



Oceania Laser Class Association

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Australia

Minutes of 2019 Annual OLCA General Meeting
Mersey Yacht Club Devonport, Tasmania
Saturday 5 January 2019 8.30 am

Meeting opened 8.30am by Chairman Ken Hurling

1. Attendance

Ken Hurling (QLD Chairman OLCA), Kevin Phillips (NSW & ACT Secretary OLCA), Roger King (TAS), John D'Helin (VIC), Michael McAullay (WA), Peter Merritt (VIC)

2. Apologies

Nick Page (NZ Vice President OLCA) Geoff Lucas (NSW & ACTLA), Mike Wilson (QLA), Gary Martin (NT)

3. Identification and confirmation of voting District Representatives

Laser District representatives present were identified to the chair.

4. Minutes of previous AGM at Sunshine Coast Yacht Club Mooloolaba 10 February 2018

Minutes of the meeting (copy attached) were tabled. Moved John D'Helin seconded Kevin Phillips minutes were approved. Business arising from minutes - Nil

5. Reports

- a. Chairman – report tabled and presented (copy attached)
- b. Treasurer and Public Officer – Geoff Lucas' report was tabled and presented by Kevin Phillips (copy attached)

6. Election of Office Bearers

OLCA office bearers nominated and seconded on forms tabled at the meeting were declared elected.

- a. President - Ken Hurling (AUS)
- b. Vice-president - Nick Page (NZ)
- c. Treasurer & Public Officer – Geoff Lucas (AUS)
- d. Secretary – Kevin Phillips (AUS)

Additional committee members were confirmed by the OLCA President;

- a. Event Director – Neville Koop (FIJ)
- b. Oceania Class Development - Raema Von Reiche (SAM)

7. General Business

Fiji Oceania Masters Events

The inaugural Oceania Fiji Masters event was run successfully from the Sofitel Resort Denarau Island Fiji between 13th and 19th October 2018.

The event enjoyed strong support from Performance Sailcraft Australia (PSA) who provided the Laser charter fleet and Fiji Air, Fiji Travel and the Sofitel Resort who facilitated travel and accommodation. Tourism Fiji were thanked for their generous sponsorship of the event.

Details of the event and results are on the event web site <https://www.oceanialaserchamps.com>

The event will be run with a similar timing and format in 2019.

Laser Oceania Open Events in Fiji

OLCA is investigating the feasibility of running other open Laser events in Fiji using the established fleet and infrastructure.

Mentoring and Training in Fiji

Thanks were extended to Don Elks for his work with Fijian locals developing a youth training program and to Fiji Masters RO Peter Merritt for his work both RO'ing the event and mentoring local officials in the task.

The meeting closed at 9.00am

Kevin Phillips OLCA Secretary



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Minutes of 2018 Annual OLCA General Meeting
Sunshine Coast Yacht Club Room Parkyn Parade Mooloolaba
Saturday 10 February 2018 9.30 am

Meeting opened 9.40am by Chairman Ken Hurling

1. Attendance

Ken Hurling, Kevin Phillips, Rob Lowndes, Kerry Waraker, John D'Helin, Clive Humphris, Frant Buceu, Lyndall Patterson, Nick Page, Chris Sadler, Chris Caldecoat, David Whait, Frank Walsh, Hugh Leister, Phil Danks, Adam French.

2. Apologies

Geoff Lucas (NSW & ACTLA), Mike Wilson (QLA), Bruce Utting (WALA)

3. Identification and confirmation of voting District Representatives

Laser District representatives present were identified to the chair.

4. Reports

- a. Chairman – report tabled and presented (copy attached)
- b. Treasurer and Public Officer – Geoff Lucas' report was tabled and presented by Kevin Phillips (copy attached)

5. Election of Office Bearers

OLCA office bearers nominated and seconded on forms tabled at the meeting were (moved Rob Lowndes seconded Lyndall Patterson) duly declared elected.

- a. President - Ken Hurling
- b. Vice-president - Nick Page
- c. Treasurer & Public Officer – Geoff Lucas
- d. Secretary – Kevin Phillips
- e. Event Director – Neville Koop

6. Oceania Constitution and Status

The Oceania Laser Class Association's Constitution (copy attached) was formally registered with NSW Australia Fair Trading on 18th January 2018. Registration INC1800086 (copy attached). The Australian Business Number ABN 98 398 255 908 was registered and subsequently a bank account with Westpac Bank BSB 032 085 have been established.

7. General Business

Fiji Oceania Masters Events

Chris Caldecoat outlined the arrangements which are in place for the Fiji Oceania Masters events to be run from the Sofitel Resort Denarau Island Fiji between 13th and 26th October 2018.

