

**AGM for the Noelex 25 Association
Port Chalmers Yacht Club, Dunedin
Friday 9th of February 2018 at 7.00pm**

AGENDA

Apologies:

Minutes: of the previous AGM held at Napier Sailing Club, Friday 3rd February 2017 at 7.00pm

Matters arising:

Reports:

- a) President
- b) Treasurer

Election of Officers:

- a) President
- b) Treasurer
- c) Measurer

Election of Committee:

Motion 1: *That Jonty Farmer be accepted as a Life Member of the Noelex 25 Association in accordance with the rules*

Proposed Derek Dumbar

[Subject to approval by the N25 Committee]

General Business:

**Minutes of the AGM for the Noelex 25 Association
Napier Sailing Club, Napier
Friday 3rd February 2017 at 7.00pm**

Present:

Bob Witham (Elderberry Wine)
Nikki Johnson (Fidelio)
Martin White (Challenger)
Barry Kerr (Triple Espresso)
Tony Thompson (Blue Print)
Paul Redman (Sheet Music)
Grant Sutherland (Legato)
Derek Dumber (Que Sera Sera)
Geoff Huggett (Sweet Dreams)
Peter Millar (Citrine)
Barry Coulam (Sure Thing)
Nick Coultas (Outnumbered)
Leonie Kilbblewhite (Sweet Surrender)

Bob welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked Napier for hosting the meeting.

Apologies

David Goddard, Phil Plimmer, Peter Roberts, Richard Hawkins, Les Baker, Martin Bradley, Mike Keys, Paul Mosley, Colin McDonald,

It was resolved that the apologies be accepted.

Barry Kerr/ Paul Redman / Unanimous

Minutes of the Last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held at Naval Point on 12th February were approved.

Geoff Huggett / Nick Coultas /Unanimous

Matters Arising

None.

Reports

President's report – taken as read

Bob Witham / Nikki Johnson / Unanimous

Treasurer's report – taken as read

The accounts including financial position for 2016 and proposed budget for 2017 were accepted.

Nikki Johnson / Bob Witham / Unanimous

Measurer's report – taken as read

Derek Dumbar / Peter Millar / Unanimous

Election of Officers

President – Bob	(Nikki Johnson / Peter Millar)	Unanimous
Treasurer – Nikki	(Bob Witham / Tony Thompson)	Unanimous
Measurer – Derek	(Barry Kerr / Paul Redman)	Unanimous

Both the President and the Treasurer expressed a desire to hand over their roles to other members. It was suggested that a Vice-President position be created to assist someone in learning the role and understanding the time inputs better. The meeting was open to this suggestion if there was someone interested.

Martin White agreed to assist with the redevelopment of the website and it was noted that this was a medium term project as significant work was required.

Grant Sutherland agreed to assist with the preparation of the Selftacker newsletter and with the creation of a Noelex 25 facebook page.

Committee

Grant Sutherland
Phil Plimmer
Peter Millar
Neil Absolam
Paul Redman
Nick Coultas
Colin Smith
Jes Vilsbaek
Alan Bathurst
Richard Hawkins

Unanimous

General Business

Upcoming contests

National contest 2018 – Port Chalmers has offered to host the regatta at Waitangi weekend. There were no further suggestions. It was noted that the Southern South Island boats are going to need to support the regatta, as are the Christchurch boats. Some North Island boats may travel but it is a big commitment so attendance needs to come from local boats.

There was interest in seeing if members might like to join together for some cruising opportunities, particularly to support those who might be travelling from the North Island.

N25s Sth Islands – possibly Aviemore? No other suggestions have been made.

N25s Nth Islands – nothing planned. Possible option for Rotorua? Tony Thompson to check with BOP.

2018 – Rotorua?

Tri-Series trophies

Barry Kerr noted that there are 3 tri-series trophies which have not been awarded recently and questioned whether where they are and whether they could be used for the national contest. They may be present at Napier, Taupo or Rotorua yacht clubs? Could bring them into the North Islands or Nationals. They could be used as trophies for age-groups at nationals.

