

RL24 AGM 2015 minutes of the meeting
Venue: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron
Date: Thursday January 8, 2015

At 6.34pm at the RQYS the 2015 AGM for the Australian RL24 Association began.

1. Present:

Paul Corben, Tim Jackman, Simon Walsh, Darren Dyer, Mick Shannon, Brad Taylor, Wayne Hill, James Shannon, Luke Ratcliff, , Scott Jones, Rod Smith, Gretta Hill, Wayne Hill

Apologies: Ross and Jan Corben, Simon Vaughan, Barb Castles

2. Correspondence & business arising

Treasurer/Secretary Paul Corben said the Association had received a formal request from the YA regarding supplying names for those in the Presidential and Secretarial positions.

2014 AGM Minutes have been read and accepted. Mick Shannon moved the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Tim Jackman.

3. President's report

President Wayne Hill reiterated the RL24 Association's aim is three-fold;

- Support RL 24 participation at a state level
- Promote the class – make better use of social media
- Providing services for owners, liaising with YA and particularly running the National Titles

He conveyed that photographer & videographer Jules Geldard was employed by the Association to shoot Thursday & Friday's races at the 2015 national title. Owners have the option to purchase images.

For \$30 per year in membership fees, paid-up association members are able to vote, 1 vote per boat.

The full President's report is available online.

Wayne thanked Paul Corben for his great support in the Treasurer and Secretary roles and Darren Dyer for mentoring him in the President's role. He also thanked Lisa & Luke Ratcliff for their work as class publicists.

The Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney was approached about including a trailer sailer exhibition; at the moment they have said it's not a possibility.

The Association has spent some funds this year on marketing collateral to generate more interest in the class, including printing and distributing stickers.

Largely the year has been about gearing up for these titles.

The Association now has an up to date database. Wayne would like to see more promotion of state events.

4. Treasurer's report

Paul Corben reported the Association has \$5005.15 in the account, which is down on last year due to the spend on stickers, (less than \$1,000). Interest made in 12 months was \$1.20.

The Association hasn't banked much as much in the current financial year as the last financial year but is still in a financial position. The Treasurer asked for a motion to be put forward that the membership fee remains at \$30 per annum. The Association needs as many paid-up members as possible. Account details for an EFT payment are on the website.

Darren Dyer put a motion forward that membership fee remains at \$30. Seconded by Mick Shannon.

5. Media report

Lisa Ratcliff reported that there has been an increase in social media traffic via the RL24 Facebook page and that broader publicity was generated on all the major sailing websites & in some magazine calendars leading into the national championship. She is happy to assist state based RL events generate more coverage.

6. Office bearers

Lisa & Luke Ratcliff are happy to stand again as publicity officers.

Paul Corben will remain as Treasurer/ Secretary

Wayne Hill is happy to remain as President.

All office bearers were re-elected unopposed

7. General Business

The group discussed the titles in 2016 and some of the parameters including: the entry fee stays under \$200, has to be a soccer lawn, camping facilities, club that has a liquor license and is family friendly. Options include north of Sydney eg. Port Stephens, with a similar price range for accommodation to Wynum/nearby to RQYS, at the same time of year due to the fact it fits in with school holidays,

The rotation of the titles works like this: QLD – NSW – VIC – NSW – QLD

All members are invited to make enquiries and put forward suggestions within those parameters for the 2016 titles location.

The President said it was encouraging to see new faces and boats at the QLD titles - this makes the whole event more fun. He thanked everyone who made a first time effort to attend as well as those returning. He passed on that wherever the RL group goes, yacht clubs comment on what an easy bunch they are to get along with.

Wayne and Gretta dropped in on Rob Legg on the way up and passed on that Rob was excited we had 17 boats for the title. He regularly looks on the website for the latest news on the class.

8. Other business

Boat Moulds

Luke Ratcliff asked about the chances of getting a mould made for an RL24. He will do the homework on this idea including coordinating the search and costing for moulds.

Steve North believes Rob Legg may be able to locate RL24 moulds. A key question would be the condition the moulds would be in?

Questions were raised in relation to this idea including, where would it be stored? It would require something like a large farm shed.

Mick Shannon spoke to a builder some years ago about the idea of reproducing the design & his view was it wouldn't be worth doing unless you had 6-8 purchases.

Smaller parts Moulds and Jigs

Luke Ratcliff raised the topic of other owners potentially getting access to moulds for boat parts that other owners have made. He thought it would be helpful for all owners if other owners who have made parts are happy to release those moulds to the Association. This way individuals could make or replace hatches, rudder frames etc. Wayne Hill agreed the Association could be more systematic in terms of tracking who has moulds & whether they are prepared to release them. A section in the RL24 website was explored as a potential method to connect items and repairers.

The final presentation of trophies for the 2015 nationals starts at 6.30pm tomorrow night.

There being no further business the AGM closed at 8pm.