Chris covered the arrangements made by Performance Sailcraft Australia PSA and by them with Fiji Air, Fiji Travel and the Sofitel Resort for charter travel and accommodation. Chris

outlined that one hundred new Lasers will be made available for charter for these and subsequent events in the Region. He also talked of the strong support from the Fiji administration for the events. All the details for the event are on the web site <https://www.oceanialaserchamps.com>

Development of Laser Sailing in Oceania

Neville Koop (Fiji – Event Director) spoke of the opportunities which OLCA created to promote the class in the region. His view was that Asia Pacific Laser region had not work particularly well for small Districts like Fiji and welcomed the new arrangement and especially the proposed Fiji event.

Chris Caldecoat added that in his view around \$3 million per year was being channelled by Laser sailors attending events from this region largely to Europe. His hope was that by setting up great events in fabulous venues we would get locals and northern hemisphere sailors to come to Oceania to compete to turn some of this flow around. Ken Hurling's report (attached) outlines some of the events which are planned for the Region in the next few years.

Laser Youth Sailing in Oceania

Chris Caldecoat pointed to the difficulty in terms of logistics and costs of running major youth Laser events in the Region outside of AUS and NZL. Ken Hurling outlined the aim which is to get more of these international youth events in AUS and NZL and to focus initially on Masters event/s in other Districts in the Region and then expand these to youth and open events over time.

Travel Logistics for International Events

There was general discussion on ways to make travel easier for sailors including options for packing tillers for international air trips.

The meeting closed at 10.50am

Kevin Phillips OLCA Secretary



Oceania Laser Class Association Inc.

Oceania Laser Class Association AGM 5th January 2019 – President's Report 2019

As we come to the end of our first year as the OLCA Committee, I would like to reflect on our progress.

The combination of the Oceania Laser Championships within the Australian Laser Championships has created international interest in Oceania and led to our first event in the outer islands of Oceania. Fiji Masters.

I have heard from those that are closer to World Sailing (WS) that they have very little news on what is happening in our part of the world and Oceania is looked at as a black hole, we as the Laser Class in Oceania can change this and change the way WS think of Oceania and help them in their business thinking so more support can come to our small member countries.

We must always remember we are only a class representative or as some say a boat owners group and support the Oceania Sailing Federation as best we can.

The event in Fiji made a lot of Laser sailors happy and although we hosted this event on a short time table we could have easily failed if not for the support of PSA via Chris and Fiji Tourism , we must say thank you.

There are now 40 new boats in Fiji that were not there a year ago that will be eventually be sold locally and build the fleet. Our man on the ground Neville Koop did a great job over coming sick family members and some personal health issues to deliver a great event. The NOR for 2019 will be sent out shortly.

The introduction of the new Laser C5 in Australia and New Zealand in 2019 shows us the support the International Laser Class Association has for our Region.

The new direction ILCA is heading, while not all agree, we must prepare for the next 50 year

and to quote our World President, "white sails and alloy mast won't cut in the future". There will be more news as this new rig is introduced but the powers to be are hard at work on this exciting new direction our Class is heading.

This year's OLCA and ALCA Championships are once again combined and to be hosted by the Mersey Yacht Club and Tasmania District Laser Association TDLA in Bass Strait off Devonport Tasmania.

It is hoped the entries will exceed the 180 mark from Asia, Oceania and North America.

2019 is looking great for the Laser class with events in Fiji, Tasmania all the Districts in Oceania. As well we look forward to the Pacific Games later in the year.

The sad news is the Olympic Classes selection this year, the ILCA executive Tracy, Eric, Jeff, are working hard so we can maintain our Laser Olympic status. The letter of support for the Laser from the Fiji Yachting Association had a big impact at the last WS AGM in the USA. There will be more news on this after the WS May meeting.

2020, starting in January will be massive, ALCA nationals, Sail Melbourne incorporating the OLCA championships, Radial Men's Worlds, Radial Woman's Worlds, Standard Worlds then we move to Geelong for the Masters Worlds, that's 5 Cube events in Oceania over a 3 month period.

In closing I would like to thank everyone and wish you all the best for the New Year and great sailing in 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KH', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Ken Hurling OAM

President ALCA

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Income & Expenditure Statement for the period 19 March 2018 to 30th June 2018

| | <u>\$A</u> |
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| <u>Income</u> | |
| Donation-NZ Laser Class Association | 3,622.07 |
| Interest Received | 1.32 |
| Levies Received | <u>3,340.00</u> |
| <u>Total Income</u> | 6,963.39 |
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| <u>Expenses</u> | |
| Travelling Expenses | <u>935.91</u> |
| <u>Total Expenses</u> | <u>935.91</u> |
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| <u>Net Surplus for the Period</u> | <u>6,027.48</u> |

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Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2018

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| <u>Current Assets</u> | |
| Westpac -Current Account | <u>6027.48</u> |
| <u>Total Assets</u> | 6027.48 |
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| <u>Less Liabilities</u> | NIL |
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| <u>Net Assets</u> | <u>6027.48</u> |
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| <u>Represented by Members' Funds</u> | |
| Current Period Surplus | <u>6027.48</u> |
| <u>Total Equity</u> | <u>6027.48</u> |