



Minutes of Annual General Meeting
June 13th 2015
Held at Drummoyne Sailing Club

The Meeting commenced at 10.30am

Present:

President	Colin Court (Chair)
Vice President	Robert Hales
Secretary/Treasurer	Owen Jarvis (Minutes)
Publicity Officer	Selwyn Holland
Regatta Officer	Allan Bicknell

Club Delegates:

Ballina RYC	
Basin RYC	Kevin Wingate, Vance Grant-Mitchell
Brisbane Water RYS	Julian Clutterbuck, Graeme Smith
Carss Park RSC	Glynn Pulling, John Hall
Central Coast RYC	
Dobroyd RC Lasers	Cliff Bromiley
Drummoyne SC	John Wainwright, Phillip Page
East Coast SA	Leigh Grove
Forster-Tuncurry RYC	Alan Griffith
Harrington Park RYC	
Kogarah Bay RYC	Scott Condie, Owen Jarvis
Koonawarra Bay RYS	Garry Bromley
Lake Macquarie RYC	Arnold Grant
National Capital RYC	
Northern Mariners	
Pittwater MYC	
Southern Cross MYC	
Sydney A RYC	
Sydney Maritime Modellers Club	Jack Lee, Tony Bolding, Colin Ferguson (Obs)
Tabourie Lake RYC	Allan Bicknell
Wollongong MYC	Selwyn Holland, Allan Thompson

1) Apologies:

Scott Backhouse, Phil Page, John McGuinness, John O'Sullivan, Maurice Fletcher, Kevin Troy, Brian Thornton, Colin Durran, Frank Russell, Peter Madison.

2) Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous NSWRYA General Meeting had been circulated to all clubs. They were accepted as true and correct record of that meeting.

Alan Griffith moved the minutes be accepted. Seconded: John Wainwright Carried:
Unanimously

3) Business arising from the Minutes:

The Supreme Court Cost Assessor has completed his assessment of the costs that the expelled member had been ordered to pay by the Supreme Court.

4) Correspondence:

a) The ARYA has given notice of a Special General Meeting for the states to vote on accepting the final draft of the ARYA Constitution has been circulated to the state associations. The agenda also includes choosing a suitable legal firm to vet the proposed constitution.

b) Several emails have been received from GMH Legal about the recovery of costs from the expelled member.

5) Business arising from the Correspondence:

a) The Special General Meeting will be held by phone hook up on the 7th July to vote on accepting the constitution prior to legal vetting. NSWRYA is in favour of adopting the constitution. The NSWRYA Executive believes GMH Legal is the best legal firm to vet the constitution because of their experience and successful defence of the NSWRYA constitution in the NSW Supreme Court.

b) GMH Legal will continue to try to recover costs from the expelled member.

6) Reports:

President's Report:

Presented by Colin Court (Attached)

Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Reports:

Presented by Owen Jarvis (Attached)

Publicity Officer's Report:

Presented by Selwyn Holland (Attached)

Soling Coordinator's Report:

Written by John O'Sullivan and read by Colin Court (Attached)

EC12 Coordinator's Report:

Written by Colin Durran but not read to the meeting because of its late arrival. (Attached)

Scott Condie moved the reports be accepted. Seconded: Leigh Grove
Carried: Unanimously

7) Election of Office Bearers for 2014/2015:

All positions were declared vacant and the following people were nominated to fill the positions for 2015/16. The nominating clubs are in brackets.

President:	Colin Court	(Sydney Maritime MC)
Vice President:	Robert Hales	(Sydney Maritime MC)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Owen Jarvis	(Kogarah Bay RYC)
Regatta Officer:	Allan Bicknell	(Brisbane Water RYS)
Publicity Officer:	Selwyn Holland	(Wollongong MYC)
NSW Class Coordinators		
Soling Coordinator	John O'Sullivan	(Sydney Maritime MC)
EC12 Coordinator	Colin Durran	(National Capital RYC)

As there was only one candidate nominated for each position Colin Court moved that the candidates should be elected to fill the positions in one block.

Seconded: Garry Bromley Carried: Unanimously

8) Election of the 2017 ARYA Nationals Organising Committee

After some discussion it was proposed that the NSWRYA Management Committee should form part of the committee because of their prior experience in organising the Nationals in 2005 and 2011. It was also proposed other members should be involved to spread the workload. Three people volunteered from the floor.

