NZIODA
AGM Minutes

1730 hrs. 8th April 2023 at Wakatere Boating Club

Facilitator: Matt Harker (President)

Note Taker: Barry Davies

Committee Present:
Matt Harker, Barry Davies, Paul Blundell, Michael Shirley, Jim Turner, Francis de Jager, Nick Gaites, Laurence Fauchelle.

Apologies: Mel Ewart

Attendees:
Tony Robb (QCYC), Neill Arnold (KYC), Nick Stead (MBSC), Nigel Soper (MBSC), Dean Barker (MBSC), Mike Judd (NZIODA), John Bullöt (NZIODA), Adrian Mannering (OWNZ), Ray Steele (OWNZ).

Minutes of the previous AGM:
The 2022 Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Paul moved that these minutes were a true and accurate record of the previous AGM. Seconded by Jim. Carried.

President's Report:
Dear Members,
I wanted to start by thanking our families, sailors and volunteers for an amazing sailing year. We have seen a full calendar of successful events and regattas, uninterrupted by Covid.
As a community we have completed some incredible events, including the current Nationals, the InterIslander, the South Island Traveler Series, the North Island and South Island Camps, the Kohi Girls regatta, the Sir Peter Blake regatta, and the Auckland Winter Sprint Series. We have also hosted the North Island and South Island clinics and May Teams clinic.

An enormous amount of effort goes into organizing these events and I would like to again thank all the families and volunteers that have made these many events so enjoyable and memorable for our sailors.

I am also happy to report that we have resumed our participation at international regattas with 5 sailors representing NZ at the Worlds in Turkey, 4 sailors at the Euros in Denmark and 18 sailors participating in the Noumea development event.

This year we celebrate 50 years as an International Class. If you have not already seen it, I recommend our recently published eBook on the first 30 years of Optimist sailing in New Zealand. For generations the Optimist has provided a gateway into a lifelong love of sailing, while building resilient and confident young people.

As a national committee our focus is on how we continue this legacy, by growing the fleet, especially in the regions and with our female sailors, we also want to ensure sailors find their time in Optimists enjoyable with natural pathways to other sailing classes and hopefully a lifelong interest in sailing.

An important ongoing workstream of the committee is improving the institutional knowledge and continuity beyond just the current committee members and I am very happy with the progress that our two tireless admin staff, Veronica and Sarah have made in building a robust document library and world class set of educational resources on our website. In addition to thanking Sarah and Veronica, I would also like to thank the OWNZ trust which has provided significant financial support to these endeavors.

I would also like to thank the many coaches around the country headed up by Sam Mackay and the enormous efforts they have put into supporting our sailors. As an association we recognize supporting our coaches is key to supporting our sailors.

I am also pleased to report that our membership has grown by over 11% in the last 12 months with 266 registered sailors, 128 are new members this year.

As is natural in a class where a third of sailors move on every year, we have a number of committee members resigning at this AGM, Mel Ewart (QCYC), Laurence Fauchelle (WBC) and Michael Brown (RAYC). On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank them all for their service. I would also like to thank the former President Michel de Vos (NYC), who resigned part way through the year to return to Australia.

I would like to welcome Tony Robb (QCYC) to the committee. We are also currently looking for more regional members, preferable female for the committee. Please see me after the meeting if interested.

In closing, we have a busy year ahead (including the next few days of the nationals), so I wish everyone smooth sailing.

Kinds Regards
Matt Harker
President – NZIODA

Financial Report:

The financial statements and Treasurer's report were made available prior to the meeting. Matt reported that the association has made a small loss over the financial year ($3,917) but is still in a good position with healthy reserves in the bank.
Francis moved that the Financial Report be accepted, seconded Mike Judd. Carried.

Registrar's Report:

Barry read out the Registrar's report:

Stock on Hand - Sail labels:	*5*
Boats registered this year:	*12*
Boats registered last year:	*25 (and 11 the year before)*
Change of ownership:	*22*

"I would have liked to have seen more change of ownerships.

