

MINUTES OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WEITI BOATING CLUB INC.

HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE, #1 FAIRHAVEN WALK, 2pm SUNDAY 2 August 2020 at 2pm

The Commodore, Mike Long, opened the meeting at 2.00pm, 50 members signed in.

1. APOLOGIES:

Andy Winter, Jae Maynard, Ann Pearson, Brendan Sands, Mike Crossley, Ray Howarth, Peter Melvin and Kevin Shallcross.

Accepted: James Fitness / Kerry Pearson, Carried

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 4TH AUGUST 2019

The 2019 AGM Minutes were circulated to all members; Mike Long asked if there were any matters arising from the minutes. The minutes were accepted as true and correct.

Accepted: Malcolm Mitchell / James Fitness, 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 / Melinda McCutcheon, Carried

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Financial report - Mike Long presented the financial reports to the delegates and advised that he is the default Treasurer due to a recent resignation. Mike thanked Turnbull and Ass for preparing the financial records and advise. The closing balance is greater than expected due to the jetty upgrade and resource consent delay, the new pontoon purchase has moved to the next financial year. My summary of this year performance is similar to last years with the bonus income of the grant and depreciation on new assets reduces the accounting surplus. Overall no surprises and a reasonable healthy result. Surplus of \$46k down \$10k. Mike asked if there were any questions.

Kerry Pearson asked about the grant. Mike Long advised that the grant is from Auckland Council towards the cost of the new pontoon and part of the grant we must allow the public to use the pontoon.

Mike Long asked the delegates to accept the Financial Report.

Accepted: John Tate / David Craig, Carried

Budget 2020 – Mike Long ran through the budget and cash flow projections for 2020/21. He advises that we had zero income in April due to COVID-19 and we had the wage subsidy for employees. Moorings and hardstand fees have increase. Operating budget will have a surplus of \$81k this year. The pile fund will become a seawall fund going towards the major expenses in 2024/25. Mike asked if there were any questions.

Bruce Cowan advised that the pile fund should stay as a pile fund and felt uncomfortable to change it to a seawall fund. He also asked if the constitution could be changed so mooring fees are decided at the AGM like the membership fees.

Jeff Hammond advised that we should have a separate seawall fund.

Chris McGuire asked how the pile replacement is going. Mike Long advised that this will be covered in his works report.

Tony Peat advised that important information should be in its own email, not in the outreach as it gets lost. Mike Long advised that they try to keep emails to a minimum.

Wayne Swarbrick asked if we go out to tender on projects. Mike Long advised that we usually obtain 3 quotes.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Commodore	Mike Long	W Lord / K Davies
Vice Commodore	Kerry Davies	E Tate / W Lord
Rear Commodore	Warwick Lord	K Davies / E Tate

Mike Long advises that there have been thirteen nominations for Committee Members received:

Andy Bodmer	D Craig / M McCutcheon
Alex Marshall	P Wright / K Davies
Brett McFarland	A Marshall / G Marshall
Bruce Cowan	P Wright / A Bodmer
David Craig	M McCutcheon / D Wright
Don Wright	W Lord / G Marshall
Jillian Dye	K Fitness / J Fitness
John Deeney	P Wright / G Marshall
Malcolm Mitchell	M Long / W Lord
Melinda McCutcheon	D Craig / D Wright
Peter Wright	J Deeney/ A Marshall
Ray Howarth	J Tate / G Marshall
Wayne Mills	E Tate / J Tate

Mike Long asks for extra nominations from the floor, Mark Burt advises that he would like to stand again on the committee.

Mark Burt	K Davies / W Lord
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Glenn Parker asked why a committee member who has just resigned is standing again. Wayne Mills stood up and advised that he is who Glenn is speaking about. Wayne advised the floor that he is a past Commodore and a member for 40 years. Last year he came on as treasurer/secretary as asked by Colin Thrush. He advised that there is no money in the bank, there is so much work that needs doing, and we need to raise funds to hurry it along. There are picture boards by the bar on what he wanted to do, update the front of the clubhouse/entrance way, retaining wall along river bank, seal the carpark, new sump on hardstand etc. He wanted to increase the mooring fee by 100% and the committee came up with 20% increase and also wanted to drop subscriptions, more of a use pay system and the committee decided to keep membership along the same lines as last year. Banks won't lend money, could do bonds maybe. In 5yrs time we can't use the grids. He advised that he resigned because he could not go anywhere with his ideas.

Bruce Cowan advises that he is withdrawing his nomination to stand on the committee.

Mike Long 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

Accepted: Mike Long / Kerry Davies, Carried

That completes election of officers.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a) Works report

Works Committee members: Mike Long (chair), Alex Marshall, Dave Craig, John Deeney, Ray Howarth, Warwick Lord, Pete Wright, Andy Berns, Glenn Parker (custodian).

Mike Long ran through finished, current and future projects.