Those nominated are Colin Court, Robert Hales, Owen Jarvis, Allan Bicknell, Selwyn Holland, Scott Condie, John Wainwright and Garry Bromley.

Alan Griffith moved that those nominated be elected to form the 2017 Nationals Organising Committee. Seconded: Arnold Grant Carried unanimously.

9) Dates and Venues for the 2016 State Championships:

The provisional dates and venues are:

Soling	March 19/20	Basin RYC
RC Laser	September 17/18	KoBSC
EC12	TBA+	TBA+
A Class	October 8/9	TBA*
RM	October 22/23	TBA*
10 Rater	November 5/6	TBA*
IOM	November 19/20	TBA*

+Leigh Grove suggested the two EC12 clubs may conduct the State Championship over two days on different weekends and at different venues. The meeting thought this was a great idea. The dates and venues are still to be finalised.

*Please note the venue/s for the four international classes will be decided by the 2017 Nationals Organising Committee and will be announced at the November GM.

Colin Court moved that the interim dates and venues be adopted. Seconded: Owen Jarvis Carried: 10 for, 3 against, 10 abstained.

Allan Bicknell is working on the remainder of the 2016 program and the draft will be circulated to the clubs and will be sent to the clubs with these minutes. He would like to have dates and venues for the other events confirmed and ready for publishing in the last Radio Waves of 2014. Please don't delay on your club's input.

10) General Business:

a) Julian Clutterbuck put forward the following motion which had been circulated to the clubs on the 3rd June:

The members of the BWRYS Inc are concerned about the future of the Soling 1M class, primarily because of the increasing difficulty in obtaining kits for new members from Victor in the US. It is feared that without a means of obtaining boats the membership will decline and this one design class will disappear. It is intended that the BWRYS Inc invite representatives from other clubs sailing Soling 1M to form a working party that will develop and recommend options for maintaining and expanding a fleet of one design boats comparable with the current fleet of

registered Soling 1M boats. The results of the working party will then be circulated to the clubs sailing Soling 1M for comment and adoption of recommendations.

After discussion Colin Court proposed the following amendment:

Terry Howard is to coordinate the activities of the working party. A NSWRYA committee member should be on the working party and that the working party have at least five members.

Seconded that the amendment should be added to the original motion: Leigh Grove
Carried unanimously.

The amended motion was then put to the meeting and seconded by Kevin Wingate. Carried

b) Alan Griffith made the meeting aware that free stroke awareness seminars are available for associations, clubs etc. The details will be circulated to the clubs so they can organise their own seminar for the benefit of their members.

c) The subject of PRO training was raised. Garry Bromley said the ARYA was looking into this issue and was asked to follow it up. Bill Clancy and Brad Gibson are known to have prepared training material. Colin Court will contact them and see if he can obtain copies.

d) Scott Condie addressed the meeting about his duties as ARYA Registrar.

“In September 2014 I was given the task of updating an antiquated Measurers Register and managing the New Sail Measurement Sticker System.

After 4 months of preparing and filtering who does and doesn't want to be a club measurer, it's apparent the emails sent to the club secretaries in November and again in March 2015 haven't in many cases been forwarded to the measurers.

As the ARYA Registrar, I do not wish to see a boat not sailing a ranking event because the message hasn't gotten through and the boat has not been registered in time for the event. Clubs secretaries please make their clubs measurers aware of the email (with Measurers application attached) that was sent on November 6 2014, the measurers can contact me at: scottcondie@optusnet.com.au or check the ARYA website under technical, then Boat Registration.”

e) Phillip Page informed the meeting that Janusz Walicki died recently. Phillip pointed out that many of his boats are sailed in Australia and that he had competed in Australia several times.

f) Cliff Bromiley reminded the meeting that the 2015 RC Laser National Titles are to be conducted at Dobroyd Aquatic Club on the weekend of 29 and 30 August. So far there are 30 entries. We are all welcome to drop by and spectate or help out. Garry Bromley is the PRO for the regatta.

g) Garry Bromley moved that the location of the NSWRYA meetings in the future should be at different locations. Seconded Kevin Wingate.

Discussion followed. Garry felt that if the meetings were held in different locations more people may attend. He suggested the next AGM should be held at Koonawarra Bay and perhaps the Central Coast could be a venue in the future too. Others preferred the central location at Drummoyne.

The issue then went to a vote. 7 voted for and 7 against. 9 abstained.