Last year we introduced a new form for Replacement Measurement Certificate or Change of Ownership for boats 10 years or older. This has dramatically reduced the number of replacement books I have had to order from IDOA Canada. It is more efficient and much cheaper for the parents. Is working well from my point of view.

If the Club Opti reps could add to their information packs the need to keep these books in a safe place and that if you are purchasing a secondhand boat make sure you get the Registration Book and you need to update your details as the new owner with the NZIODA Registrar".

I am happy to continue as Registrar.

Kathie Elliott

Election of Officers and Members of the Committee:

Mel Ewart, Laurence Fauchelle and Michael Brown had previously advised of their intention to step down from the committee.

The following new nomination was received prior to the meeting;
Tony Robb (QCYC) – Committee Member. Nominated by Paul, seconded by Jim.
Tony introduced himself to the meeting and spoke of his sailing background.
Tony's nomination was approved.

Barry then moved that the remaining committee members (Paul, Jim, Laurence, Nick, Michael Shirley, Francis, Matt & Barry) be re-appointed to their committee roles; seconded Paul, carried.

Life Members:
Bob Witham and Gerald Martin had been previously nominated (and approved by the committee) for Life Membership;
Laurence then moved that both nominations be approved by those present, Francis seconded. Carried.

Amendments to the Constitution:
Three changes to the constitution had been suggested by Barry and discussed previously by the committee.

1. Section 2.1 (c) Managing Committee:

Current wording: "Only parents of Junior Members and/or Associate Members of the Association may be Committee Members".
Proposed change: "Only parents of Junior Members, and/or Associate Members *or Life Members* of the Association may be Committee Members".
Reasoning: This change would allow Life Members to serve on the committee

2. Section 3.1 Types of Members:

Current wording: **"Associate membership"** - shall be open to all persons interested in the Optimist class".
Proposed change: **"Associate membership"** *(non-sailing)* - shall be open to all persons interested in the Optimist class".
Reasoning: The "Associate" membership option has been in our rules for many years but rarely if ever used. This cheaper membership category could be then promoted to friends of

the class or sponsors, as a source of additional funds. (It would preclude juniors from joining NZIODA at a cheaper fee).

3. Section 5.1. Association Meetings:

Current wording: *"Financial Members and Life Members only may vote.* Parents of financial junior members shall be entitled to vote without the need to be appointed as a proxy or alternate to the junior member. In the case of a family, only one vote is allowed".
Proposed change***:*** *"Parents of financial Junior Members and Life Members only may vote.* Parents of financial junior members shall be entitled to vote without the need to be appointed as a proxy or alternate to the junior member. In the case of a family, only one vote is allowed.
Reasoning: precludes Associate Members having voting rights.

Francis moved that the above changes be approved, Laurence seconded. Carried.

General Business:

1. Ranking Regattas:

Extensive discussion on the ranking regattas took place with many views aired including, timing, number and location of the regattas; impact on clubs (when top sailors are away from club racing); frequent very light winds experienced at Easter Nationals.

Adrian spoke about the origins of the ranking regattas. They were primarily to encourage sailors to travel and experience other sailing venues and to benefit clubs in the regions. Sadly, there is currently a lack of sailing numbers in the lower North Island and most of the South Island.

A show of hands was conducted for three options for 2024/25 season. The favoured option was for three ranking regattas (including the Nationals) with the nationals and one other ranking regatta to count.
Matt then moved that we adopt the three ranking regatta proposal (including Nationals; two to count) for the 2024/25 season. Barry seconded. Carried.

The committee then agreed to conduct a survey of all members for future planning.

2. OWNZ:

Jim acknowledged the two OWNZ members present, Adrian Mannering and Ray Steele and on behalf of the committee, thanked them for their continued support of NZIODA

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 1820 hrs.