



**Tall Ships Australia and New Zealand**

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**AUSTA 2018 Annual General Meeting**

Sydney, New South Wales

9:30am, Saturday 22 September 2018

**Attendees:**

Stephen Moss, Jon Simpson, Jennifer Reilly, Robyn Elkington, Mikaela Sparre, Sarah Parry, Sam Yousofi, Mal Riley, Carol Shannon, Neil Richardson, Julie Porter, Michael Womack, Alan Burgess, Peter Cole, Roslyn Jan (9.55am).

**Apologies:**

RADM Ross Swan, Dean Lawrence, Murray Henstock, Lawrence Etheredge (*R Tucker Thompson*), Peter Harris (*Alma Doepel*), Charles Burns (*Rhona H*).

*AGM Commenced 9:45am*

**1. Welcome and Confirmation of Minutes**

The President welcomed attendees to the Tall Ships Australia and New Zealand Annual General Meeting. The Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting held in Sydney 1 September 2017 were accepted.

*Moved Ms Parry / Seconded Ms Elkington – passed.*

**2. President's Report**

The President's Report on the 2017/18 activities of Tall Ships Australia and New Zealand was presented on behalf of the Committee, and adopted. A full transcript of the President's Report is at Annex A.

*Moved Mr Yousofi, Seconded Ms Reilly – passed.*

**3. Sail Training International Report**

As the Sail Training International representative, Mr Moss provided a verbal report on that organisation's activities noting in particular:

- The 2019 Sail Training International Conference has been confirmed, and will be held in Belgium in December 2019.
- The Sail Training International Research Fund remains available.
- Sail Training International Youth has instigated Sail Training International action to ensure appropriate behaviour and establish conduct policies and reporting protocols for inappropriate behaviour towards youth trainees.
- Clearer guidance is being developed for the Sail Training International Database of Near Misses to ensure privacy, for example only making available aggregated data rather than individual reports. TANZ will supply protocols from Sydney Ferries.
- The International Sail Endorsement Scheme syllabus and fees have been released, and provided to Operators, and will be discussed at the Operators Conference.

*Moved Ms Parry, Seconded Ms Shannon – passed.*

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#### **4. Statement of Financial Position**

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Financial Position on behalf of the Committee. The accounts were accepted and adopted without amendment.

*Moved Mr Riley, Seconded Ms Shannon – passed.*

#### **5. Form A12**

The Treasurer further made a declaration as to the accuracy of Form A12, and recommended it be submitted to the NSW Department of Fair Trading.

*Moved Mr Simpson, Seconded Mr Moss – passed.*

#### **6. Election of Officers**

The following nominations were received:

President – Mr Stephen Moss CSC – elected unopposed

Vice President – Captain Sarah Parry – elected unopposed

Secretary – Ms Jennifer Reilly – elected unopposed

Treasurer – Mr Jon Simpson – elected unopposed

General Committee

Nominations were received from Robyn Elkington, Murray Henstock, Dean Lawrence, Julie Porter, Mal Riley, Carol Shannon, and Sam Yousofi, and put to a vote, resulting in the election of: Ms Elkington, Mr Henstock, Mr Lawrence, Mr Riley, Ms Shannon, and Mr Yousofi.

#### **7. 2018 Awards**

No nominations have been received for the Billy Can Trophy. Mr Moss extended the application due date and encouraged applications from Operators.

#### **8. Youth Representative**

Ms Kaela Sparre was endorsed to continue as Youth Representative.

*Moved Mr Moss, Seconded Mr Simpson – passed.*

#### **9. Other Business**

- a. The Committee formally advised attendees of and sought endorsement for the revised Association Objectives as submitted to the Department of Fair Trading.

*Moved Mr Simpson, Seconded Mr Yousofi – passed.*

- b. The Committee noted concerns raised by individual members regarding notice provided for the 2018 Annual General Meeting – it appears an old or cached event description may have been relied on by members making travel arrangements.

- c. The Committee noted concerns raised by individual members regarding the frequency and content of member communications, and benefits of individual membership.

