worlds VIC
Jan 2025	WA Nationals or NSW Nationals (noting above)

TASA, TAWA and TANSW to explore options supporting above schedule. All agree that we need some flexibility until conditions become more certain. Port Lincoln is potentially a no container destination that can be cancelled with limited financial loss if restrictions are re-instated and could be co-hosted by the TAWA and TASA.

No decision made on Nationals in 2024. Options are to run them in conjunction with Worlds or as a pre-regatta event.

6. WTC update

See National rotation and sail price

7. Measurer's report

Nil

8. Other business

Sail price

NK presented a summary of actions taken by ATC including discussions with WTC, Julian Bethwaite and request of direct quote from MacDiarmid.

Above discussions have indirectly triggered reactions from NB sail sports:

- Prices on website have been dropped slightly with a Sale offer
- ATC has been offered a bulk deal package:
 - o 20 sets
 - o Payment upfront
 - o 8 weeks delay (sea freight)
 - o Single point of delivery

ATC acknowledges that prices are attractive but decided not to accept the deal on the ground that it does not resolve the current distribution issue and only perpetuates long term practice of NB sails to offer deals solely when under pressure. This was unanimously supported by the district representatives on the video conference.

PP to contact 29er and 49er association to understand how they are managing supply issues and use of non-genuine sails at club level.

NK-BV to reply to NB sails.

Use of alternate sails

ATC still waiting for revised version of motion regarding use of alternate sails at state level. AN to review.

HT suggested that such motion should be tabled but not accepted as we are still reviewing possible alternate sail suppliers as this could impact interest of potential suppliers.

AGM

Cancellation of National titles will push us to do an online AGM. Although we could do it technically with only the members of the ATC attending it was suggested that meeting be opened to all members like traditional AGM.

Motion: That AGM be scheduled by zoom in late November Moved: NK seconded: BV all in favor.

ATC Constitution

BV indicated that ATC constitution needs updating and Treasurer role separated from Secretary role.

BV to prepare proposal to present to ATC.

TANSW and TASA surveys

Both States have conducted a member's survey. Due to meeting running late only a brief summary of results was presented

NSW Key issues/constraints/area of focus

- Club racing is key
- Crew training is critical
- Cost of parts is major barrier to entry

HT to forward more detailed info to NK.

SA Key issues/constraints/area of focus

- Time is a major constraint
- Cost
- Crew
- Competition and social are both important

Next Meeting

Next meeting not yet scheduled. Will depend on actions arising from current meeting.

Meeting Closed at 10:15 pm