Colin Court then used the Presidents vote to break the tie and the motion was passed. The 2016 AGM will be held at the Koonawarra Sailing Club on the 11th June.2016.

h) Scott Condie heard a rumour that the member expelled from the association in 2012 is still sailing at the CCRYC. Scott says after all the time and effort to defend the NSWRYA from the court action by the former member the club should be ashamed of itself and by allowing him to continue to sail at the club is condoning his actions and it is a slap in the face to the NSWRYA and the ARYA who have put considerable time and energy into expelling him. Allowing him to sail is "not on."

In reply Colin Court said there is nothing the association can do about it unless the CCRYC are holding a NSWRYA event. Colin pointed out that as stated in the Secretaries report the former member is no longer covered by the ARYA's 3rd party insurance policy and therefore all risk and responsibility will reside within the CCRYC.

Colin made the meeting aware that but for some concerned members who paid some of the costs, and GMH Legal defending the court action and appeal on spec, our association would no longer exist. The costs would have bankrupted the association.

11) The meeting closed at 12.20pm

Reports:

Presidents Report

It has been a steady year for the NSWRYA. Participation at NSWRYA sanctioned regattas has been mixed and overall member numbers have deteriorated slightly over last year.

On the sailing front, state championships have been held for all our major classes with congratulations to each champion (below).

Class	Champion
A	Warren Norrie
10R	Scott Condie
M	Greg Torpy
IOM	Rodney Muller
Soling	Graham Brown
Laser	Graham Brown
EC 12	Allen Roberts

With regards to sailing participation, we had continued great turnouts at 10R regattas held throughout the state. The class has seen a resurgence in recent times with fast boats readily available from a number of builders. However, at the other end of the spectrum turnouts at IOM GP's were not as strong as they had been in recent years. It's hard to pinpoint the reason for this decline as numbers at club level remain strong. Reversing this will be a focus for the NSWRYA moving forward.

As well as regatta series for the existing classes, RG65 regattas were also held at SMMC and KBRYC with good turnouts. Entry for both events were dominated by the Dragonforce one-design RG65 and interest continues to grow. The NSWRYA will need investigate whether the class should be recognised in some capacity in the future.

Concern amongst the Soling sailing fleet regarding supply and quality of boats is still not resolved. I am personally not sure what can be done as the NSWRYA does not own the Soling design IP, and Victor yachts has previously expressed their opposition to non-Victor parts manufacture.

Regarding the litigation taken by a former member against the NSWRYA, focus has now been turned towards recovering costs and steps have been taken in this process. On behalf of the NSWRYA I would like to thank the ARYA for their financial and moral support in these actions. The NSWRYA took a stand for the good of radio yachting (one that has been validated repeatedly by the NSW Supreme Court) but the road has been long and hard and the support from the ARYA was welcome.

The NSWRYA has also contributed numerous enthusiastic volunteers to the governance of our sport. Selwyn Holland, Lindsay Walker, Warren Norrie and Robert Hales have all been invited to take up positions in either the Executive or sub committees of IRSA. While in the ARYA Lindsay Walker, Robert Hales, Scott Condie and John Wainwright all represented the NSWRYA in the National Executive during 2014. Robert Hales, Scott Condie, John Wainwright and Garry Bromley have all taken positions in the 2015 Executive Committee. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Lindsay Walker for his efforts as President of the ARYA. Without the work of enthusiastic volunteers the sport would not function.

Moving in to 2015/16, the NSWRYA has communicated to the ARYA that we would like to see quick resolution regarding the establishment of a standard constitution for governing bodies at all levels of the sport including the ARYA, member states and clubs. Recent events in NSW have shown the need for strong, robust governance. This is an issue of great importance.

Finally, I'd like to express my appreciation and thanks to the NSWRYA committee; a more enthusiastic group you will not find. I would also like to callout and thank Robert Hales for chairing the November meeting that I could not attend due to business commitments.

Yours Sincerely,
Colin Court
NSWRYA President.

Secretary's Report

NSWRYA had a slight decline in membership for 2014/2015. Principal club memberships are now 315, down from 326 last year. Also there are 43 additional club memberships, down from 45 last year. Twenty one clubs are affiliated with the NSWRYA.

