

# South Australian Radio Yachting Association Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2010  
Commencing at 7.00 pm

Welcome was extended to all present.

**Present:** Jurgen Luther, Geoff Cibich, Ben Morris, Jeff Gerard, Graham Ingerson, Ian Dowsett, Tony Cannizaro.

1. **Apologies:** Colin Smart, Rob Guyatt, Roger Hartley.,

2. **Minutes of previous Meeting.**

Minutes of previous meeting were read. **Moved** Ben Morris, **seconded** Graham Ingerson  
“that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted”. **CARRIED**

3. **Business Arising from Minutes.**

3.1 RC Lasers

Jurgen Luther advised that he is getting an RC Laser and is anticipating going to the Nationals which are to be held in Victoria. He has met a member from MYMYC who has a Laser, but he appears to be interested in cruising only at this stage. There are also some sailors at Goolwa with RC Lasers but they appear to not be interested in joining any affiliated club.

3.2 2010 Nationals

There were 109 entries after allowing for some withdrawals. He event was successfully run both on and off the water and several reports had been received from interstate competitors that they had enjoyed all aspects of the event.

There were 14 late entries which generated an additional \$700 in late entry fees alone. Graham has not completed balancing the books, but initial trends are very favourable. 570 lunches were provided over 13 days and 84 + 5 attended the IOM presentation dinner. These figures included late acceptances.

The welcome night BBQs went off well.

The input from volunteers from all clubs was appreciated, and lunches and drinks were provided to them.

Sponsors provided money not goods which helped in financial success.

It is unfortunate that much that has been learnt from this event may not be remembered for running a future Nationals event when it is next South Australia's turn to be host.

Saturday night dinner.

This was arranged by Ann Baker and her team of stalwarts and once again was a very successful social event.

4. **Correspondence In**

*Emails as received from YSA and distributed to all clubs*

**Nationals Future Changes**

It was felt that by splitting the classes to be held at different times and / or locations would make the effort less intense for the organisers. An email sent by Rob Guyatt to Graham Ingerson advising his thoughts was copied and handed out to attendees.

Rob's thoughts were:

- Best people to decide how nationals should be run are those who attend as well as those who organise / run the event. In retrospect it may have been better to reject the A class, the result being 8 less entrants but mainly saving **3 days labour** for the organisers.
- Having all classes together is big effort for small states, SA, Tas, ACT. However it is only once every 6 or 7 years. If IOM's went alone and 10R and RM stay together, then Nationals could be held in each state twice as often, but at only half the effort in terms of days for the overall event. Thus reducing fatigue but increasing experience for each state.
- Decision to hold State and Nationals at same time could be left up to the individual states to decide. Most likely be a good idea to have the States and Nationals separated by 6 months if possible.
- While January and February appear to be the best time of the year wind wise, BOM data indicates that anywhere from October to April is almost as good. The reduction in temperature would be more than compensation for a small reduction in ideal wind if run in October or April in South Australia.
- Another suggestion (left field) is that Nationals should be restricted in numbers to the best skippers from each state. AN extremely abhorrent concept which Rob recommends that South Australia reject should it be raised in the future.

If small fleets eventuated, could have 2 days for single fleets, thus creating the 3<sup>rd</sup> day as a lay day

ARYA is preparing results of a survey on Sailors opinions. It may be possible that the smaller fleets such as the A's, might reduce further and possibly even die out.

**State Treasurer.**

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Ben Morris advised that he was prepared to try the position of State Treasurer for the balance of this year.

Than you Ben.

## 5. **General Business**

Drops in races. Ben moved that discards for drops in regattas be standardised to occur after 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> races.

Seconded Graham Ingerson

**CARRIED**

**Meeting Closed:**

8.30 pm.

6. **Next Meeting:** Next General Meeting to be held at TMC Lighting, 53 Chief Street Brompton on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.