

MINUTES OF 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WEITI BOATING CLUB INC.

HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE, #1 FAIRHAVEN WALK, 2pm SUNDAY 25 JULY 2021

The Commodore, Mike Long, opened the meeting at 2.04 pm, 60 members signed in.

1. APOLOGIES:

Ann Pearson, Rick Oliver, David Shaw, Andy Bodmer, Bill Boyle, Guenter Haferkamp, Norman Hagemann, Jean Holgate, Ray Howarth, John Lanigan and Harry Dittman

Accepted: Mike Long / Bruce Cowan, Carried

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 2ND AUGUST 2020

The 2020 AGM Minutes were circulated to all members; Mike Long asked if there were any matters arising from the minutes.

Carl Willis asked if the 2020/21 Committee had looked into more flexible payment options. It was advised that the committee have put in place an application for credit for compassionate grounds.

The minutes were accepted as true and correct.

Accepted: Evelyn Tate / David Craig, Carried

3. COMMODORE'S REPORT:

Commodore's report was circulated to all members. Mike Long asked the AGM attendees if they had a chance to read it, and did it need to be read out at the meeting. The delegates advised that they would like the report read out, which Mike did.

Accepted: Kerry Davies / Warwick Lord, Carried

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Financial report - Bruce Cowan introduced himself and advised the floor that he was appointed Treasurer/Secretary in October last year and he has been a member since 1997. He was also on the committee from about 2001 – 2011, the latter part as Treasurer/Secretary. The accounts have been prepared by Turnbull and Associates which have been circulated. Statement of financial position is financially sound with a healthy surplus. Net surplus less than last year due to the new pontoon. The pile fund is 87K, this will be used up by the end of the year with the replacement of piles. Colin Thrush has spearheaded the background work on the piles and all his work is much appreciated. Donations, sailing, hardstand and clubhouse is down and this is due to COVID-19 last year. Insurance is up this year due to a new valuation. Clubhouse running costs down and mooring fees had increased by 7K.

Bruce Cowan asked the delegates to accept the Financial Report.

Accepted: Bruce Cowan / Mark Burt, Carried

Budget 2021 – Bruce Cowan advised the delegates that before running through the 2021/22 budget he would like to let the delegates know what is happening at the club over the next 10 years.

What is the club facing?

- Jan 2021 – New Bio-fouling laws introduced by the Council
- 2021 - Initiate talks with Council to ensure tenure
- 2021 - Improved haulage system in place
- 2022 - Concrete for hardstand replaced/repared
- 2025 - Lease to be re-negotiation completed
- 2026 - Marine Coastal Area Consent (Resource Consent) to be renewed completed
- Impact of sea-level rise (based on Council's accepted rate)

There are a few things to note

- Tenure needs to be assured before major investments
- No development without the security of tenure
- No point in doing anything to the concrete till the wheeler changed

Bruce Cowan hands the meeting over to Warwick Lord to speak about haulage options.

Warwick advised the delegates that the committee have been looking at different options for hauling boats at the club. They have looked at Roodberg Trailer, Sublift, Sealift, Maricart Travel Lift and a wheeler similar to what we have now. It was decided that a modified wheeler is the best solution for the club. Warwick then hands the meeting back to Bruce.

Bruce Cowan asked the delegates if they wanted a short break and it was agreed to take a break.

Assumptions

- Can use existing haulout and hardstand for further 18 months
- Very limited cleaning on grids
- Will need a 'fast-haul' system to service the needs of members (ultimately much cheaper for members)
- Security of tenure maintained
- Council leniency till new system in place
- No surprises in lease or consents
- PC sums approximately correct

Timeframe

- 21-22 - New hydraulic trailer and certified rapid adjustable cradles
- 22-23 - Concrete Hardstand
 - On-land wash-down (limited) available
- 24-25 - Full on-land wash-down facilities
 - 2nd hydraulic trailer
 - Additional certified rapid adjustable cradles
 - Ramp pontoon in place
- 25-26 and 26-27 - Clubhouse upgrade, toilets and kitchen
- 24-25 - Start of sea wall upgrade, continues till 29-30 (\$50K)
- 29-30 - Upper dinghy pontoon replaced

Establishing Project Funds

- The Pile fund is a major success
 - There is sufficient money as groups of piles need attention
- Similar funds will now be established for the different projects
 - The net annual surplus will be allocated to Project Saving Funds
- To ensure sufficient cash flow for the Club to operate the Closing Balance for the Project cash flow is kept > \$60K

Bruce then runs through the budget. Haulout fees staying the same, hardstand fees increasing by 30%. He advised

the delegates that all club members should be more active in club activities as it brings more money into the club. All these events are effectively fundraising items. Bruce asks if there are any questions from the delegates.

Jeff Hammond advised that the mooring and hardstand fees went up last year and going up again this year, can you guarantee that they don't go up again. Bruce advised that the committee can't guarantee this.

Chris McGuire advised it was an excellent presentation and agrees that the fees have to increase as the club needs money to the work.

Peter Townend asked if the 10k for affiliation fees is mainly for yacht owners and what fundraising does the club do. Mike Long advised that YNZ does advocate for all boaties and that the club needs someone to step up and look after fundraising.

