

# SOUTH AFRICAN SAILING

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## Minutes of the ninth Annual General Meeting of the Association held on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2005, at 16h00 at the Knysna Yacht Club, Eastern Cape

### Present:

**Council:** Brian Sutherland (President), Kieron Moore (Chairman), Rob Onvlee, Walter Page, Peter Vowles, Rob Willcox

Club	Representative	Club	Representative
<b>NV</b>			
Aeolians YC	R Willcox	Algoa Bay YC	D Bouwer
Benoni SC	R Willcox	King Williams Town YC	D Grant
Boskop YC	H Mantz	Redhouse YC	E Girdlestone
Deneysville AC	R Willcox	George Lakes YC	A van Kersen
Emmerentia SC	R Willcox	<b>KZN</b>	
Florida YC	R Willcox	Albert Falls YC	D Claxton
Lake Deneys YC	T Burger	Henley Midmar YC	D Claxton
Mountain YC	R Willcox	Island SC	D Claxton
Northvaal Radio SC	R Willcox	Maritzburg Radio SC	D Claxton
Olifants Nek YC	R Willcox	Point YC	J Melville
Pretoria SC	R Willcox	Royal Natal YC	D Claxton
Seal Point YC	R Willcox	Zululand YC	K Moore
The Catamaran Club	R Willcox	<b>WC</b>	
Transvaal YC	R Willcox	Hermanus YC	R Bartholomew
Vaal Cruising Club	R Willcox	Mossel Bay YC	W von Schultz
Victoria Lake Club	R Willcox	Zeekoevlei YC	B Sutherland
Witbank YC	R Willcox		
Wits YC	R Willcox		

### Other:

R Bartholomew (HYC), GL Webber (ABYC), L Webber (ABYC), B Harris (SASEC Border), I Meiklejohn (KYC), AP Wustrow (KYC), W van Reenen (KYC), R Clancy (KYC), PD Tunstall (KYC), FWH James (KYC), SD Kasselmann (NV), J Orzechowski (KYC), M Robinson (BYC), G Robinson (BYC), D Robinson (BYC), B Robinson (BYC), J Onvlee (ABYC)

### 1. Welcome & Apologies

Brian Sutherland welcomed all and thanked them for attending, also thanking Knysna Yacht Club for hosting the AGM.

The apologies received were read out:

D Hughes (PSC), L Davies (ZVYC), all clubs who had sent in proxy votes.

### 2. Obituaries

Brian asked the meeting to stand for a moments silence in memory of those who had passed on:

#### Western Cape Region

Eric Budd, Hew Dunlop, Bill Emerson, Midge Jupp, Liz Nankin, Michael Vollmer

#### Northvaal Region

VCA - Neale Down, John Shaw, Ginger Norquoy, Malcolm McKendrick,

DAC - Fred Williams

LDYC - Bill Emerson

Seal Point - Richard Pickering

The Cat Club - H Hansen and Carl Basson

#### Eastern Cape Region

Cornelius Onvlee, Mr & Mrs Dodd (parents of Blane Dodd)

#### Kwazulu Natal Region

HMYC - Jimmy Carrick

### 3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2004 AGM

The minutes of the 2004 AGM were proposed by BYC , seconded by RYC, and adopted.

4. **To receive and if thought fit, to adopt a report of the Council**

The Report of Council was presented by the Chairman. (attached)  
In brief:

In the ever changing face of South Africa, SAS has had to maintain a dynamic outlook in order to deal with all of them. I believe we've achieved that.

The updated Merchant Shipping (Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2002 came into full effect on the 26 April 2004. A number of Examiners and Safety Officers were accredited by South African Sailing (SAS) to ensure that all "yachties" could comply with the new regulations.

SAS negotiated concessions with SAMSA, which enabled many experienced yachtsmen the opportunity to get competency certificates without undergoing an examination. I would like to thank all those Examiners & Committee members who still, or did, serve on the Review Boards, for a job well done.

SAS is an active participant in the negotiations on the proposed Inland Waters Act.

SAS has a national database of yachts and member's in place and it will be fully populated by the end of June.

Web hosting will soon be available – free to clubs and classes. A new web site has been developed with a new image and is being updated regularly.

South Africa continues to win bids to host International Events and SA has been confirmed as the host nation for the following events: Darts, Hobie Cats, Mirrors, J22's. Congratulations to the Organisers, may you have fair winds.

South Africa's America's Cup Challenge, team, Shosholozza, continue to get positive publicity across South Africa and internationally which is not only good for sailing but also for South Africa.

A National Race Officer Training and Accreditation programme has been initiated and will be continued during the 2005/2006 season.

The following awards were presented for the year 2004/5

**SAS Trophies: - 2004/5**

Stan Jeffery Trophy - Evelyn Osborne  
Gordon Burnwood Trophy - Neil Sutherland & Craig Teasdale  
David Butler Trophy - Justin Onvlee  
Owen Aisher Trophy - Paul Willcox

**SAS Colours - 2004/5**

**Youth**

Volvo ISAF Youth Worlds 2005  
Single handed dinghy boy                      Justin Onvlee  
Single handed dinghy girl                      Phillipa Baer  
Double handed dinghy boys                      Ricky & Brennan Robinson  
Coach                                                      Dale Rae

**Admin Colours:**

Evelyn Osborne (NV)  
David Smith (WC)  
Brian Sutherland (NV)

**Protea Colours**, applied for the 2004 ISAF Youth team had finally been received and awarded to:

Derrick & Brennan Robinson (420 boys)  
Bronwen Klaas & Bridget Clayton (420 girls)  
Oliver & Evan Hobson (Hobie)  
James Hogg (Laser)  
Jessica Hogg (Laser Radial)  
Manager: Robyn Keen  
Manager: Gill Robinson

The report was proposed by PYC, seconded by ZLYC and adopted.