Below is a listing of the club membership numbers comparing the 2013/14 year with the 2014/15 year. (Club membership/Total Membership including additional club members)

Club	2013/14	2014/15
Ballina RYC	18/19	16/17
Basin RYC	23/23	23/23
Brisbane Water R Y Squadron	24/25	26/26
Carss Park RSC	12/12	10/10
Central Coast RYC	7/7	4/4
Dobroyd RC Laser	19/23	19/21
Drummoyne SC-RYD	18/20	14/15
East Coast Sailing Assn	8/12	6/8
Forster-Tuncurry RYC	15/15	16/16
Harrington Park RYC	15/16	12/13
Kogarah Bay RYC	27/32	23/31
Koonawarra Bay SC	7/10	10/11
Lake Macquarie RYC	26/26	38/40
National Capital RYC	5/5	3/3
Northern Mariners	10/15	8/13
Pittwater MYC	12/14	8/11
Southern Cross MYC	11/14	9/11
Sydney A	7/8	12/14
Sydney Maritime Modellers	30/35	26/32
Tabourie Lake RYC	16/19	16/18
Wollongong MYC	16/21	16/21
Total	326/371	315/358

In November the 'Movember 2014 IOM State Championship' were held at Kogarah Bay Sailing Club and it was won by Victorian Rodney Muller, from KBRYC member Scott Backhouse second and Paul Jones from LMRYC third.

Over \$5,700 was raised for Movember, a charity all men should care about. The credit goes to Scott Condie for putting the bite on all the competitors and the wider RC yachting community. Brad Gibson organised a mainsail to be signed by former World IOM Champions which was raffled and Scott also sold a V8 IOM donated by the manufacturer to the highest bidder which raised more money. Thanks to all those who contributed.

So far in 2015 the Solings have had their State Championships hosted by the BWRYS. The event was well supported and in varying conditions was won by Graeme Smith from Mathew Middleton second and Terry Howard third.

Full results and reports are on the NSWRYA website.

The Australia Day Regatta was held at Drummoyne Sailing Club and it was a great day for all the classes to get together and show the depth of the sport. A total of 33 boats competed in the various classes. The emerging RG65 class was well supported with 7 boats. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the day.

The NSWRYA calendar is full of events such as Interclub Challenge's and Grand Prix's. These events are a great opportunity for sailors at all levels to hone their skills and sail against the best skippers from each class. I encourage the new as well as the more experienced skippers to compete in these events, they are great fun. The top skippers are always willing to help the less experienced with their boat setup and racing tactics. Participation helps our sport grow.

For all the latest information on upcoming NSW events and results check the NSWRYA website. www.radiosailingnsw.org.au While you are on the website check to see if the information for your club is current, and if not ask the club Secretary to have it updated.

We still have some official NSWRYA sun hats, shirts and umbrellas available for purchase at cost price. See the NSWRYA website to order yours or talk to any of the committee.

Thank you to my fellow Association Executive members and all the Club Officials for their assistance during the year. Again I would especially like to thank Ian Trethewy who has continued his excellent work on the NSWRYA website. Well done Ian.

The issue of Greg Young's expulsion from the association is complete except for the recovery of costs. The matter is in the hands of the association's legal team but unfortunately to date Mr Young has refused to pay the association's costs as he was ordered to do by the Supreme Court.

Mr Young's behaviour during this process only validates the decision made by the NSWRYA committee in 2012 to expel him from the association.

For clubs that may consider accepting Mr Young as a member (or let him sail at their club on a casual basis), he is no longer covered by the ARYA's 3rd party insurance policy and therefore all risk and responsibility will reside within the club.

On behalf of the NSWRYA Management Committee I thank the club officials for your magnificent effort during the year. The sport is very well supported and it's all because of the work put in by the clubs. I thank the Management team as well. Colin Court, Robert Hales, Allan Bicknell and Selwyn Holland have made my job easy.

Owen Jarvis, NSWRYA Secretary

Financial Statement 2014/15

Financial Statement of New South Wales Radio Yachting Association Inc as at 31/05/2015			
Statement of Assets & Liabilities		Statement of Income & Expenditure	
CURRENT ASSETS		INCOME	
Cash At Bank	6,232.11	Membership Fees	6,576.00
Cash at Paypal	0.79	Interest Income	1.05
Merchandice	1,155.00	Merchandice sales	75.00
Sun Shelter	143.95		
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	7,531.85	TOTAL INCOME	6,652.05
NONCURRENT ASSETS		EXPENDITURE	
Other	-	ARYA Affiliation Fees	4,725.00
Total NonCurrent Assets:	-	YNSW Affiliation Fee	-
		Incorporation Fee	52.00
TOTAL ASSETS	7,531.85	Postage & Stationary	36.80
CURRENT LIABILITIES		Gift for Website Administrator	100.00
Other	-	ADR Medals and lunches	398.40
Total Current Liabilities	-	Website Hosting	124.00
		Website Domain Name	55.00
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other	-	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,491.20
Total NonCurrent Liabilities:	-		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-		
NET ASSETS	7,531.85	OPERATING SURPLUS	1,160.85

