



MINUTES

Half Year
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 19th February 2020
7.30pm

COMMITTEE:

Commodore Paul Nicholls
Vice Commodore Ian Harwood
Rear Commodore Steve Browne
Rear Commodore PA Brian Piggott

General Manager – Damien Gaspar
Treasurer – James Turnbull

Committee – Kim Sorrell
Committee - Dennis Nankivell
Committee – Tim Gray
Committee – Graham Dart
Committee – Mark West
Committee- James Aps

1. **Declare Meeting Open 1930**
2. **Apologies**
Peter Blackburn
Terry Harwood
John Riley
3. **Confirmation of minutes of AGM held on 21 August 2019**

Moved: Andrew Kemp
Second: Cameron Bateman
Carried
4. **To receive reports - Commodore Report**
Report tabled.

Odyssey Weekend was a huge success and included the support of



6IX live coverage
Dept of Transport Dave Philpot
Fremantle Sea Rescue and their display
Angling Section
Dragon Boaters
EF Rowing Club

Moved: Paul Nicholls
Second: Steve Browne
Carried

5. To receive reports - Vice Commodore Report

Report tabled.

Odyssey activation activity provided the club with strong revenue and over 55 new members.

General update regarding activities including Valentine's Day/ River deck theme nights & Thursday Themed buffets

Downstairs bar refurbishment – planned in the coming weeks. Members provided general update on plan and design.

Moved: Ian Harwood
Second: Dennis Nankivell
Carried

6. To receive reports - Rear Commodore Report

Report tabled.

General marina update provided to members. -

- Jetty head maintenance set to commence.
- Damaged finger jetty replacement has been approved
- Dredging is now at the cleanup stage. Thank you to Dennis Nankivell for his efforts
- Replacement of Jetty Five – initial funding has been approved for a feasibility study
Options being assessed include Concrete floating jetty with wave attenuation and or like for like standard concrete design. Study to include tidal and siltation impact of wave remediation.

Members reminded that No angle grinding on the club premises
Current Pen Waitlist was made available on the sign in table



Moved: Steve Browne
Second: Dennis Nankivell
Carried

7. To receive reports – Angling – Angling Captain

Up to 60 members have attended and 25-30 regulars
Sunday 29th March Intra-Club fishing competition
Change of guard on Friday night raffles so please support them
Kids Cancer Support Group raised \$4,000 on the Odyssey weekend
Currently talking to a local boat builder and looking to launch new design at the SYC
All Members are encouraged to join.

Moved: James Aps
Second Ian Harwood
Carried

8. Presentation of awards

Odyssey Weekend Volunteers
Paul Davies – thank you for the loan of the magnificent Toyota bus
Adrian Crook – thank you for helicopter landing
Rob Richardson – thank you for driving the members to and from the Odyssey
Graham Dart – thank you for all your efforts
Garth Sorrell – thank you for all your efforts
Mark West – thank you for driving the members to and from the Odyssey
James Aps – thank you for all your efforts
Warren Caird – thank you for serving champagne on the Odyssey all day
Dennis Nankivell – thank you for driving our members to and from the club
Ann Williams – thank you for ushering members on and off the Odyssey
Greg Roach – thank you for your efforts
Glen Svensson – thank you for your efforts
James Turnbull – thank you for keeping the kids entertained on your jet ski
Kim Sorrell – thank you for your efforts
Adrian Greathead – thank you for controlling the car parking
Keryl Caird – thank you for your work on the floating jetty

9. The Treasurer presents statement of accounts and balance sheet as unaudited.

Report tabled.

