



Oceania Laser Class Association

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Minutes of 2020 Annual OLCA General Meeting
Sandringham Yacht Club, Melbourne, Victoria
Sunday 5 January 2020 8.30am

Meeting opened 8.30am by Chairman Ken Hurling

1. Attendance

Ken Hurling (QLD Chairman OLCA), Kevin Phillips (NSW & ACT Secretary OLCA), Roger King (TAS), James Mitchell (VIC), Michael McAullay (WA), Peter Merritt (VIC), Chris Caldecoat (NSW & ACT), Nev Beeson (VIC), Sue Phillips (NSW & ACT), Don Elks (WA), Mike Glusky (Tas), Scott Newman (SA), Dan Self (QLD), Clare and Ian Alexander (NSW & ACT)

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 Mersey Yacht Club Devonport, Tasmania 5 January 2019

Minutes of the meeting (copy attached) were tabled. Moved Michael McAulley 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 Directors – Peter Merritt (AUS) & Nigel Skeggs (FIJ)
- b. Oceania Class Development - Raema Von Reiche (SAM)

7. General Business

OLCA President Ken Hurling reported on his attending the Oceania Sailing Federation AGM held in Samoa in 2019 where he also attended the Pacific Games. He reported on the way small island countries view our class and commented that there is a strong focus on elite (Olympic) sailing in the Region. Ken commented that Australian Daniel Belcher has taken on the role of Secretary General of Oceania Sailing Federation (OSAF) and that the Laser was the only class which is affiliated with OSAF – though many Member National Authorities like Australian Sailing are.

The Oceania Fiji event was again run successfully from the Sofitel Resort Denarau Island Fiji between 12th and 18th October 2019. Ken Hurling thanked Fiji Tourism and Fiji Air for their support again this year. He also thanked Chris Caldecoat for Performance Sailcraft Australia's (PSA's) contribution making the event viable. Nigel Skeggs was thanked for stepping in with local event management and Peter Merritt for his contribution as RO. Ken added that the event management would revert fully to Fiji though OLCA would endorse and support the event in whatever way it can.

The Fiji event attendance was below our expectation and focus is now being placed on widening the appeal of the event by including wider age categories making it Fiji Open. Improved marketing especially at the Laser World Masters in Geelong in March 2020 is planned as is restoration of the pre event coaching.

There was brief discussion on Oceania events in New Zealand especially considering the sailing focus there with the Americas Cup in Auckland in March 2021.

Chris Caldecoat spoke briefly on PSA's vision to promote sailing in attractive location in the Region and by so doing attract local sailors to these rather than expensive to reach European destinations which as venues are inferior.

The meeting closed at 9.00am

Kevin Phillips OLCA Secretary



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President's Report to OLCA AGM Sandringham Yacht Club 5 January 2020

On behalf of the board of Oceania Laser Class Association it gives me pleasure to present this report.

Oceania the Challenge

Oceania is spread over 100 million square Km (one fifth of the World's surface) but only has a population of just 40 million (half of one percent of the World's population). As well as Australian and New Zealand it is very important that we involve the smaller Pacific countries in our class in some way. How do we do this? At this stage I'm not 100% sure but I think by being visible, offering support and attending any events held within the region is a great start.

It has only been a little over two years since the launch of OLCA and in that time it has started a small snowball rolling down the hill. Time and investment in the class will only see the snowball grow. For example Fiji is seeing changes in their committee and the positive feeling is that the class will succeed into the future.

The Oceania region is mainly made up of small developing countries and because of this we need to tread very slowly. Attending regional meetings, such as the Oceania Sailing Federation AGM held in Samoa this year and attending the Pacific Games, gave me an insight into the way small island countries view our class. Every country in Oceania has a Laser somewhere, they may be small in numbers but they are out there. Our aim now is to assist these countries to get a fleet together and introduce our class to the younger generation.

The biggest issue I see in the Oceania Region is communication and convincing the Pacific Island nations that they have a voice at World Council and the opportunity to seek assistance on all things Laser in our region.