Membership

The class still has strong membership numbers and would be one of the largest if not the largest trailer yacht class association in the country.

It was suggested that the Association should create a flyer to introduce the association to non-members and explain the benefits. It could be laminated and then placed on boats which are not used often so introduce the association.

The Facebook page will be a good way to communicate with other members. Grant will set this up and it can be used as a forum for N25 owners to share information.

It was suggested that a remit be introduced to the next AGM on not charging membership fees for at least 1 year to encourage more members to join. Although it was noted that the \$30 membership fee is probably not a major deterrent to membership. Lack of relevance stops people from joining, since they don't understand the benefits. Benefits include:

- Technical advice
- Replacement parts
- Cruising guides
- Problem solving

It was noted that the benefits are largely not tangible and it is supporting the class that is the most important. Having a strong Association holds the value of the boats.

To encourage greater involvement from non-members, it was agreed to open the website to everyone without a password.

(Tony Thompson / Barry Kerr / unanimous).

Meeting closed 7.57pm

Presidents Report

The Association continues to operate on the basis of email and phone contact. The committee did not meet during the year as has been done in the past due to work commitments and availability of members.

The financial state of the association remains in good shape but membership has reduced a little in the last 12 months. As I mentioned in my report last year the class relies on the membership subscription to keep the association in good financial shape. All members are encouraged to continue assisting and encouraging owners that are not members to join. I would remind owners that a strong class association is very instrumental in maintaining the value of your Noelex 25.

During the year I have had calls from potential new members who have wanted to purchase boats and are seeking comment on what to look for in terms of the structural elements of the hulls, rigs and trailers. If any members have time to write articles for the website that would assist new owners to become N25 owners it will always be welcome.

Nikki Johnson, our treasurer/secretary has continued to work very energetically again over the last 12 months but with her new work situation she is finding it difficult to maintain the Self Tacker publications several times during the year, especially as there have been limited articles submitted by members. Nikki would be grateful if a member of the committee or a member of the Association would be prepared to help especially finding articles to publish. Without Nikki's input the association would struggle to function efficiently and we all need to be thankful that she has continued in her role as secretary treasurer. Thank you from all of us Nikki, your inputs are greatly appreciated.

In a new project led by member Martin White (Challenger, Wellington) the website has been upgraded. Both Nikki and Martin have very busy work lives so it has taken some time, but members should find the website much improved. It has a new address and can be found at www.noelex25.org. A Facebook page was also started this year by Grant Sutherland to help connect members and interested sailors and in future will link to the website. Thanks to Martin and Grant for your inputs to the new Website and Facebook, this means of communication seems to be the way clubs and associations now communicate which is widely accepted as an effective promotional tool.

The association now has a number of moulds in storage in Napier as reported last year and one of the moulds has been used to produce rudder blades. The initial problems with manufacture of rudder blades in early 2017 seem to have been remedied. Each year I make the comment that I believe it is fundamental to maintaining the status and value of the boats, that the class rules are maintained and upgraded from time to time to ensure that we retain National Class status. Our rules are not difficult to comply with and I encourage owners to see them in a positive light. In fact the rules simplify the management of the class and assist in maintaining the re sale value of boats. Derek Dumber remains the class measurer, thank you Derek for your input during the last year.

There are no remits this year relating to the class rules which indicates that members are satisfied with the class rules so they do not need to be altered for the next 12 months. Members can always present remits which prompt discussion at the AGM but they must be notified before the notice of meeting is sent. I will be commenting on two areas at the AGM that I would propose we look at in the class rules: one relates to sail measuring and the other is rig tensioning. This is in advance of possible rule changes at next year's AGM. We also need to update the rules with regard to reference to ISAF which is now World Sailing.

During the year we have had a number of emails from members seeking information on a variety of matters, which have been answered promptly by the committee, mostly by e mail and phone.

