

Minutes of J24 NSW Meeting – Tuesday 14 March 2017

Present: John Crawford, Amanda Williams, Gary Mason, Paula Dock

Apologies for Absence: Clinton Hood, Marc Van Dinther

Matters Arising

1 National Championship

Overall John reported that the National Championships were a success, and 13 new members were signed up to the association. 2018 Nationals has been swapped from Adelaide to Melbourne, to coincide with the stopover of the Volvo Race, and also because the SA committee are too busy.

2 Sydney Regattas this year

Botany Bay Sailing Club will not be hosting their Easter Regatta which usually has a J24 Division, due to issues with Australian Sailing registrations and they also confirmed they cannot host the 2017 NSW State Championships.

Cronulla Sailing Club are hosting a regatta for J24s on the long weekend in June, but as with previous years, it is not a J24 Regatta, just a club regatta for J24s.

Gosford J24 Regatta will go ahead on 31 September and 1 October but Paula reported that Gosford Sailing Club will be increasing their fees so we have to wait for these to be confirmed before confirming a regatta entry cost. After low entry number last year, we will be ringing around to encourage entries.

The committee agreed that RPEYC will be a good option to host the State Championships in November 2017 and Paula will confirm a date with the club. We also aim to have an onsite partially funded dinner on the Saturday night, as we have done previously.

Gary and Amanda are keen to encourage Sydney based J24s to race in the MHYC Winter series on Saturdays –they feel that if a fleet can be pulled together this may increase enthusiasm to enter Gosford J24 Regatta and the NSW State Championships.

3 Masts and Poles

We have sold both of the J24 Masts we had in stock. The Victorian Association are importing 3 from New Zealand which now need to be anodized in Melbourne as this is no longer done at Sparloft. John has been speaking to Whale Spars to discuss the possibility of them making future J24 masts and becoming a registered mast builder for the J24 Association. Liaisons to take place with the National Committee.

4 Online promotion

Gary is keen to take over the Facebook page administration which previously Mick had been doing and will speak to Mick about access. Paula will continue to update the J24 Website.

Other business

Amanda suggested it might be good to have a member social event to get members together, and Gary suggested a Golf Day and will come up with a date and venue ideas.

Next Meeting tbc