Publicity Officer Report

Another busy schedule is well under way for the NSWRYA. The reports seem to be nicely flowing in from the various GP's regattas and titles. Congratulations to the podium finishers and equally so to the organisers for putting their time and facilities aside to make this beautiful sport work in many corners of NSW.

If you are looking for ideas to promote your club there are a couple of excellent examples from Terry Howard and Cliff Bromeley on the site at the Home Page: "Want To Know How To Promote Your Club?" Definitely worth a look.

NSW was well represented at the Nationals in Mandurah WA during January. While we got a solid sailing lesson from Graham Bantock visiting from England, with a clean sweep of firsts across the three classes, the NSW crew put in a solid effort. Thanks to everyone for making the effort.

The report for this is under "Latest News", again on the home page of the NSWRYA site. The team included:

Owen Jarvis (10R, IOM)

Garry Bromley (A-Class, 10R)

Phil Page (10R and big help as Mr Incognito on the course boat with the IOMs)

Scott Backhouse (IOM)

Ross Spencer (IOM)

Paul Jones (IOM)

Greg Torpy (IOM)

Scott Condie (10R, IOM)

Lindsay Walker (IOM)

Selwyn Holland (A-Class, 10R, IOM)

Tim Brown (IOM) we claim him from the Queenslanders because he actually lives in NSW.

Scott Backhouse from KBRYC won the Queensland IOM Championship held last weekend

Other than that, all seems fine and looking forward to a fun filled year with lots of interesting reports. I'm always happy to help anyone "stitch up" a report, don't be afraid to ask.

Selwyn Holland
Publicity Officer

Soling Coordinator Report

Total soling registrations allocated are now at 207. 7 new registrations and 7 transfers have occurred this year.

4 clubs, sailing Solings, have each held an interclub day with numbers represented from other clubs down on the previous year. Variable winds including 2 events having near gale force was annoying to say the least.

SMMC at Norwest

11 starters, 4 clubs represented

TLRYC at Tabourie Lake

18 starters, 4 clubs represented

BWRYS at Wamberal

22 starters, 3 clubs represented

BRYC at The Basin

11 starters, 3 clubs represented

In conjunction with these events and the State titles, the Travellers Cup is presented to the overall winner of the 5 events and this year there were 37 eligible starters.

The State titles were hosted by Brisbane Waters Radio Yacht Squadron at Wamberal over two days with the weather conditions variable on both days. There were 18 entries with some new names on the leader board.

John O'Sullivan
Soling Registrar NSW

EC12 Coordinator Report

The NSW State Championship was held on Saturday 13th September hosted by KBRYC. Nine skippers turned up to contest for the top honours in EC12 racing in NSW. There was Neil Webb and Allen Roberts from the host club, Kevin Humphrey from Brisbane Water Radio Yacht Squadron, and I represented the National Capital RYC. The rest were from the East Coast Sailing Association.

We were greeted with a light shower of rain which soon cleared before PRO Malcolm Cody got racing underway shortly after 10am. Conditions were very light and variable but after a couple of slow races the breeze started to fill in from the SE. The breeze gradually swung around to the east necessitating a couple of course changes. The breeze finally settled in the ENE where it remained for the afternoon at a nice steady 5 to 6 knots. Fifteen races were completed.

Allen Roberts revelled in the lighter conditions but as the breeze strengthened he did not have it all his own way. Gary Beaton, Glynn Pulling, Leigh Grove and I all had wins to keep the pressure on, but Allen prevailed to defend the title he won last year at Koonawarra Bay Sailing Club. Well done to all the skippers who raced cleanly and in the right spirit. Everyone had a great time.

These regattas don't happen by themselves so a big thanks to PRO Malcolm Cody, Scott Condie who set the courses, Ted Gay for recording the results and Owen Jarvis for doing the scoring.

The concept of an EC12 GP series will be pursued this year.

Colin Durren
NSW EC12 Coordinator