The Association still contributes to travel costs for boats attending the national contest. This year the association will fund to the level of \$1000, to be split equally amongst all NI boats that attend the national contest being held at Port Chalmers, Dunedin, in February 2018. The venue for the 2019 national contest is not confirmed at time of writing this report but we will endeavour to have this confirmed by the AGM. The dates are yet to be confirmed but will be advised at the AGM if possible.

A suggestion put forward last year was to compile a cruising guide. Clearly this would need significant input from the cruising members, the association would fund the exercise to some extent where required. To date we have not had any response, if there are members who would like to be involved in this please advise Nikki.

I wish all members and N25 owners a Happy New Year and good sailing in 2018 and look forward to catching up with those of you coming to Dunedin in February.

Bob Witham

President

Treasurers Report

The Income & Expenditure Account for 2017, Balance Sheet for 2017, and Proposed Budget for 2018 are attached. The Association made a small surplus in 2017. General operating costs continue to be low and the Association operates very efficiently utilising electronic means of communication. There have been some additional costs in the development of the new website which will decrease in 2018 when the old site is phased out. In 2018 the National regatta will be organised in full by the host club Port Chalmers Yacht Club so there is no budget for this in the Association accounts in 2018.

Membership remains similar at 78 members in 2017 but some members were a little tardy in payment of their membership fees. We continue to lose members when boats are sold with new owners often not joining the Association. We encourage you to mention the Association when you see other boats out on the water and encourage non-members to join. The new website does not require a password to access information an initiative agreed at the last AGM to encourage people to join.

With the new website and the facebook page, we hope to see more communication between members in the coming year. Items for inclusion on the website and in the newsletter would be very welcome, even if it's just a photo from your summer holiday. As Bob mentions in his Presidents report, I do have a rather busy day job and I don't have a lot of spare time. I'm happy to continue to do the administration aspects of the N25 Association but would really appreciate some assistance with articles for the newsletter and website. If every member submitted just one article/photo/comment we would have more than enough to post information weekly.

Nikki Johnson
Treasurer

2017

Income and Expenditure 31/12/2017

	2016	2017	Balance on 1/1/2017	\$11,835.04
Income				
Subscriptions	\$2,325.00	\$2,060.00		
Entry fee - completed	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Entry fee - upcoming	\$1,200.00	\$1,950.00		
Rubbing Strip	\$330.00	\$0.00		
Interest daily account	\$51.88	\$18.32		
Interest from investments	\$731.25	\$762.90		
Total	\$4,638.13	\$4,791.22	+	\$4,791.22
Expenses				
Affiliation Fee	\$175.00	\$175.00		
Plaques & engraving	\$1,662.10	\$495.75		
Website	\$279.82	\$483.05		
Travel expenses	\$999.99	\$1,000.00		
Regatta	\$1,196.00	\$1,854.39		
Class Promotion	\$400.00	\$0.00		
General expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Admin costs	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total	\$4,712.91	\$4,008.19	-	\$4,008.19
Surplus	-\$74.78	\$783.03		\$12,618.07
			Balance on 31/12/2017	\$12,618.07

N25 Association Proposed Budget 2018

	Actual	Budget
<i>Income</i>	2017	2018
Subscriptions	2060.00	2100.00
Interest	18.32	20.00
Other Income (interest on investments)	762.90	800.00
Entry fee - (completed)	1950.00	0.00
Entry fee - (upcoming)	0.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>4791.22</u>	<u>2920.00</u>
<i>Expenses</i>		
Affiliation Fees	175.00	175.00
Class Promotion	0.00	1000.00
Self Tacker	0.00	0.00
Administration		
Computer	0.00	0.00
Stationary & Postage	0.00	20.00
Plaques & Engraving	495.75	250.00
Telephone	0.00	20.00
Website	483.05	314.00
Travel	1000.00	1000.00
General expenses	0.00	200.00
Regatta costs	1854.39	0.00
Total Expenses	<u>4008.19</u>	<u>2979.00</u>
	Surplus	Deficit
	783.03	-59.00