



LAKE DENEYS YACHT CLUB

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT LAKE DENEYS YACHT CLUB**  
**ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009 AT 11H00**

The Commodore, Mr Johnny Smit chaired the meeting.

1. Notice of the meeting was read and business commenced at 11h15.
2. 59 Members present and entitled to vote as per the attached attendance register.  
Apologies were received from Rob & Caroline Morris, Andrew & Teresa Woodwright, Kei and Vicky Ackerman, Bill & Annette Matthews, Norman & Leslie Barnes, Tyronne & Pat Morris, Alan Stuart, Mervyn Peterson, Chris Middleton, Andrew Fourie, Jean De Swardt, Cheryl Emmett and Rob Gordon.
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008 was proposed by Chris Phillips and seconded by Eleanor Spies.
4. Treasurer's Report

Rodney Beresford mentioned that he would be stepping down and that Clair Harvey was going to stand for consideration in the portfolio.

Members were supplied with a Balance sheet and Income Statement for 31 March 2009. Rodney expressed concern that due to the early payments received, that we could potentially be funding the current year's expenses on next year's income.

The fee increases were based on the following factors: to recover the buffer of R50,000 and due to the fact that we are not certain of a sponsor for Round-the-Island, we would need to account for that.

Rodney mentioned that 99% of our business is done on a cash basis and that we have no accruals. We do however have the problem with the Eskom account at the moment, where the meter had not been read for a long time and the account is presently very high.

Rodney stated that we do have sufficient fees available but that he wanted to caution the new committee going forward to be aware of the economic situation of the country and take that into account.

A question was asked as to the reason why the investment income was less than the previous year. Rodney was not able to answer as he was not the Treasurer.

A question was asked as to whether the budget is circulated to the members. Rodney stated that the current committee sets the budget for the next year's committee to follow but that budgets would only be available to anyone on request.

The sale of the land next door (Lakeview Estates) was queried. The committee explained that LDYC still owns the property as the money had not yet been received and we would look at the situation in depth regarding progress and settlement of the sale.

Austin Daly requested more detail of the expenditure. He expressed concern that R2.4 million had been spent this year with no detailed accounting report in explanation. Johnny Smit explained that all finances could be viewed at any time by any member if so requested. Austin stated that this information was required in print for presentation at each Annual General Meeting. This was noted.

## 5. Commodore's Report:

Johnny Smit, the Commodore welcomed and thanked all in attendance.

Johnny reiterated that figures are always available upon request. He stated that the Management Committee has new members every year and this created problems when having to take over any portfolio. Serving on any committee was an unforgiving job and usually only a handful of people make themselves available. More members are required to show interest in committee service. Johnny mentioned that feedback from the members was welcomed.

Johnny thanked everyone on the Management committee for a wonderful job over the past year and said that he was sorry to see people leave.

He extended special thanks to all the individuals that had a hand in the Annual Dinner Dance and Prize-Giving that was held the previous evening. It was enjoyed by all.

Johnny thanked Teresa Wolmarans for the excellent job done on the Signal, John and Christine Durrant for their large part played at the Sanlam Round the Island Race each year and all the LDYC members for their confidence shown in the Management Committee.

### 5.1 Stephen Bester, the Vice Commodore, reported back on the Caravan owners meeting, at which the following was noted:

- All members were asked to have a look at the members file located in the foyer and update their details.
- All the members that responded to the e-mail circulated regarding proposals for new development and upgrading projects were thanked. These suggestions have been handed to the Development Committee for approval and implementation once funds become available.
- No boats (power or keel) are allowed on the green areas. In future any boats found on green areas will be moved to the allocated storage area. Any boats kept on site must be stored under the carport.
- Member's guests are allowed to camp on the green area adjacent to their site, provided they do not encroach onto their neighbour's site. Any party above 5 guests must obtain permission from the management committee beforehand and a limit of 2 tents per site has been allowed. An area will be allocated for visitor's to park their boats in.
- Members can purchase a booklet of visitor's entry tickets for use during the year. When these tickets are finished, further tickets can be obtained from the office at a higher price.

