

# Minutes of Mirror Class Annual General Meeting, held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014, at Theewater Sports Club

## 1 Present:

Western Cape: Grant Ekermans, Kuba Miszewski, Mary-Ann Sharwood, Nigel Smithie, Fuad Jacobs, Johan Kock, Graham Clifford, Jenni Ekermans, Andy Wahl, Marcello Burricks, Gayeka Sabata, Howard Leoto, Emma Gordge, Cundell Statt

Eastern Cape: Mike Metcalf, Bruce Muller

Gauteng: Jeremy Holdcroft, Ryan Robinson, Kaylee Clifford, John Janse van Vuuren, Michael Robinson, Mark Hawksworth

Kwazulu Natal: Paul Collington

## 2 Apologies

None

## 3 Approval of the previous Board Minutes, 17th May 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting, 17 May 2013, was proposed by Jeremy Holdcroft, seconded by Kuba Miszewski and accepted at the meeting

## 4 Matters arising

No matters arising were discussed

## 5 Chairman's report

- 5.1 The GRP Mirror was discussed. Grant displayed pictures of a glass boat and explained how boat works. Plugs were built. Jan Rossa initially undertook the injection moulding but has since given up the project as it was not successful. We measured the glass boat but had a lot of problems. The failed prototype boat needs the permission of the AGM to donate this boat instead of scrapping it (Agreed). The moulds must be scrapped. Grant, Craig and Lionel Latigan had a meeting with Mike Harvey who is running the Whisper Boat Building Academy NGO. Mike is willing to take on the project. We will see what can be done to recover the project.
- 5.2 We have been working with Roy Mc Bride of CKD Boats, Houtbay for the manufacture of wooden boat kits. Grant displayed photos of a wooden boat kit. The boat had been painted. There have only been two mistakes which were easily rectified. Grant thanked Fuad Jacobs and Ian Cairncross measuring the boat. CKD Boats is in the process of being accredited as a kit boat supplier and builder. Once approved, they will be the only supplier of CNC cut kits worldwide.
- 5.3 Kuba Miszewski informed the AGM that they can buy a Mirror kit and build the boat at home. If you built more than one boat you must than have a builders licence. Boat builders who have built wooden mirrors are Randall Yachts (Peter Randall) and P&B Sail Makers (Craig Latigan). Roy can supply the kit boat manual. P&B are official sail makers, they have the time and willingness. They will be supplying all the equipment for the mirrors.

- 5.4 Mirror Worlds 2015. Fundraising projects. Kuba Miszewski was presently waiting for the potential biggest sponsor for the Worlds to respond. There are more spaces available for funding / sponsors. We must send the sponsorship proposal package to Trevor Wilkins who will assist. Must have charter boats for the Worlds, which will then be sold afterwards. Elton Davids will do the shipping of the boats. Trying to promote the fact that sailing is an important sport. Still waiting on funding. The worlds will start on the 28<sup>th</sup> December and ends on the 9<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Questions

How many boats will be at the Worlds?

Grant replied that the Worlds is an open regatta and that they can take as many as they want from each country, provided the overall limit of 120 boats is not exceeded. Limits are allocated to different countries in the Worlds. There are 9 official spots open for South Africa, but as many SA boats as wanted can compete.

What will the registration cost be?

Adding 10% per year, so the entry fee will be about R5,000.

- 5.5 Grant informed the AGM that Ryan and Michaela Robinson were nominated as sailors of the month for their performance in becoming 2013 Mirror World Champions.
- 5.6 The class needs a PRO person, someone to put the information about the Worlds out there in the public. Examples: South African Sailing Magazine, update of website, facebook page. Neill Ashton has already started a twitter account for Mirror class.