5. **To consider and if thought fit, to adopt the Independent Auditor's report on the consolidated financial statements and to approve the auditors remuneration**

The Auditors report and financial statements were tabled, proposed by AYC, seconded by PYC and adopted.

6. **To receive and if thought fit to adopt the Annual Reports of the Standing Committees**

A comment on the Sailing Management report had been received from the Finn Class with support from the Laser Class. They called for a sub committee to be set up to deal with the standard NOR & SI documents.

Council proposed that the two representatives from these classes, Barry Barbour & Alan Keen, join the Sanctions Committee presently dealing with these items, rather than set up another one. This was unanimously agreed to.

The annual reports of all the Standing Committees were then proposed by PYC, seconded by VLC

7. **To consider and of thought fit, to adopt any amendment to the Constitution of which notice shall be given with the notice of meeting**

There were no amendments to consider.

8. **To ratify any new Bylaws or amendments to the Bylaws**

A proposal had been received for a change to Bylaw 5 from the SAS Eastern Cape Region. However it was not received in time for due process to happen before this AGM. It has been referred to the Finance & Admin Committee for action. If adopted, it will be ratified at the next AGM for 2006/7 financial year.

9. **To consider and if thought fit adopt any motions submitted by members of which notice shall be given with the notice of meeting**

KYC proposed the following amendment to Bylaw 5, Item 7.3 be changed to read:  
"All affiliated clubs to submit to SAS audited financials and an audited registry of members."

ABYC seconded the proposal and the motion was adopted by the meeting.

10. **To appoint Independent Auditors for the next financial year**

The appointment of Sindlers Inc was proposed by HMYC, seconded by PYC and adopted.

11. **General**

11.1 ABYC - Applications made via SAS for Government Funding

Brian Sutherland answered the following questions:

11.1.1 How successful SAS has been in obtaining funds?

Government has set criteria for the sporting federations and funding depends how the federation qualifies against this. At present SAS is only affiliated to the IOC and our membership numbers are less than 10 000, so we only presently qualify for R50 000 for More People (development) and R50 000 More Medals (International Participation) and R50 000 Administration assistance.

11.1.2 What amount has actually been received from Government for sailing annually over the last, say, 5 years?

The Association has received these monies in the last 3 years, apart from 2004/5 when we did not qualify for the R50 000 More Medals.

11.1.3 Does SAS take each application and summarise them into one major document to Government or is each application reviewed on its own merit and funds allocated to it by Govt?

Yes, as required by SRSA, a business plan is compiled of all the applications and submitted to SRSA. These business plans are usually requested in October each year.

11.1.4 If SAS is granted a total for them to allocate, how are the funds allocated and what are the criteria used by SAS to decide on allocation?

Once the business plans are received, Government then meets with the Federations to further investigate the various applications. The Federations are later informed of which projects they will support. This meeting, which usually takes place around March each year, includes the SRSA (including SA Sports Commission), SASCOC (previously NOCSA, etc) and the SA Lottery Board.

The Federations then revert back to those Clubs/Classes who have been selected and request the further information, ie proof of expenditure and reports. These reports must include names, id numbers and PDI details.

A project is still outstanding from the 2004/5 year - Attract the Schools, initiated by PSC, TSC & ZVYC. There is an allocation of R25 000 which is split between these three clubs. They will receive the money when proof of expenditure & reports are submitted.

Due to the shuffle in Government last year, the initial project assessment meetings were not held. Instruction from a recent meeting with SRSA was that the Federation must themselves review the projects presently on the table and make the decision of which is suitable for grant support. The projects they are in favour of is training further trainers, development of work skills and enablement of PDI's especially woman and disabled people. The Finance & Admin Committee have been tasked with this brief.

11.1.5 Do sailing organisations have to approach Govt. through SAS or can they approach their local provincial bodies directly?

Only applications to the SA Lottery Board can be done by individual Clubs, Classes or sailors. A letter of support from SAS is required to accompany the application.

11.1.6 Does SAS make application on behalf of classes, e.g. Optimists Hobies, Mirrors etc. for funding for international championships and if so is it done in conjunction with the class association? Yes, the Class applications are included in the general Business Plan.

11.2 KWTYC - Discuss whether the SAS Levy Formula is applied at ALL clubs, in the same manner

Walter Page answered in saying that yes, the SAS levy is applied to all clubs, but policing of it is difficult. This previous year has proved more successful, with the assistance from a Treasurer following up every two months. SAS is starting to build a database of membership information.

ABYC & KYC voiced their concerns about this and requested it be a priority within SAS.

Walter reported that a decision had been made at the Council meeting that day, that the bookkeeper who started on the 1<sup>st</sup> May will be working with the Treasurers to follow up regularly.

The meeting ended at 17.00 and an Open Forum proceeded with various topics being discussed.