Oceania Laser Events

The biggest surprise to me was that OLCA was the only class association at the Pacific games affiliated with the Oceania Sailing Federation. The classes attending the Pacific Games were Hobie Cats, Optimists, boards and Lasers. All major Oceania countries were in attendance and only seemed to be supporting sailing for the Olympics.

The Oceania Laser Championships were held in Devonport Tasmania at the beginning of 2019 in conjunction with the Australian Laser Championships on the waters of Bass Strait, part of the Southern Ocean. Over 200 lasers attended the championships, which was fantastic considering the logistics involved in just getting there, let alone transporting the boats across the Strait. The Tasmanian Laser Association held a spectacular event thanks to the financial assistance given from the Tasmanian Government and Devonport Council.

Thanks to financial assistance from Fiji Air and Tourism and the efforts of Fiji Laser and PSA we again ran the Fiji Oceania Masters Championships from the Sofitel Resort on Denarau Island Fiji in October.

Victoria, Australia is now in the spotlight hosting the 2020 Summer of Sail with multiple World Championships and other International Laser Events. We are confident that the huge effort by VLA and its 2020 Committee will put Australia on the world sailing map as being one of the best places in the world to spend a Summer of Sailing.

On behalf of all Oceania Districts I would like to thank ILCA and all who were involved in the retention of the Laser class as the single handed class at the Olympics. This continued presence of the Laser in the Olympics is hugely significant for the Laser class but also for sailing in general in Oceania. Without the ready availability of relatively low cost rugged equipment, which characterises the Laser, many Oceania countries would lose any prospect of Olympic sailing and sailing as a sport would suffer or die.

In closing I must thank the ALCA Committee for their great work for the class in our Region. Thanks to Nic Page, Geoff Lucas, Kevin Phillips, Neville Koop and Nigel Skeggs in Fiji and Raema von Reiche in Samoa.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KH', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ken Hurling OAM
OLCA



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Financial Summary OLCA AGM 2020

The P & L and Balance Sheet for OLCA are attached.

At the bottom line the OLCA finished the year with a small surplus of \$3,281.13 and at the close of the year 30th June 2019 had total equity of \$9,859.66.

The major driver of costs and income was the Fiji Oceania Laser Masters in October 2018 which returned a small surplus of \$1,196.95. This was the first running of the event so there were many expenses of a one off nature in establishing, with PSA, the fleet of charter boats in Fiji.

These costs were covered by the generous contribution of Fiji Tourism. Thanks to Chris Caldecoat for his initiative with the event and the sponsorship.

Other income and expenditure was modest with the largest other item being the OLCA Nationals entry levy at \$2,960.



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Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 30th June 2019

<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>
	<u>Income</u>	
-	Regatta Receipts	7,961.99
-	Regatta Sponsorship	60,000.00
3,622.07	Donation-NZ Laser Class Association	-
1.32	Interest Received	9.49
<u>3,340.00</u>	Levies Received	<u>2,960.00</u>
6,963.39	<u>Total Income</u>	70,931.48
	<u>Expenses</u>	
-	Association Dues	288.26
935.91	Travelling Expenses	-
-	Filing Fees	46.00
-	Regatta Travelling Expenses	7,165.65
-	Public Relations Costs	3,690.07
-	Bank Fees -Overseas Transfers	154.00
-	Regatta Event Costs	43,138.62
-	Shipping Costs Lasers to Fiji	10,116.70
-	Laser Storage Costs in Fiji	2,500.00
<u>935.91</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>67,099.30</u>
<u>6,027.48</u>	<u>Surplus of Income over Expenditure</u>	<u>3,832.18</u>



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Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2019

<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>
	<u>Current Assets</u>	
<u>6,027.48</u>	Westpac-Current Account	<u>9,859.66</u>
6,027.28	<u>Total Assets</u>	9,859.66
-	<u>Less Liabilities</u>	NIL
<u>6,027.48</u>	<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>9,859.66</u>
	<u>Represented by Members' Funds</u>	
	Retained Earnings as at 1st July 2018	6,027.48
<u>6,027.48</u>	<u>Add Current Year's Surplus</u>	<u>3,832.18</u>
<u>6,027.48</u>	<u>Total Equity</u>	<u>9,859.66</u>