

## Minutes of ATC Members Meeting – 3 June 2015

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

## Members in attendance:

Michael Paynter ATC (President)

Adrian Nicholson ATC (Secretary/Treasurer) (TASA)

Kym Widdows(TASA)Rebecca Nicholson(TASA)David Taylor(TAV)Pat Pedicini(TAV)Alex Kostin(TAQ)Pete Ellis(WTC)

**Apologies** 

K Best (TAWA)
B Vinot (TAV)
Connor Byrne (TANT)

## **Previous Minutes and Business Arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct. Moved Adrian Seconded Mike - Passed.

## 1 SA - News

The TASA had AGM and elected new committee, Kym Widdows is our new president. Still going strong good participation with country clubs. Have 3 people looking at going to Townsville Nationals. Looking at doing VIC and SA Challenge for the AUS Day weekend.

#### 2 Vic - News

The season is almost over but there is still some active participation, 10 boats 2 weeks ago at Sandringham, 6 last week...

TAV is working on the next season and has already put the winter calendar out as some crews will want to prepare for the nationals in Townsville.Preparation for Townsville is underway. We have 14 EOI for containers, received quotes and have already asked for a deposit.

We are planning a presentation night for the 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

Following successful years of participation in the Class events, (Nationals, Worlds, States) the TAV has started a strategic review aiming at consolidating the development of the class in Victoria over the next 5 years. One of the key points identified as a barrier to expansion is the increasing cost of boats, sails and spars. TAV is determined to pursue this issue as it feels that it is a core element of the survival and development of the class

#### 3 NSW - News

Not Available...Need reps to dial in

## 4 NT – News

Not Available...Need reps to dial in

#### 5 QLD - News

A few Tasars sailing.

#### 6 WTC - News

Have recently received funds from Sail Makers for testing of various new gear testing. Need some volunteers to assist in various testing. The World Measurers' request for volunteers will be forwarded asap.

#### 7 QLD Nationals

Planning well under way now. Have received about half the funding from the council. Containers will be parked at the local school. Have arranged security. Have a mini committee to work together on the event. Need some rough numbers of who is attending. The social functions are going to be terrific. Need to do some advertising to get people enticed to participate in the event. Will have 1 container from Vic and need to find out what containers are coming from other states. Want containers to drop from MONDAY the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 8 ATC to Host Worlds in Asia Pacific

Discussed the event of Batam Island for June/July 2016. Need a satisfactory commercial agreement for the arrangements between ATC and Boat builders. Have not been able to have a start up meeting with NB Sail Sports. Have also had meetings with Ronstan and Martyn Sly and had further discussions but news still not good. So we are not looking like going ahead with this event at this stage. We will need an extraordinary injection of enthusiasm from the Agents to get this event underway. We may reschedule to do this type of event in the future sometime maybe in 2018/19.

#### 9 Sail Prices

TAV concerns for the Sail Price increases, prices have been escalated too much and it seems that the price structures are way over the top for class members to buy. It is a big disincentive to purchase new boats and new sails. How does the TAV or ATC or WTC encourage the agents to charge reasonable prices for sails? How do we express our 'customer' voice? Pete Ellis commented on how these price increases is a big concern. WTC will communicate with Julian Bethwaite on this issue. WTC will seek Julian's advice on how to best progress this issue.

Discussion re State associations using non genuine sails for State Titles was held. Could go back to Dacron sails. There are a lot of people in the distribution chain and it seems excessive.

# 10 Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be 2nd of September 2015. The meeting closed at 9.15PM (CST)