**Action: Committee to review individual membership benefits.**

**Meeting Closed at 1100.**

#### **Annex:**

- A. Transcript of the President's Report



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**TALL SHIPS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND 2018 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

This report on the 2018 activities of the Tall Ships Australia and New Zealand (TANZ) is presented on behalf of the TANZ Committee.

At the Annual General Meeting, held on 01 Sep 17, the following people were elected to the Committee noting that the new constitutional arrangements provide for four elected office bearers and up to six general committee members:

President – Mr Stephen Moss CSC

Vice President – CAPT Sarah Parry

Hon Secretary – Ms Jennifer Reilly

Hon Treasurer – Mr Jon Simpson

Committee Members: Ms Robyn Elkington, Mr Murray Henstock, Mr Dean Lawrence, Mr Mal Riley, Mr Russell Shaw and Mr Sam Yousofi.

Ms Kaela Sparre remained as TANZ's youth committee member and Australia and New Zealand's youth representative on the Sail Training International (STI) Youth Forum.

In addition to the committee meetings convened concurrent to the 2017 AGM and the Operators' Conference held during the Sydney Classic and Wooden Board Festival 13-15 Apr 18, three other committee meetings were conducted by teleconference (18 Dec 17, 12 Feb 18 & 6 Jun 18).

I represented TANZ at the STI International Council Meetings in Bordeaux France 30 Nov-01 Dec 17 and subsequently provided a comprehensive report on these activities to the Committee and Operators at the April 18 meetings.

An early call for STI bursaries for the 2018 STI Annual Conference was made in Jun 18 with closing date in mid Jul 18 allowing the six successful applicants to take advantage of the discounted early bird registration fee. The bursary of £800 provides financial assistance to Asia Pacific sail trainers to attend STI Annual Conferences. No applications were received from New Zealand sail trainers

For the past few years at least two speakers have had their travel to Europe funded by bursaries. As this potentially reduces the opportunities for sail trainers, particularly those new to the international scene, STI was approached to provide additional assistance. A favourable outcome was achieved with the call in the STI bursary to support two speakers reduced to one. The other speaker's travel will be funded as a conference expense.

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While TANZ has been involved with further planning for the Cook 250 commemorations in 2019-20, progress continues to be slow. A major step was achieved with the Federal Government announcing the provision of AU\$50m in support of the Cook 250 activities.

Following the merger of STANZ and AUSTA to form TANZ, a review of the member fee structure was conducted. This process identified a number of anomalies with respect to membership fees being levied, the ship category definitions and discrepancies in STI Race Rules and its tall ship category definitions posted on its website. These have been resolved and will be the subject of further discussion at the operators meeting scheduled 22 Sep 18.

Representations from some organisational and operator members assert that the thrust of TANZ activities and events appear to have become less inclusive and mainly focused in Hobart and Sydney. This is an issue that TANZ needs to examine and look at ways to provide a broader geographical spread of its activities.

TANZ member communications continued to improve during the year with the standing up of TANZ's new website. TANZ is looking at opportunities presented by this development to further support its members. The TANZ newsletter also provides our members with news and updates in the area of sail training. My thanks goes to the publishing team of Murray Henstock, Kaela Sparre and Mal Riley and their efforts throughout the year.

The amalgamation of the two sail training organisations provides opportunities for the infusion of new ideas and the development of further critical mass. It is agreed that New Zealand operators should be engaged to ensure that TANZ provides the appropriate level of support to all its operator members. This task is proving difficult and recent the turn of events indicate that the New Zealand membership is not holding up strongly.

The issue of succession planning has been raised previously and remains extant. I trust that the drawing down of activities associated with the merger and realignment with the regulatory framework in which TANZ now operates will allow a refocus of effort in this area.

In conclusion, significant consolidation has been achieved over the past 12 months. I would again like to acknowledge the support and contribution made by committee members and thank them for their service.

All persons carrying out their roles in the TANZ elected committee positions continue to provide excellent support.

Stephen Moss  
President

21 Sep 18