

WEST AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL DRAGON ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club on Wednesday 18th May 2022

Meeting opened at 18:00

Present: 23 Members

Apologies: Andrew Locke, Sandy Anderson, Jennie Fitzhardinge, Deborah Henderson, Susan Parker, Emma Shand, Peter Masee, Simon Prosser, Willy Packer, Jock Packer, Ethan Prieto-Low

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted minutes 2021 AGM meeting as a true and correct record

Matters Arising: None

President's Report - Rod Williams:

Rod Williams welcomed everyone and thanked them for their input and participation in another busy and successful year.

The full report has been circulated via email to all members. Highlights include a pre-season Ladies Skipper Regatta with a successful après event, strong turnout throughout the season with 21 boats competing with an average of 12 per race. A fleet of 15 took part in the State Championships. Rod noted the passing of Peter Hay and welcomed Andrew Locke as the new patron of the class.

Treasurer's Report - John Anderson:

The full report has been circulated via email to all members and the Treasurer spoke to the Report noting the Association was in a sound financial position and responded to questions arising. He noted that WAIDA has 3 masts and 12 sail labels in stock. WAIDA insurance has been dropped as it was redundant. The Report was accepted and the following resolution re WAIDA subscriptions was passed unanimously -

“The WAIDA membership subscription fees for 2022/2023 to be \$220 for each yacht (\$100 for boat and \$40 each crew), \$40 for each additional crew and \$20 for a social member (i.e. not necessarily aligned with a boat).”

Handicapper's Report - Steven Cole:

The full report, which has been circulated via email to all members, was tabled and accepted. Steven spoke briefly to the Report highlighting key aspects.

Election of Office Bearers:

The President noted that signed nominations for available positions were received with only the number of nominees to match the positions available and accordingly under Article 10.8 of the Constitution the following were duly appointed to office for 2022/2023:

- President - David Meager
- Treasurer - John Anderson
- Secretary - Gerry McGann
- Committee Members (8 max) - Kevin Palassis (Fleet Captain), Ian Malley (Technical), Ray Chatfield, Jack Lynn, Robyn Johnson, Susan Parker, Willy Packer, Rod Williams

Rod and David were thanked from the floor for their service over a number of years as President and Secretary and new members to the committee were welcomed, noting that it was wonderful to have both crew and ladies represented on the committee. Steven Cole agreed to continue as Handicapper as ex officio.

General Business:

Stephen Cole noted that AIDA was now incorporated into and represented by Presidents from the four Dragon states. Geoff Totterdell noted that, as WA has the only active fleet, this imbalance is possibly not reflected in the present structure. It was agreed by the meeting that AIDA structure is a work in progress and that a legal structure now exists to move forward.

Geoff Totterdell commended the outgoing Committee's attempt to have Dragons participate in Busselton Race week. There was further discussion from the floor and alternative race locations were suggested e.g. Cockburn Sound. The regular racing calendar would need to be taken into consideration.

Ian Massey commented on technical issues.

Rob Hubbard suggested combining with the Etchells on Saturday early or late Windward-Leeward racing. The floor noted the importance of maintaining social aspects of our sailing.

Prince Phillip Cup Sydney 2023. WA contingent was encouraged to participate.

Meeting closed at 1845 hrs and attendees enjoyed finger food and drinks provided by WAIDA.