Kerry Pearson advised that we should be increasing all fees, we are all in it together and need to spread the load.

Colin Thrush asked if the mooring fees should be set at the AGM like the membership fees, Bruce Cowan advised that the committee will investigate this.

Bruce Cowan asked the delegates to accept the 2021/22 Budget.

Accepted: Colin Thrush / Wayne Mills, Carried

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Commodore	Kerry Davies	M Long / W Lord
Vice Commodore	Warwick Lord	M Long / K Davies
Rear Commodore	Peter Melvin	K Davies / W Lord

Mike Long is standing down as Commodore and advises the floor that there is only one nomination for Commodore which is Kerry Davies. Mike Long congratulated Kerry Davies on her election as Commodore and presents the Commodore's flag to Kerry Davies. Kerry Davies thanks Mike for his work as Commodore and presents the Past Commodore's flag to Mike Long. The members responded with applause.

Mike Long hands the meeting over to Kerry Davies.

Kerry Davies advises the floor that there is only one nomination for Vice Commodore which is Warwick Lord, Kerry Davies presents the Vice Commodore flag to Warwick Lord.

Kerry Davies advises the floor that there is only one nomination for Rear Commodore which is Peter Melvin. Peter introduces himself to the delegates and speaks of his history with the club, experience and skills. Kerry Davies presents the Rear Commodore flag to Peter Melvin and asks Peter Melvin to join the table.

Kerry Davies advises that there have been twelve nominations for Committee Members received:

Alex Marshall	J Deeney / M Burt	Brett McFarland	D Craig / M Burt
Craig Mountjoy	M Long / W Lord	David Craig	D Wright / P Wright
Don Wright	P Wright / M Burt	Malcolm Mitchell	G Parker / W Lord
Mark Burt	B McFarland / J Deeney	Mark Seabrook	K Davies / D Wright
Matt Otway	D Hunt / C Thrush	Peter Wright	D Wright / R Howarth
Ray Howarth	P Wright / D Wright	Wayne Mills	A Marshall / R Howarth

Kerry Davies asks for extra nominations from the floor, Hepke van der Sluis advises that he would like to stand on the committee.

Hepke van der Sluis K Davies / W Lord

All the nominations for the committee stand and introduce themselves to the delegates. Kerry Davies advises the floor that Bruce Cowan position as Treasurer /Secretary is a nominated position by the General Committee and Bruce will continue in this role for another year.

Kerry Davies announces that all nominations for the committee are elected. The members responded with applause.

Accepted: Mike Long / Kerry Davies, Carried

Patron: George Turnbull

Vice Patron: Gus Gager

Kerry Davies announces that the nominations for the Patron and Vice Patron are elected. The members responded with applause.

Accepted: Mike Long / Kerry Davies, Carried

That completes the election of officers.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a) Subscriptions

The committee proposes that the membership and entrance fees do not increase this year as they are in line with what other clubs in the Auckland Region are charging.

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| • Family membership fee now \$380.00 | Entrance fee \$241.78 |
| • Senior membership fee now \$290.00 | Entrance fee \$193.43 |
| • Associate membership fee now \$100.00 | Entrance fee \$66.32 |

There was a discussion that fees should increase. George Turnbull advises the delegates that he does not think that the fees should go up.

Kerry Davies advised the delegates that she agrees with George that the fees should not go up and we have to be in line with other clubs. The committee is also aware that at a past AGM it was decided that membership fees should go up by CPI every year but the committee has decided against this this year.

Brendan Sands addresses the floor and advises that he thinks that the entrance fee stops people from joining the club and would like to know why the club has an entrance fees.

Craig Mountjoy addresses the delegates and advised that the committee have spent a lot of time working on the figures and the floor should listen to their advised and next year look at inflation.

A vote took place if fees should stay as above, 56 for, 4 against. Motion passed, fees will not change this year.

Accepted: Kerry Davies / David Craig, Carried

b) Works Report (Mike Long)

Works Committee members: Mike Long (chair), Alex Marshall, Dave Craig, John Deeney, Ray Howarth, Warwick Lord, Mark Burt, Brett McFarland, Malcolm Mitchell & Glenn Parker (custodian).

Mike Long ran through finished, current and future projects.

FINISHED PROJECTS	CURRENT PROJECTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Install of new pontoon, dismantle of old pontoon.• Hardstand catch pit cleaning system• Wheeler wheel replacement• Yard and grounds signage and storage• Mast gantry rust treatment• Weiti Patrol turbo replacement, and new exhaust system• 4 x Working bees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 mooring piles to replace• Resource consent application for mooring piles and grids• Haulage system research•
	UPCOMING JOBS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved haulage system• Replace next half hardstand concrete• Resource consent for remaining club structures

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tractor repairs and maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal of the council lease • Inundation control
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Mike Long advised that working bee's are not supported and Glenn can't do everything, club members need to get behind the working bees.

c) Sailing Report (Kerry Davies)

Our club racing over the past year has seen a continuation of good numbers of boats entering as series entries into all of our racing series. With the Cruising Series we saw increased numbers over the summer season with 13 series entries. We had one less race in the series this year, so 7 races, as we left a few weeks free for the Americas Cup racing. In the 5 races that were combined with Gulf Harbour Yacht Club there were up to 23 boats racing, so some good competition for our racers on the water as well as good company for the BBQs held on the beach afterwards.

