

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE RL24 OWNERS
ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA HELD AT RYE YACHT CLUB ON 8th.JAN
2000**

Apologies.

Ken Griffiths.

Minutes of the Last AGM.

The Minutes of the AGM held at South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club on 30/12/1999 were accepted on the motion of B.Castles, seconded I. Lane.

Business Arising.

It was reported that the Association's funds held in the Sale branch of the Bank of Melbourne had been transferred to the Esso Employees' Credit Union Ltd. as directed at the last AGM and the Bank of Melbourne account closed.

Financial Report.

(a) Esso Employees Credit Union Ltd Access Account.	\$635.27
(b) Esso Employees Credit Union Fixed Term Deposit.	\$4255.39
TOTAL	<u>\$4890.66</u>

(c) Commonwealth Bank Account.(1st Jan 1999 to 31st Dec 1999)

Opening Balance: \$1345.56

Income

Membership and Race Fees:	\$1604.00
Bank Interest:	\$ 1.03
Sundry income (impromptu raffle etc.)	\$ 191.65
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$1796.68</u>

Expenditure

Newsletter	\$300.00
Race Fees ('98 Nationals)	\$440.00
Trophies ('98 Nationals)	\$260.00
Vic State Titles 1999 (trophies etc.)	\$370.75
Fuel etc. Work boats – Vic Titles	\$140.00
Barbeque Hire	\$ 50.00
Deposit – Rye Yacht Club 2000Nat C'ships.	\$100.00
VYC Affiliation	\$250.00
Bank Charges to 30/9/99	\$ 7.37
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>\$1972.12</u>

BALANCE AT BANK AS AT 31st. DEC 1999 \$1170.12

Presidents Report

In summary, Ken Hackett reflected on the Associations year which began with the National Championship series at South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club and included the Victorian titles run from the St.Kilda Marina in which 15 RLs competed. By comparison, the turn-out at Rye was disappointing and raised the question of what the future direction, if any, of the Association ought to be. He then requested that matter be carried over to General Business.

General Business

There was much discussion regarding the future of the Association. It was recognised that ours is no different from many other yachting organisations in the difficulty it has in arousing interest in the sport and in RL24's in particular. The point was made that many formerly robust T/S classes were extinct and although our numbers are dwindling, there is at least an enduring basis of support in at least 2 or 3 States. It was also recognised that the Association's primary role ought to be the organising and staging of National and where possible State Championships as several members stated that "no championships, no Class Association". It was pointed out that, given a low membership base, it was always going to be difficult to attract more than 10 or a dozen boats to a National Championship but at least that sort of number gave the Class a positive identity. Members present were of the view that there was little point in the Association pursuing a larger social role as most RL owners also belonged to yacht clubs or dedicated T/S clubs which more than adequately catered for those needs. The discussion ended with agreement that the new executive should pursue the possibility of staging the next National Championship series in Brisbane or, failing that, approach the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club at Paynesville to host the series there.

Election of Office Bearers.

Ken Hackett, who held the position of President for the last two years, was unable to accept a further term in the position. The meeting then prevailed on Bruce Castles to accept the position. Ross Corben and Les Browne were reappointed Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Bruce Castles and Lloyd Graham were reappointed Measurers. Ross Corben moved a vote of thanks to Ken Hackett for his work as President which was carried with acclamation. The meeting closed at 1805 hrs.

Members and others Present

Michael Shannon, *Lowana VI*, Bruce Castles & Barbara Castles, *Pegasus* Graham Mc.Donald, *Solitaire* Ian Lane, *This Way Up*, Bryan & Pam Cuthbertson, *Toucan*, Robert Edwards, *Pipe Dream*, Simon Walsh, *Ohau Rua*, Ken Hackett, *Sasha*, Ross Corben, *Cosmic Sedso*, Daryl Langdon, Shane Bennett, Bruce Robinson, Jim Castles Paul Corben, Tarya Corben, James Shannon, Fred. Shannon.