- Members were asked to ensure they sign in at the gate and clearly list their site number on the register as the committee would enforce the thirty day rule more stringently this year.
- The development committee would find out what the municipal by-laws allow as far as a caravan site goes. A decision would then be made as to whether zozo huts / wooden wendy huts would be allowed or not.
- Site owners with illegal power connections have until the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009 to restore their circuit breakers back to the original state (6 amp) or the club would do so on their behalf and the site owners would be billed accordingly. Any future tampering with the electricity would result in the confiscation of the caravan site.
- The club was currently checking and certifying all the electrical connections between the main connection box and the caravan sites. Once approved, the maintenance and repairs to the connection between the local box and the caravan sites would become the site owner's responsibility. The connection between the main box and the local box will remain the club's responsibility.
- All water connections to caravan sites must be approved by the management committee. The members must check their water connections for leakages as this is causing problems with the pressure and wasting water. A stop-cock must also be installed on each connection.
- The rules regarding pets would now be enforced and the disciplinary committee would handle the offenders. No dogs are allowed in the bar, clubhouse or ablutions and they must be on a leash at all times.
- No quad bikes will be allowed on the property unless it is registered at the office and been issued with a licence number that must be displayed at all times. No member without a valid driver's licence may ride a quad bike on the club grounds. You may only ride from point A to point B. No joy riding. The committee has the right to revoke any licence if the quad bike owner does not adhere to the rules. No visitors may bring quad bikes onto the property.
- Members are responsible for their visitors and will be held liable for their behaviour.
- All complaints must be put in writing to be addressed by the committee.
- A Certificate of Competency and Certificate of Fitness disclaimer will be handed out at the gate to all persons entering our property with boats that are not registered with LDYC, in order to enforce the rules.
- Security at the main gate will be instructed to be more diligent after hours. The gate will not be opened until the security guard has verified the presence of keys in the ignition for cars leaving the premises. Cars entering will not be allowed to simply drive through the gate without first verifying membership.
- All the caravan sites and boundaries will be re-measured and re-marked.
- All the members were requested to police the speeding on the roads, by taking down the car registration number of the offender and reporting it to the office.
- PVC pipe will be placed around the base of the trees in order to protect them from being ruined by weed eaters.
- A request to re-instate Arbor Day would be forwarded to the entertainment committee.
- All the proposals to rules and regulations that have been passed will be distributed to all the members.
- Positive feed back with regards to the kitchen staff and meals was mentioned, and they were thanked for their efforts.
- John Williams was complimented on the good appearance of the club grounds

John and Marian Williams presented Abram Mqathi and John Mosia with merit awards for 30 years of loyal service. John Khanya, our gate security guard, was given a performance award for a superb job done. All the awards were applauded.

James Haddock requested that the bar closing times and noise levels in the caravan areas be discussed. The general feeling from the floor was that they would like to see the bar hours capped and that all music should be cut off at a

certain time. Tielman Burger mentioned that the management committee had already been considering the bar closing times and have started investigating solutions to curb the noise.

5.2 Tielman Burger, the Rear Commodore, reported back on the Boat owners meeting at which the following was noted:

- The breakwater was a serious issue as it is not protected and has now collapsed on the one side. We need to stabilize and preserve the breakwater but it is a costly exercise and the subscriptions and income from the club is insufficient for capital expenditure and projects. We all need to formulate plans to raise additional money to fund special projects like this one.
- The sailing committee would continue to check and inspect boats and that our members will be approached to produce certificate of competency (COC) and certificate of fitness (COF) in a bid to promote safety awareness. He warned the members that alcohol is prohibited on boats.
- The COC courses (skipper's licences) have been facilitated by LDYC. SAS are now also an approved facilitator. One can download the course notes from the SAS website and write the examination with an approved examiner.
- A Grandfather ticket (yacht skipper's licence for inland waters) is now being offered to experienced skippers to handle a yacht of 9m and bigger with extensive hours on the dam. Prospective candidates must submit applications together with a CV and eye test to the panel for review. The window period for applications is the end of June 2009.
- Rodney Beresford was congratulated on having recently received his coastal ticket.
- With regards to certificate of fitness (COF) for yachts, Allan Stokes is an approved examiner that is able to issue COF certificates. Copies of all COF's (renewable annually) must be lodged with the club office and all members boats records must be updated. Boats will be grounded if members don't comply with these rules.
- Safety awareness and rules need to be enforced. We have lost 3 people in sailing accidents in the past year, one of which was an LDYC member. We are members of Northvaal Keelboat Association (NKA) and would, therefore, be governed by NKA rules.
- A motor boat jetty was a project that was currently being investigated.
- Members asked to not park their boats sideways on the jetty as it takes up more space and does not allow for other boats. Motor boats and dinghies were reminded not to park beyond the yellow line.
- Geoff Teasdale has designed a layout for new walk on moorings in the harbour that parks 60 boats. He is in the process of experimenting with lighter materials and is calculating prices related to the project.
- Etiquette at the slipway was discussed. Yachts and motor boats were requested to co-ordinate with each other but yachts are to take priority at the main slipway.
- The old bridge building was in the process of being revived. It makes a fantastic viewing area and could be used as the bridge station for long distance races. Metal sheeting has been sponsored and we will be able to start on the renovation of this building in due course.
- LDYC would be hosting the L26 nationals in June and that we were expecting 20 boats and at the Laser Nationals in September we are expecting 100 boats.

