



Oceania Laser Class Association

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Minutes of 2021-22 Annual OLCA General Meeting Zoom Online Wednesday 15th December 2021

Meeting opened 12.45pm by Chairman Ken Hurling

1. Attendance

Ken Hurling (QLD, ALCA President), John D'Helin (VIC, ALCA Vice President), Geoff Lucas (Treasurer NSW & ACT), Kevin Phillips (NSW & ACT Chair, ALCA Secretary), Peter Merritt (VIC), Gary Martin (NTLD Rep). Nick Page (NZLD), Cait Gayle (Guam). Mike McCue (Guam), Raema Von Reiche (Samoa), Neville Koop (Fiji),

2. Apologies Nil

3. Identification and confirmation of voting District Representatives

Laser District representatives present were identified to the chair.

4. Minutes of previous AGM on-line via Zoom 15th December 2020

Minutes of the meeting were tabled. Moved and seconded were approved. Business arising from minutes - Nil

5. Reports

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

6. Election of Office Bearers

OLCA office bearers nominated on forms held by secretary 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 nominated by the OLCA President and accepted the post;

- a. Fiji Class Development & Event Director Neville Koop
- b. Oceania Class Development Raema Von Reiche

7. General Business

Mike McCue and Cait Gayle – North of the Equator Report

Reported that in Guam sailing was quiet with several dozen sailors participating but fluctuating. They spoke of Goodwill Regatta which historically had attracted local and Japanese sailors and their desire and actions to develop racing on Guam and effort towards qualifying an Olympic place for an island sailor.

Raema Von Reiche - Samoa Report

Raema reported on supply of 12 new boats for training and events. Events involving other island nations are proposed. Sailing activity was generally quiet however she reported a number of sailors at the elite level were emerging. She said a number of new sailors were becoming involved mostly girls in 4.7 and Radial. Raema also spoke of sailors moving to the elite level greatly benefiting from support from an Australian or NZ club providing a link to sailing and sailors and even billets to help with their development. Raema mentioned a case where MHASC in Sydney assisted with a Samoan sailor.

Neville Koop – Fiji Report

Neville reported that COVID and lock-down had been a big problem in Fiji but that they were planning National Championships in January 2022 and that clubs were picking up. Fiji had a sailor Sophia Morgan representing in Tokyo. He thanked Australian and NZ Sailing for their help given to Sophia in the lead up to the Olympics. He suggested that a program such as this or a more extensive arrangement involving education, training and accommodation would be most beneficial for small nations sailors.

Neville updated on the wash-up from the Fiji Masters where residual OLCA funds transferred by Nigel Skeggs remain identified in Fiji Yachting's account. Nigel confirmed that three charter boats remain in the container in the Sofitel Resort. These are the property of PSA Australia who have indicated that they would like to sell them into the local market.

Class and Olympic Development: Ken Hurling spoke of the need for a plan of action to get greater involvement of ILCA sailing in Oceania. He said World Sailing with encouragement from the International Olympic Committee wants to get the number of countries represented in the Olympics in sailing up to 100. There were 65 in Tokyo 2021 and there are 206 countries in the Olympics. This metric is a focus for World Sailing to maintain the sport's place in the Olympics. 6 of 17 Olympic countries in Oceania were represented in sailing in Tokyo and increasing this and to promote ILCA sailing generally would be the main aim of the plan.

Nick Page who is Finance Director on ILCA World Council spoke of class development funds being allocated by ILCA to Regions. \$15,000 will be allocated to Oceania over the next two years. An additional program named for long serving ILCA Executive Secretary Jeff Martin will follow.

Ken Hurling spoke of initiatives being scoped to ensure that ILCA and sailing remain in the Pacific Games Honiara, Solomon Islands November 2023. He also mentioned the longer-term prospects for Oceania in the quad leading up to the 2032 Olympics in Queensland.

The meeting closed at 1.40pm

Kevin Phillips OLCA Secretary



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This is a notice of 2021-22 Annual General Meeting to of the Oceania Laser Class Association to be held via Zoom meeting Wednesday 15th December 2021 12.30pm AEDT (Vic, NSW, ACT, Tas) 12.00pm ACDT (SA) 11.30am AEST (Qld), 10.30am ACST (NT) 9.30am AWST (WA) Fiji 1.30pm FJDT, NZ 2.30pm (NZDT) 1.30am GMT/UTC

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AGENDA

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Oceania Chairman's Report to OLCA AGM 2021/22

Another year of COVID-19 has had some Districts still having events and others in total lockdown. The cancellation of the Oceania Championships 2021 and 2022 was a hard decision to make, but as it turned out it has been the right one.