## **6 Financial report (Jeremy)**

The finances of the Association are generally sound. We received a R50,000 loan for the building of the GRP Mirror Moulds. This loan must be repaid after the 2015 Mirror Worlds. It is anticipated the Association will have enough money from the Mirror Worlds and the sale of GRP Mirrors

## **7 Reports of Regional Reps**

- 7.1 Kwazulu Natal - Paul Collington  
Ricky Robinson and Rob Holden are promoting sailing in the region. 18 boats in the regatta, was a great and successful regatta. North falls 6 boats, the numbers will pick up.
- 7.2 Eastern Cape - Bruce Muller  
East London, 5 mirrors and Port Elizabeth, 2 mirrors. Trying to get mirrors out.
- 7.3 Knysna George Area - Cundell Statt  
3 Sailing school boats. Mirrors are active in the area. Sea scouts 4 mirrors. There are more new parents involved. They are looking for any old sails and other equipment, poles etc.
- 7.4 Western Cape - Kuba Miszewski  
The Grand Slam series and Western Cape Champs are 4 major regattas that Mirrors are very well represented at with at least 10 boats at each of these regattas. Champion of Grand Slam was Sebata Gayeka from Izivungu. Old boats are coming out of the woodwork which is good to see for the class. Kuba thanking Grant for all the work that he has done.

## **8 Constitution**

The Mirror Class does not currently have a Constitution. Grant proposed a Constitution for the Mirror Association and asked the meeting to decide. Kuba propose that the AGM accepts the constitution and circulate it for those members that does not have it. Grant stating that he has not asked for SAS approval yet. Mark seconded Kuba and the AGM accepted the Constitution, but it is subject to SAS approval.

## **9 Membership Fees**

Grant showing the current membership fees to members, and asked the meeting if they want to change the fees. Proposal by Mark to leave the fees as it is. Kuba seconded this proposal. AGM accepted.

## **10 Committee**

The following portfolios were discussed at length:

PRO-person? Kuba proposed Shanene. This position desperately needs to be filled to promote the class.

Secretary? Grant proposed Catherine Robinson who will only be available after June month. Kuba seconded this proposal.

Mark proposed to leave the Committee as it is. Grant needs to contact them. They are as follows:

- Chairman – Grant Ekermans
- Secretary – Vacant
- Treasurer – Jeremy Holdcraft
- PRO – Vacant
- EC Rep – Cundell Statt (Knysna) and Bruce Muller (East London)
- KZN Rep – Peter Foreshaw
- Northvaal Rep – Mark Hawksworth
- WC Rep – Kuba Miszewski
- Technical Rep – Fuad Jacobs
- EC Measurer – David Laing (ratified at this AGM).
- KZN Measurer – Trevor Gibb (ratified at this AGM).
- Northvaal Measurer – Paul Haglich (ratified at this AGM).
- WC Measurers – Fuad Jacobs and Ian Cairncross (both ratified at this AGM).

## **11 General**

11.1 Pre-Worlds Nationals. It was decided to not have this as our Nationals as we'd prefer to have the 2015 Nationals later in the year after the Worlds. This would be better for the promotion of the class.

11.2 Per the SAS rules, National classes need to rotate their Nationals in at least 3 regions. Where do we move the next Mirror Nationals to? East London? Kwazulu Natal?

11.3 The 2015 Eastern Cape Champs will either be in East London or PE next year in September? Proposing we hold the 2015 Nationals together with the EC Champs, ideally in East London so as to attract the Kwazulu Natal boats also.

11.4 Next Worlds event was scheduled for August 2017 in the UK.

11.5 Each region representative needs to promote the Mirror Class in their region.

- 11.6 Jeremy thanked Grant for all he has done and for doing all the organising. Grant requested support and that we need to work together as a committee.
- 11.7 For the 2015 Worlds accommodation options are on the TSC website. These mainly consist of B&B's in Villiersdorp and camping at Theewater Sports Club. Everybody to stay together, not disrupted. Ideally everybody to stay at Theewaters. There were quite a few reservations already for shipping containers. There is a 2015 Mirror Facebook page.
- 11.8 Resources for Mirror Sailing are available. The UK Mirror Website is particularly helpful. There are two Mirror books available (see Kalahari or Amazon).
- 11.9 Two Boat shows were well represented by Mirror class. Need to encourage people with Mirrors.

## **12 Meeting Closed**

Grant thanking everybody who came to the meeting.