



Richmond River Sailing and Rowing Club

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MINUTES AGM 2020/2021 Season

Date Sunday 7th February 2021 Time: 10.00am

Meeting Opened: 10.02am

Commodore's welcome: Welcome everyone

Present: Phill Robbins, Jonathan Horsley, Chris Hallett, Colin Woodbry, Nola Hallett, Geoff Benson, Seamus Coakley, Garry Bargh, Claire Oelrichs, Ian Bowles, Fiona Cormack, Graeme Fleming, Norm Hunt, Matt Cartwright, Duncan Dey, Garry Scott, Anthony Pully, John Kulas, Andrew McInnes, Ethan Tebbutt, Paul Morris

Apologies: Rod Smith, Mike Wiley

Minutes of Previous 2018 AGM – Read by: Phill Robbins

Moved by: Duncan Dey

Seconded: Matt Cartwright

Matters arising from previous minutes

Duncan suggested to ask our Patron to repair the landslide where the temporary orange fence was erected by Ballina Shire Council over 2 years ago. It is a safety hazard and passing cyclists could fall into it. Chris suggested if it was filled in, we could have more room for rigging.

Commodore's report: Phill Robbins

2019-2020 season ended in May 2020 with 21 races in a short season due to COVID. The season saw the club busy with lots of boats with Champion Series and Handicap races. We had drone footage from Jason plus many photos from Jane and Trent.

Learn to Sail in January-February was labour intensive and required many volunteers. We now have bigger boats that require less volunteers.

Since COVID we have had more interest in sailing which is great. We have more interest from adults who sailed as kids. Intermediate has been very successful and not labour intensive. Not sure if we will go back to Learn to Sail in the future.

We had a successful grant – purchased a Corsair 'Swell Lady', purchased 2 x Pacers for \$500 each from Brisbane. We have since sold 2 x older Pacers which made room for 2 x Corsairs.

We ran a Virtual Presentation which was very successful with lots of contribution from our members. We had a lot of individual sailing during COVID. We also set up online booking for club boats which is working well for Intermediate sailing.



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Mike Wiley has been running adult training and this is working well and a nice social contribution to our club. Congratulation to Mike!

We have had a number of boat collisions since last season. Gennaker fleet have had a discussion – could split Gennaker fleet away from other fleet and possibly sail on a Saturday. They are not keen and still want to sail with the rest of the club members. How do we go ahead?

Ideas/Suggestions:

- Always keep an eye out for other boats
- If you have 2 + crew allocate one person to watch for boats. Everyone needs to be watchful
- There are still members and new members that don't know all the rules. We need to call people out if they don't obey the rules. Maybe someone can write an article in our Newsletter to add to our safety on the water.
- We always have new sailors joining our fleet and they are a big risk to themselves and others. I want to improve the risks.
- When a new person joins, they have a mentor in their group who helps to explain the learning process. We want them to learn from a teacher who they have a good rapport with. It may alleviate problems of new people not knowing.
- Garry Bargh suggests introducing new members to others and explain the working of our club. The class rep can introduce the new member to the other sailors in that group.
- Geoff Benson said to call the correct terms on the water so others learn – SHOUT!
- Always avoid collision, even if you have the right of way! Two people have responsibility when there is a crash – avoid at ALL times!
- Jonathan noted we have had very few protests in the club. The skipper is responsible to ensure the observer is looking out. We are lucky we haven't had injuries.

A big thank you to Trent and Jane for a fantastic job of the Newsletter (even up to 36 pages). Trent can't continue due to work commitments so we are looking for a Newsletter writer (does not have to be to the same standard).

We have had an offer from Laura – She wants to create a position to encourage female sailors into our club. We will create this position.

We have lost so much with the passing of Mark Pierce. He is a great loss to our club and we will rename the Corsair 'Collette' in Mark's honour which is a nice way to remember him.

I enjoy being Commodore and love the comradery in our club.



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Vice Commodore's Report: Jonathan Horsley

I'll keep it brief.

We don't need an aquatic licence but we do need to send notifications to Australian Sailing.

Being the COVID-19 coordinator has kept me very busy.

Thank you Phill and committee.

Rowing Officer Report: Graham Hams

Treasurer's report: Colin Woodbry

Income up by \$8,800

Expenses down by \$8,000 due to COVID

Assets up by \$10,000 (New shed, fence, new boats)

Balance 30/06/2019 \$45,356.97

Balance 30/06/2020 \$57,905.60

Balance 07/02/2021 \$69,498.07

Both clubs are financial. Lots of maintenance and painting etc completed.

Thank you to John McDonnell for auditing.

I nominate John McDonnell to continue to be our Auditor.

Moved: Graeme Fleming

Seconded: Ian Bowles

Rear Commodore's Report – Chris Hallett

Big thank you to Col Woodbry for the internal painting of our club and thank you to everyone who has helped me during the year.

We installed new locks on all doors and gates. New keys were issued to members and old keys returned. Gates and/or doors have been left unlocked on many occasions. We may need to look at security so we know when/who may have left open.

New fence installed and shed built. Electricity still needs to be connected to shed.

We created more space where the dinghys are stored. We won't buy any more pneumatic wheels and will be going for the Opti wheels instead.



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Purchased gurney, repaired change rooms, 2 x signs made for path for race days, repaired boat ramp. Purchased/repaired Bic sails. Door turned around in Ladies amenities to help with privacy and maybe still need to purchase mesh for the fence.

We have a new cleaner- they are great! Made more space for boat storage.

We need photo ID of boat with owner for reference.

Chased up members who have boats stored and not sailing regularly.

RIB has been serviced.

Lawn mowing – we are getting a list together to create a roster. I have helped to eradicate the ants.

General Business

Duncan said the roster is going well and everyone is trained.

Re: Calendar – Duncan is happy for suggestions of any new ideas.

Ian Bowles thanked the committee for all their effort over the year

Election of Office Bearers

Position Name	Nominated by	Seconded by	Accepted Y/N
Commodore Phill Robbins	Garry Scott	Ian Bowles	Yes
Secretary: Nola Hallett	Norm Hunt	Seamus Coakley	Yes
Treasurer: Colin Woodbry	Ian Bowles	Jonathan Horsley	Yes
Vice Commodore: Jonathan Horsley	Ian Bowles	Colin Woodbry	Yes
Rear Commodore: Chris Hallett	Jonathan Horsley	Matt Cartwright	Yes



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Publicity officer Trent Morgan	Norm Hunt	Jonathan Horsley	TBC
Rowing Officer: TBC			

Nominated Patrons – Tamara Smith

Nominated By: **Seconded By:**

Honorary Members – Ric and Roland

Nominated By: **Seconded By:**

Election of Auxiliary Officers

Position Name	Nominated by	Seconded by	Accepted Y/N
Venue Officer: Nola Hallett	Jonathan Horsley	Seamus Coakley	Yes
Canteen Officer: TBC			
Handicapper: Phill Robbins	Norm Hunt	Matt Cartwright	Yes
Newsletter Writer: Laura Stoltenberg 50%	Jonathan Horsley	Graeme Fleming	Yes
Sail Training Team: Committee + Seamus	Ian Bowles	Jonathan Horsley	Yes
FB and Instagram Trent Morgan	Phill Robbins	Jonathan Horsley	Yes
Web Admin TBC			

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