A very sad decision for our host and our sailors. The OLCA COVID-19 policy document is on the website [Here](#).

All this said the Class is coming out of 2021 in good shape. I haven't seen the total membership numbers for 2021 but after speaking to some of the District Chairs they have indicated some increases. This is good news and highlights the support of our sailors and the resilience of the Class.

The highlights in 2021 were Matt Wearn's Gold Medal win in Japan, Zac Littlewood's stunning win in the under 21 Worlds, and his 5th in the just finished ILCA7 World Championships in Barcelona, Spain. A fabulous result at this event was Tom Saunders convincing win in challenging conditions. Great results by all.



Tom Saunders (left) and coach Mike Bullot after the win in ILCA7 Worlds Barcelona

The opportunity presented by World Sailing for our smaller Oceania Countries to attend the Japan Olympics, well done Fiji, Papua and Samoa, thank you World Sailing.

Oceania had Olympic representation in all ILCA Classes, New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Australia and Papua in the ILCA 6 and ILCA 7. There is no reason why many more Oceania countries could not compete at the Paris Olympics in the ILCA. The Olympics is all about competing, it is about becoming an Olympian and taking part in the World's largest sporting event.

The class name change has been accepted. We should now be using ILCA4 ILCA6 ILCA7 in NORs and SIs. Please use these names so we are inline with the rest of the world.

The announcement that Brisbane was awarded the 2032 Olympics is another opportunity for all Oceania countries, it is hoped ILCA will offer more World Championships to Oceania as we get closer to Brisbane 2032. It would be good if more than a single Olympic qualification place were available for the Oceania qualifying event. The cost of qualifying through going to Europe for months is too high for some. The Oceania Championships could be a good event for the Oceania qualifier.

ILCA World Championships are in big demand around the world and where they are hosted is always a concern. The newly formed ILCA Events and Race Management Committee, have presented a rotation that is fair to all regions. In 2021 ILCA has had to make changes to venues and timing to make some events work in a COVID affected world. By these changes ILCA has managed to run all the 2021 Worlds events with mostly very good numbers of competitors which is a great result. Many Oceania sailors were not so fortunate due to travel and exit restrictions.

We now have 8 ILCA builders operating around the world. 2021 could see the highest number of boats built for many years, but we still some time to go.

The 2023 Oceania Championships will be in NSW from 1 to 8 January and being hosted by the Georges River Sailing Club in conjunction with the Australian Open and Youth Championships. The 2022 Oceania Masters will be hosted by Northern Territory at the Darwin Sailing Club 20-26 August 2022. Darwin is a great sailing venue with plenty interesting things to see and do and all Masters will be welcome.

ILCA has changed the age range for Apprentice Masters from 35-45 to 30-45. The new arrangement starts from the 1st January 2022. The ALCA and ILCA web sites have the details.

2022 may be quiet for National events so it's time to support your local district especially local club sailing.

In closing I would like to thank our committee, Nic Page, Raema von Reiche, Kevin Phillips, Geoff Lucas, and Rob Lowndes.

Thank you to all our members. Stay safe everyone.

Ken Hurling OAM
Chairman OLCA



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Treasurer's Report Year Ended 30 June 2021

I have pleasure in presenting the financial statements for the above financial year.

The Income and Expenditure Statement shows a surplus of \$6,239.16 as compared with a surplus of \$11,628.00 for the preceding year.

As no regatta was held during the year the only income, except for an amount of \$5.17 of interest received, was 2019-2020 Plaques Fees of \$6,356.44 (\$US4,967.29) received from ILCA for the Oceania Region.

The Undeposited Funds of \$7,497.00 held in Fiji are still held by Neville Skeggs of Denarau Marine. It is prosed these funds will be deposited into Fiji Yachting Association's bank or possibly a separate bank account or deposit opened with Westpac in Fiji.

Thank you

Geoff Lucas
Hon. Treasurer