FINISHED PROJECTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structural upgrades to jetty and gangway. (Gager Builders & Mike)• Resource consent for jetty and new pontoon. (Mike & Davis Coastal)• Club room balusters, shed compressor box, R&M general. (Ray)• Weiti Patrol maintenance. (John T)• Fireplace (Mike)	CURRENT PROJECTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pontoon Install, + plinths for shore power/water, + ladder. (Mike)• Mast Gantry, sandblast, paint + new bracket. (Alex & Andy)• Wheeler, improve wheels & steerageomitry, research additional wheeler. (Warwick, Mike & Andy)
FUTURE PROJECTS <p>Year 1 (2021) - Hardstand concrete replacement, stage 2 (Warwick & Mike)</p> <p>Year 2 & 3 (2022/23) -Pile replacement (David C)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clubroom improvements (Committee)- Hardstand boundary fence & main entrance (Committee) <p>Year 4 (2024) - Seawall slumping/inundation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coastal structures consent	

Mike advised that the pontoon is to be cast in August and delivered end of September. Total cost of about \$200k. The wheeler is damaging the new concrete and looking at options to replace the wheels and fixing the steering which will cost about \$10k. A second wheeler has been proposed. There are still about 25 piles that need replacing. 2024 is a big year as the coastal consents are up for renewal for the upriver dinghy pontoon, gangway, grids, ramp and club deck. The seawall is slumping and needs attention.

Andy Bodmer advised that we should start talking to the council now regarding the renewal of the coastal consents.

Mike Long then ran through the fee comparison for moorings, haulage and hardstand and WBC is still one of the cheapest clubs even with the increase.

Mike Parker advised you can't compare club fees to public fees as they are totally different. It is like saying a pear is an apple.

b) Subscriptions for 2020-2021 (Mike Long)

Mike Long advised that the membership fees will increase slightly due to the increase in the Yachting NZ levy and entrance fees stay the same.

- Family membership fee now \$380.00 was \$377.36, entrance fee \$241.78 (no change)
- Senior membership fee now \$290.00 was \$285.98, entrance fee \$193.43 (no change)
- Associate membership fee now \$100.00 was \$98.83, entrance fee \$66.32 (no change)

James Fitness said that they should go up by CPI every year. Colin Thrush advised that it was decided at a previous AGM that membership fees should increase by CPI every year but needs to be voted on at each AGM. Wayne Mills advised that membership fees should decrease and have a user pay system.

Chris Casey moved that the fees above fees should be accepted, seconded by Andy Bodmer. Voting took place, 2 against, 48 for. Motion passed.

Accepted: Chris Casey / Andy Bodmer, Carried

c) Motion #1

Submitted by Chris Casey - Could I move that the committee review the latest decision to increase both mooring and trailer park fees by 20%. The reason being that post COVID-19 and an uncertain economic climate has seen most sports clubs provide relief to members rather than increase the cost. Could the committee also consider that as a club we need to provide more flexible options to members such as moving to monthly payments for all fees to encourage new patrons.

The club does an excellent job with sponsorship but there are a variety of funding opportunities beyond what we are currently utilising from a variety of organisations such as The Lion Foundation, Trillion, Pelorus, Grassroots, NZCT, etc. and if the club is struggling financially then these are good options to explore.

Chris Casey introduced himself to the delegates and spoke about his motion.

It was decided that the new committee will review the fees.

d) Sailing report (Kerry Davies)

Our racing over the past year has seen a good number of boats coming out on the water to race in most series. The end of the summer and beginning on the winter racing were of course affected by Covid-19 and this brought about the cancellation of our 3 last races of the Summer Season and the first race of the Winter Series. We also had to unfortunately cancel the Marauder Champs that were to happen in early April. But we do have this event scheduled again for next year which is great.

The Cruising Series saw increased numbers over the summer season with some races having 8-15 boats racing. The stand out for me was the Islington Bay race where a number of participants also did a group walk to the top of Rangitoto which I am sure was very much enjoyed by all, and a really nice way to get to know your fellow members in the club.

We also had the 2 extra combined cruising races to our usual cruising series - this is the 4th year that we have combined with Milford Cruising Club and Gulf Harbour Yacht Club in a friendly race at Mahurangi and get together on the beach afterwards. This year Milford Cruising Club ran the event, and it was again very successful with 16 boats participating. Anniversary Weekend seems to be a good weekend weather wise and we had another weekend of lovely weather. This event is again scheduled for next year. There was also the "Sandspit" race, run by Sandspit Yacht Club on the waters off Sandspit and Kawau Island, and this is also combined with GHYC, although our club only had a few entries this time around. We unfortunately have not put this event on our calendar next year as there was not a weekend available that suited our club in regards to the tides, while working in with the Americas Cup Events around that time of year and also the other club's calendars.

