



## Formula 16 Catamaran Association Australia

### F16 AGM Minutes of meeting 14/03/2020

#### Attendees

Beau White, Brett Goodall, Jason McDonald, David Renouf, Murray Makin, Sophie Renouf, Simon Skoog, Lilly Smith, Benjamin Clark, Beau Delaine, James Butler, Rachel Renouf, Andreas Rehberger, Eli Henebery, Tristan White.

#### 1. Financial Position

A brief discussion was had regarding the financial position of the association.

- Bank Account \$ 5046
- Currently no fixed expenses other than website hosting for which Beau White has paid for.
- Income should be generated from membership of the association which has not been enforced due to low numbers. Future integration with F18 will see this change in the next season.

#### Sail EXPO at RPAYC

- Display boats, Beau has a poster and flyers.
- Sophie and James Buteler will be at the RPAYC with the boats and to run the competition.
- Note that as of this morning the Sail EXPO has been cancelled.

#### Election of Office Bearers

- President – Beau White
- Secretary and Treasurer– Sophie Renouf

#### National 2021

Ross Purcell has put a bid in to host the 2021 F16 National titles event over the Australia Day weekend at Rosebud Yacht Club.

Brett Goodall put in a bid to host the national at McCrae Yacht Club.

#### Other Business

##### Deck Sweeper

A proposal from Rob Mahoney was handed out to attendees to the meeting. Open discussion was had amongst the members and each member was given an opportunity to voice their opinion and

preference for allowing full length deck sweepers to be raced at F16 events and regattas in Australia for the coming season.

Points noted were:

2. The class needs to be seen as a performance class and must keep up with the times
3. The deck sweeper makes the boat easier to sail in strong conditions
4. The deck sweeper will make sailing against F18s more closely matched.
5. There is a lack of power in the deck sweeper for heavier crews
6. There can be more power built into the sails by the manufacturers
7. Existing Taipan sailors who are looking for a more advanced technical class but not open development A class would be attracted to the F16 class.
8. Cost of upgrading sails was not relevant as a new deck sweeper or a new standard main are the same price.
9. Goodall design committed to running a batch of decksweeper mainsails at a group deal price for F16 members who committed to the Nationals for 2021 in Victoria. Details of this will follow in an announcement from the Association and Goodall Design.

#### F18 Integration

- The fleet were all in agreement for integrating/co-operating with the F18 association. Comment was made that it will certainly encourage more sailors from other classes to the F16 if they are included in the F18 fleet at all events.
- The majority of members noted that a combined national event may not be optimal as there are many sailors from the F16s that attend the F18 event and vice versa. The net effect would be reduced boats in both fleets. A sailor is also more likely to sail the F18 event when faced with the choice as this is the premium class. With the current F18 worlds in Perth this will be revisited at the next AGM 2021 when half a season of the integrated classes has passed and we are all in a better position to decide if the F16 National and the F18 national will be combined at Kurnell or separated to individual events.

Meeting was closed at approximately 11:30.