



**Swan Yacht Club**

**Half Yr. General Meeting**

**Wednesday 26th February 2014**

**Start: 7.30pm**

**Present:** Vice Commodore Kim Wilkie, Treasurer Graham Allen, Committee Don Byfield, Committee Dennis Nott, Committee Rod Sherburn, Rear Commodore P & A Paul Nicholls, Committee Wayne Astill and Managing Secretary Damien Gaspar

**Apologies:** Commodore Mike Williams, Rear Commodore Kevin Bielby, Committee Keith Peckham, Committee Mark Swift, Con Tripi, Graham Crofts, Joe Cavanagh, Colin Dix, Jonathon Riley.

**Confirmation of Minutes 28/08/13**

Proposed: Chris Lee -1908

Seconded: Peter Harburn – 2131

Carried

**Business Arising**


Nil

Kim Wilkie provides members with a health update regarding Commodore M Williams.

**Adopt and receive all reports:**

Commodores report – provided by the Commodore read by Kim Wilkie.

Rear Commodore Power and Angling report – as per Cygnus report

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Rear Commodores Report (provided by Managing Secretary)

Members will see that the club has invested in signage advising those who don't have trailers not to park in the spaces.

East Fremantle Rangers have been making regular patrols and fining anyone who abuses the parking rules particularly those who don't display their trailer stickers.

Boat repair and maintenance manual will be finalised and available to members shortly. Members are required to follow the document to ensure obligations regarding the environment and associated areas of compliance are met.

Spill kits have been purchased and are stationed around the slipway.

Pen wait list- take the time to familiarise yourself with the list. If you have any questions regarding where you sit on the list contact the office.

The club is finalising a Maintenance plan document required by the SRT which will ultimately allow for SYC to carry out regular tasks without the required SRT permits.

The club will be looking to confirm a date in and around 2016 for the next dredge project.

Thankyou to those members who have been patient with the club whilst we look to address the compliance issues identified by the SRT on land and over the water.

Kim Wilkie – Provides members with an update regarding balcony works prior to Xmas.

The structure was unsafe, sagging, lacked the proper screws and attachments to make the balustrade safe. The entire structure was completed without engineering approval, SRT and Council approval and formed part of the Unauthorised Works case file. The club took action on the eve of Xmas to rectify the issues and obtain the necessary approvals.

The structure has now been approved by all authorities and more importantly is safe for use.

Moved: Don Byfield

Seconded: Chris Lee

Carried

### Treasurers Report

Figures attached

Peter Williams – Questions why financial questions must be submitted before the meeting where they are answered.

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Graham Allen – To allow accurate responses to the questions put forward by members.  
(Questions & answers attached)

Financial Report

Moved: Graham Allen  
Seconded: Phil Jackson  
Carried

### Appointment of Club Auditors

Appointment of club auditor – Graham Allen provides background to BDO and states it would be a prudent business practice to make a change – propose that BDO be appointed.

Move to have BDO as the Auditors of the Swan Yacht Club.

Moved: Graham Allen  
Seconded: Dennis Nankivell M032

Carried

Chris Lee 1908 - Whilst appointing new auditors are we changing our audit structure to include plans on sampling?

Graham Allen - Previously the auditors may not have received all the relevant information required. With the new auditor they will work independently and not sign off if there are any doubts. The club will undergo a full, honest, and thorough audit process

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Kim Wilkie - Forensic Audit process will be kept confidential until completed, investigation is still ongoing.

McGrath Nichol report- members can make an appointment with Damien Gaspar to read the full report.

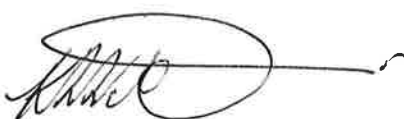
A 44 Page letter from Norton & Smailes advises that the report is not for public disclosure.

Kim Wilkie reads out statement pertaining to the report from McGrath Nichol (attached)

The investigation is still ongoing, the letter is subject to legal privilege facts presented without prejudice.

Barry Shaw 4790 – will it end up in the hands of the CCC?

Kim Wilkie – I am unable to answer that question.

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Chris Lee 1908 - At recent meeting I attended regarding insurance matters. I was advised that if we went to Nautilus that the club would receive some commission.

Kim Wilkie – The club will look into that matter.

Peter Williams – Cancelled a policy with club marine regarding an insurance and then received a bill from BWA – about commission return.

Barry Shaw 4790 – For the last Mooring meeting there was a change of date. I was unaware of this change. I should receive a point – Cygnus is main line of communication – point events need to be in every copy – hard copy.

Managing Secretary – The Cygnus is sent out electronically to members, loaded up onto the website and those wishing to receive a hard copy are instructed to add their name to the list at the office.

The club provides information via texts, emails, the web, E news and a number of other methods including attending the club in person to collect information.

The Cygnus is available from reception and from the bar for you to enjoy.

The Points list is in the Cygnus at the beginning of the financial year and on the web for members to refer to.

Matt Forbes 4396 - Does the club have an agreement with Northport in regards to slipping costs?

Kim Wilkie - The agreement with Northport was only for a certain time period; we will look into working with other slipways in the future.

Matt Forbes - Fremantle Club Update, when will the agreement be finalised?

Kim Wilkie – It is anticipated the Fremantle Club will present the Swan Yacht Club with a cheque for \$3.5mil end of the week. The funds will be put into a separate building fund – that's the agreement.

R. Sloan - Was there a special request from Brian Turpin regarding his money?

Kim Wilkie - No, it was a straight donation.

There being no further business

Meeting closed: 8.50pm

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