This year's Commodores race was again held as a stand-alone event with Sponsor Burnsco Marine Whangaparaoa. The Weekend started with the cruising race up to Mahurangi on the Friday night with 12 boats racing, and the main function was held on the Saturday at Sullivans Bay. Holding this event on a long weekend this year turned out to be really successful with good numbers attending. Although we cannot always make it work like this, it gave us experience in that this works well if we do get the opportunity to hold this event on a long weekend.

We are still seeing steady numbers participate in the Short-Handed Programme, with 6-7 boats racing in each of the Single Handed and the Male/Female Mini-Series. The Barfoot and Thompson 2 handed also went well with 15 boats entered in the series and 8-11 boats on the water in each race.

A lot of different ideas were thrown around for the Winter Series during the ever changing Covid situation with bubble races discussed and decided on, only to have to change it all again. We ended up with the Winter Series pretty much as per normal with a "No Extras" option which has been taken up by some racers, especially those who have fewer crew this year. The Series is well under way now with 23 boats entered, 15 of these being from the Weiti Boating Club!! This combined event with Gulf Harbour Yacht Club continues to be very successful with some good competition between the racers out there on the course.

The Ladies Race had a decent breeze on the day but this race has seen lower numbers in the last few years, with 5 boats entering this year, and with also losing one of our long term sponsors for this event we have decided to give the Ladies Race a rest for next year. It is a lot of organising and putting on food etc for small numbers and so we are uncertain of its future with so few showing interest in participating in it.

The Sailing Committee would like to thank all those who volunteered to help with the Club racing, either out on the water with race management or on land for the after functions, in running the bar and cooking on the BBQ. Their help is very much appreciated. We are always looking for more volunteers to help, especially with race management out on the start boat. So, for anyone who may be interested in helping out, we would be very happy to hear from you.

Kerry also mentioned that John Tate is stepping down from the committee after 23 years and would like to thank John and Evelyn for all their help over the years especially looking after the cruising series.

e) Social (Suzanne Long)

To start, a huge thank you to the core members of the Social Committee.

Claire Hunt, Cherry Williams, Jan Haferkamp, Janeann Freeman, Glenda Fawcett, Janet Boyle, Linda Howarth, Debbie Wright and the recent additions Melinda McCutcheon and Kate Fitness.

Most of us have been together for a good few years and firm friendships have developed.

As a committee we are responsible, mostly, for the catering at the Weiti social events. Christmas party, Mid-winter dinner, prize giving, AGM and after race BBQ etc.

The Christmas party is the most popular with around 70 adults and 20 children attending. Mid-winter dinner around 50 usually attend. Most other gatherings around 40 usually attend.

Some of you may have recently attended the Boom Boom Deluxe rock and roll night organized by Kate and her helpers Ricci, Jan, Jilly, Johan, Jade, Emile and James. The band was excellent and everyone had a great time dancing.

A most enjoyable night out. This was supposed to have happened earlier in the year but was postponed due to the Covid-19 lockdown and so has replaced our usual mid-winter dinner.

As a committee we try and keep the standard of catering high and costs minimal so we can encourage as many members as possible to come along. The upshot of this is that all of the social events held are subsidized either partly or wholly by the club. Takings from the bar don't usually cover any shortfall because of the small mark up. Many of the present membership appear to be reluctant to commit to joining in the activities until the very last minute.

Catering needs to be planned and purchased in advance. It can't be done on the night. Perhaps they think something better will come along. When the cutoff date for an RSVP arrives with very few takers we extend and extend until we assume that people will just turn up (which they do) on the night and expect to be fed. So we have to pre-purchase on the assumption of late comers. Social activities can only happen if every club member buys into events early and whole heartedly and turns up ready to enjoy themselves and help whenever there is an opportunity to do something even for a short time. We enjoy putting on these events and people attending have a great time meeting and socializing with other club members.

These ramblings are not a criticism nor am I trying to be judgmental. They are observations from the trenches of the social committee. This is what happens. It also begs the question do people want less social activities or more or different ones? Always remembering that they must be in the realm of doable by a small group of volunteers with limited time and resources.

So get out there people and support your boating club. Commit to attending social events with enthusiasm. Not just the social events either. The Club, The Flag officers and Committees need constructive and practical help from the wider membership. Remember Winston Churchill's famous saying (which applies to committees and volunteer organizations everywhere. Not just Airmen flying planes in WW II). "Never have so few done so much for so many".

f) Other business – Club Captain

Mike Long asked the delegates should we reinstate this position and what should they do. The response was a practicable person. Garry Morris proposed that David Craig should be the club captain, seconded by Chris McGuire, all in favour.

g) Other business – Live aboards

John Tate brought up that the club's live aboard rules are not being adhered to and club members are living on their boats without seeking permission from the Committee. It was decided that the live aboard situation should be discussed by the General Committee.

7. Closing address from Commodore

Mike Long thanked the members for attending and closed the 2020 AGM at 4.25pm