We had the combined cruising friendly race on Anniversary Weekend with Milford Cruising Club and Gulf Harbour Yacht Club at Mahurangi, with the get together on the beach afterwards. It was our Clubs turn to run the event, and it was again very successful with 15 boats participating. We did not join in with the Sandspit Yacht Clubs race off the waters of Kawau Island this year due to not having a weekend available, this was mainly due to making time for the Americas Cup racing and the tides not working in our favour.

This year's Commodores Race which is sponsored by Burnsco Marine Whangaparaoa was a quiet one as numbers go this year, this was likely due to it being breezy from the east, and maybe also to post Covid Lockdown effect. 6 boats raced to Mahurangi on the Friday night, and the main function was held on the Saturday at Sullivans Bay.

In the Short-Handed Programme, 7 boats entered in each of the Single Handed and the Male/Female Mini-Series. The Barfoot and Thompson 2 handed also went well with 14 boats entered in the series. All three shorthanded series saw the number of boats on the water halved in the second half of each series, and as the weather did not seem to be the reason for this, maybe it is possible that, as these races with lower numbers were held post the Level 3 lockdown earlier in the year, that again this could maybe have been a contributing cause.

The Combined Winter Series is underway with 27 boats entered in the series, and 15 of these being from Weiti Boating Club which is great to see, we have also been seeing some new boats to the fleet, entering this year. We continued with a "No Extras" option which some racers have taken up, a good option if there is a shortage of crew on board. Our Club hosted the Marauder Class Champs this year for the 3rd time (and would have been our 4th time if it had not been cancelled last year). A 2 Day event held this year on Anzac Weekend which went very well with 9 boats entering and racing. Our Race Officer Mike Long again did a great job in running the Champs, with a great team of club volunteers helping out on the water. We have this event on our calendar again for next year.

The Ladies Race was not held this year due to low numbers in the last few years we have held it. We do not have this event on the calendar for next year and at present are uncertain of its future with so few showing interest in participating.

The Sailing Committee would like to thank all our Sponsors and all those who volunteered to help with the running of the racing, for Race Management, and for running the bar and the help from the Social Committee for the after functions. Their help is very much appreciated.

d) Social Report (Sue Long)

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The social events of the last year have been successful with all those attending having a great time. They could be much more so if more members would make joining in with all club activities more of a priority. The club would be a much more vibrant entity if the membership joined in with the social and boating activities on offer (both as participants and organizers) instead of just using the place as parking lot for their boats.

The Weiti Boating Club offers a unique venue for social activities (and boating too). So support your club by involving yourselves in all the activities on offer and in doing so reap the ongoing rewards to yourselves by enjoying and making the most of our stunning environment.

The Social Committee will be looking for a new convener this year. It is a position that I have happily occupied for the last several years but I feel that some new blood is required so I will be stepping down as of today. I can recommend the position. It is loads of fun with a great team. Lots of notes and instructions can be supplied with the position.

Kerry Davies thanked Sue Long for all the work she has done on the Social Committee over years and really appreciate the support she has shown the club.

e) Club Captain Report (David Craig)

At the last AGM the Club Captain role was reinstated and David Craig was elected to this position. There was no defined role but a job description has been created, lots of little responsibilities, more social stuff.

Jeff Hammond advised that it has been the best AGM, largely due to the fact of the new TV, he thanked David for this. The members responded with applause.

Bruce Cowan asked the delegates to accept the Sub-committee reports

Accepted: Peter Wright / Brett McFarland, Carried

f) Live-aboard Policy

Kerry Davies ran through the new live-aboard policy which can be found on the website.

Matt Otway asked if there is a fee the live-aboards pay, Kerry advised it was \$550 plus GST per year. Matt Otway and Mike Parker thought it was too cheap. Kerry advised that the committee would look at the live-aboard fee.

John Tate asked if live-aboard could put there dinghy's away and not leave them on the pontoon.

g) Other business –

Geoff Hammond asked if there could be a sign put on the rubbish advising no household rubbish and take recycling home.

7. Closing address from Commodore

This brings us to the end of our AGM for this year. I would like to thank everybody here for coming to our AGM today, it is good to see that you are all interested in your club.

There is as you have heard today, a lot coming up in the next few years and with forward thinking, the planning is underway for working towards these goals, as is the planning for building up our funds to cover these projects. Including for the Resource Consents, the Lease, new haulage system and looking at meeting new environmental expectations, as well as the second stage of the hardstand concreting.

We have a good team here and I look forward to working with our Flag officers, our Secretary Treasurer and new Committee, many of whom are standing again, as well as our new Committee members and also members of our club who volunteer their time and skills to help us with the projects we are working with. We have good momentum with the work and planning done over the last year and we will carry on with that momentum. Happy boating everyone and thank you all.

Kerry Davies thanked the members for attending and closed the 2021 AGM at 4.41 pm