## 6. Honorary Life Members.

Honorary Membership (one years membership) was conferred on the following members: Rodney and Sharron Beresford, Stephen and Nicolene Bester, John and Christine Durrant and Trevor Emmett for their hard work and dedication to the club. Johnny Smit congratulated the recipients on their awards to which they were applauded.

John Durrant proposed and presented a nomination for Honorary Life Membership for Austin Daly. He explained that Austin had been an asset to the club over the past 17 years and has involved himself in various club and training activities as well as having served on numerous committees including positions of Rear Commodore and Commodore. He also holds the status of National Bridge officer and is presently the PRO of Northvaal Keelboat Association. The nomination was put to the vote and was agreed to by the majority. John presented Austin with the award to much applause.

## 7. Constitution.

Bill de Swardt (proposer), acting on behalf of the Management committee, presented the proposed amendments to the Constitution, this was seconded by Clair Harvey. Bill mentioned that the decision had been taken by the Management Committee to review the Club's constitution in order to bring it in line with current operational and management requirements at LDYC. The need to comply with statutory regulations pertaining to inland waters, to discard irrelevant or outdated contents, to make provision for additional persons to assist with Club operations, to remove any confusion where it may have existed and generally to make it more user-friendly.

All the members were presented with detailed proposed amendments in writing and Bill highlighted some of the changes. He thanked various members for their assistance and contribution towards the final result. Bill presented three possible procedures regarding the adoption of the proposed amendments:

- 1 – Adopt all the amendments as issued by a two-thirds majority of members entitled to vote
- 2 – Invite members to list Article(s) that they wish to address and these will be considered once a list has been compiled. On addressing each item it will then need to be adopted by a two-thirds majority. Thereafter the remaining items that were not addressed will need to be adopted with a two-thirds majority.
- 3 - Each of the 338 amendment items be presented and adopted by a two-thirds majority of members present and entitled to vote

The vote was taken by show of hands to which option 1(one) was accepted by 42 of the 59 members (42/59 ie 71.2%) present and entitled to vote.

Johnny thanked Bill de Swardt and Clair Harvey for their hard work on this project.

8. Election of Office Bearers, Committee Members and Trustees.

The following members were elected onto the Committee for the ensuing term:

Commodore	Johnny Smit
Vice Commodore	Stephen Bester
Rear Commodore	Tielman Burger
Treasurer	Clair Harvey
Public Relations and Signal	Teresa Wolmarans
Secretary	Aletta Smith
Trustees	Bill de Swardt and Rodney Beresford
Committee Member No 1	Tyronne Morris
Committee Member No 2	Geoff Teasdale
Administrative Officer	Marian Williams
Harbour Master	Simon Fisher
Rescue Officer	John Williams
Sailing Secretary	Sharron Beresford
Trophy Secretary	Sheryl Fisher
Judge Handicapper	Alex Schon
Cruising Captain	Geoff Teasdale
Sailing PRO	Austin Daly
Sailing Committee Member No 1	Rodney Beresford
Sailing Committee Member No 2	Mike Bremner
Sailing Committee Member No 3	Peter Pace
Catering Manager	Quinton Oliver
Grogperson	Hilda Smit
Kids Club Officer	Vicky Fenny
Junior Sailing Representative	Jaco Swart
Safety Officer	Allan Stokes

9. No notice had been given on any other matters to be considered.

10. Bruce Morrison and Associates were re-appointed as Auditors.

11. General

Austin Daly mentioned that he had recently stepped down as PRO for Northvaal Sailing Association and that Teresa Wolmarans had taken over this portfolio.

Austin Daly requested that a new 'Welcome' sign be put at the gate. This was noted.

Aletta Smith requested that we have a closed ballot for any voting at the Annual General Meeting in future. This was noted.

Christine Durrant stated that she felt it was unacceptable that volunteers for committee nominations are hard to come by and this surely has to improve for the good of all at LDYC. Many hands make less work and unfortunately, many club members feel that their duties are finished after payment of their fees.

Hilda Longster thanked the committee and the members for making an exception to the rule and allowing her dog to attend the meeting on this occasion.

12. The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010, at 11h00 in the Main Hall.

The Chairman again thanked all present and closed the meeting at 12h30.