Moved: James Turnbull
Second: Kim Wilke
Carried



10. Responses to Financial Questions

Steve Gard member 12465

- i) Total cost of the new River Deck including construction/supply/install, permits, licenses and on-going maintenance etc.? \$249,060 breakdown provided
- ii) Was there a business case submission created for the River Deck so that management could base their decisions on this information prior to signing off on this project regarding the estimated revenue that the deck would generate for the SYC and what is this estimate? Yes, Mgt prepared and signed off by the Committee.
- iii) How many pens were removed to accommodate the river deck to date, is there a chance another 1 pen will be removed due to the current security issues identified for jetty 1? 4 pens and 1 more pending
- iv) What was the lost revenue from the removed boat pens and the membership revenue associated with these pens being removed i.e. lost in-going fee's, full membership nominations fee's, annual full membership fees and pen lease fees? Boat were relocated
- v) The security fencing fitted to the side of Jetty one (Eastern side) at the time of the River Deck installation is clearly not enough now to provide the same level of security as was previously the case. Persons can now simply step from the River Deck onto the wooden vessel that is penned in the adjacent boat pen then step straight onto jetty 1. Is there a plan to extend the security fencing to provide the same level of security as was previously the case.? Full members on Jetty 1 quite rightly have concerns about the lack of security for their vessels at this present time. Considered but no final decision yet. Security is an ongoing consideration.
- vi) Total monies collected from boat pen lease holders since the last jetty camera upgrade on jetties 3 and 5? \$25,719 but not separated by jetties
- vii) Total monies spent on jetty security for the same period, not to be confused with general camera/security upgrades within the car parks/club house etc.? Not separated for jetty security
- viii) The questions asked at a recent AGM by Life Member Chris Pinfeld 9036 were initially answered at the AGM re the arrangement for Club Sponsor supplied motor vehicles. In particular the question of Fringe Benefit Tax(FBT) liability was discussed and membership was advised that the SYC was being classed as a "Not for profit" organization and this meant that there was no FBT due or payable by either the club or a SYC individual. What exactly is the club's position on this matter please as the



advice I have received is whilst we are indeed a “Not for profit” organization there are 2 distinct and different types of “Not for profit” organizations and the exemption from FBT does not cover both? Seeking ATO clarification

- ix) How many motor vehicles are currently supplied by the Club Sponsor for SYC admin staff use and who is given the use of a motor vehicle? B) Are you aware of any other yacht/boating clubs in the Metro area with such a generous car use package or are we breaking new ground here? Three and allocated to regular staff
- x) As the use of a “company car” would be considered a privilege to most people it certainly cannot and should not be considered a right. Is the supply of a motor vehicle to any SYC employee part of an official salary package or based on any measurable performance indicators or is it just supplied to the individual carte blanche irrespective of work performance etc.? Individual staff packages will not be discussed
- xi) Can we please have a breakdown on how much each individual vehicle is costing the club per annum to maintain i.e. Fuel, registration, insurance? \$2,200

11. General Business

Wayne Astill 09051– what do full members get for their extra \$1,000.

Paul Nicholls responded -full members receive Voting rights, access to the marina facility, discounted F&B, discounts on room hire.

Troy Cawthan 2317-

Highlighted that full members receive 10% discounts on all food and beverage purchases members

Additional discounts on function bookings

The River Deck is great addition to our club. Friends have joined as members for the deck facility.

Thank you for the Committees efforts with following through with the plan and their commitment to the club mission in general. This club has continued to evolve and is recognized for its rapid improvement throughout the community which it is part of.

Ivan Gutmanis 1929

Tree replacement in the overflow car park

General Manager responded – Trees to be replaced by the Council date yet to be determined.

Wayne Astill 09051 - “Friends of the Swan” letter – Expressed his dislike for this type of correspondence from parties within but points out he has had no answer to his previous correspondence to committee.

Ian Harwood responded -



Spoke to the effects and outcomes of the letters sent to the major stakeholders
Relationships are back on track with major stakeholders
Investigation will be launched into lack of reply to Wayne Astill letter.

Kim Wilkie Member 2077

Motor vehicles – upon the General Managers appointment he was given with the task to gain sponsorship which he managed professionally providing the club with improved advertising and promotion we value the role of our club sponsors and community partners.
Security – the club formerly provided a security guard which served little purpose.
Cameras were then installed to remove the cost of the security

Kim Wilkie Member 2077

Letters from 'Friends of the Swan' – Kim congratulates Committee on their handling of the letter incident.

Allan Heyne 1821

Four out of nine Committee members have got bald heads. Congratulations!

Mark Peacock 9034

Sail past turnout was very disappointing on Open Day with only 10 boats partaking

Full members deserve better membership perhaps a different color card

Water pressure needs increasing to the boats

Ian Harwood responded - The renovation water pressure tests showed a substandard water pressure and it is simply beyond the control of the SYC. East Fremantle runs from a different main. to the SYC.

Meeting closed: 8.15pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Nicholls', written in a cursive style.

Signed: Commodore, Paul Nicholls.
19/08/2020