



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Victorian Laser Association Inc.
Held at the Mordialloc Sailing Club, Bowman Street, Mordialloc, 3195
24 November 2007 at 5:00pm.**

1. Attendance – A total of 21 members attended as listed on the attendance sheet attached as Annexure A.
2. Apologies – Neville Beeson, Peter Wilson, Peter Merritt, Simon Merritt
3. Minutes of the AGM held 17 February 2007.
Moved James Mitchell, Seconded Mark Bulka that the minutes of the AGM of 17 February 2007 as distributed to members be accepted as a true and correct record. Passed.
4. President's Report
James Mitchell provided a report on the Association's activities for 2007. The report is attached as Annexure B.
5. Treasurer's Report
Andrew Sutherland presented the financial statements of the Association (attached as Annexure C). Moved Andrew Sutherland, seconded Anthony Nash that the accounts of the Association dated 30/9/07 as distributed be accepted. Passed.
6. Secretary's Report
Anthony Nash advised the Committee had resolved to obtain Public Liability Insurance and he was investigation options which might include taking cover jointly with other District Laser Associations.
7. Membership report
James Mitchell provided a report on the Membership status of the Association. The report is attached as Annexure D.
8. Special Resolution
Pursuant to the Notice of Special Resolution dated 7/10/07 the following special resolution was put to the meeting- "That the Public Officer be authorised to lodge the previously adopted Rules of the Victorian Laser Association Inc. as displayed on the Association's web site and attached to this agenda, with Consumer Affairs Victoria as a true and correct record of the current Rules of the Association."
The Special Motion was approved unanimously.
9. Election of Office bearers
At the request of the members present, Mark Tonner-Joyce declared all positions as officers of the Association vacant and noted that single nominations had been received for the following positions.
 - a. President – Moved John d'Helin, Seconded Geoff Walker that James Mitchell be elected President.
 - b. Vice President – Moved Anthony Nash, Seconded James Mitchell that Mark Bulka be elected Vice President.

- c. Treasurer – Moved Mark Bulka, Seconded Anthony Nash that Andrew Sutherland be elected Treasurer.
- d. Secretary – Moved James Mitchell, Seconded Mark Bulka that Anthony Nash be elected Secretary.
- e. Committee member – Moved Oliver Tweddell, Seconded Ben Gunther that Sean Bly be elected as Committee member (Coaching Coordinator).
- f. Committee Member – Moved John d’Helin, Seconded James Mitchell that Neville Beeson be elected as Committee Member (Measurer).
- g. Committee member – Moved James Mitchell, seconded Geoffrey Burfurd that Simon Early be elected as Committee Member (Coaching Manager).
- h. Committee Member – Moved Sean Bly, seconded Ben Gunther that Oliver Tweddell be elected as Committee Member (Youth rep)
- i. Committee Member – Moved James Mitchell, seconded Geoff Walker that John d’Helin be elected as Committee Member (Masters rep)
- j. Committee Member – Moved James Mitchell, seconded Mark Tonner-Joyce that Peter Merritt be elected as Committee member (Yachting Victoria liaison).
- k. Committee Member – Moved James Mitchell, seconded Geoffrey Burfurd that Peter Wilson be elected as Committee member (web master).

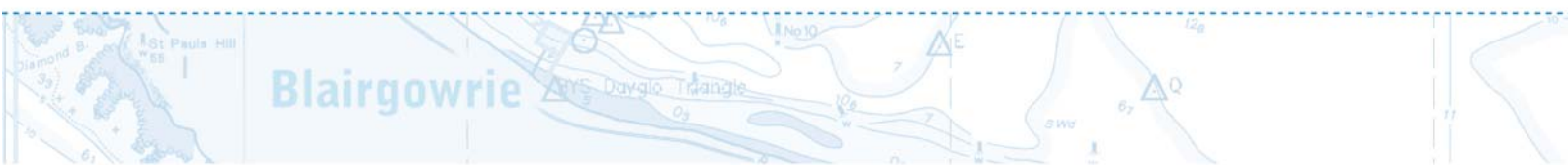
All nominations were endorsed by a unanimous show of hands from the members present.

The new Committee took their positions and the President proceeded with the remainder of the Agenda.

10. Other Business

- a) Discussion took place on the issue of sails being used which are not supplied by the manufacturer. James Mitchell drew members’ attention to the Fundamental Rule of the ILCA and suggested members ensure their Club Sailing Instructions required racing participants to comply with Class rules.

11. The President closed the meeting at 5:40 pm.



Annexure A

List of attendees, Vic Laser Association Inc. AGM 24/11/07 Mordialloc

James Mitchell *JM*

John Dittling *JD*

Geoff Walker.

MARK BULKA

TONY NASH.

GEOFF BURFORD *GB*

CLIVE HUMPHREY *CH*

Rob Stan *RS*

Eloise Burford *EB*

~~John~~ S. GRIFFITHS

~~Ben Jayson~~

~~Michael STEWART'S~~

~~Mark Turner-Jones~~

Michael Borring

Geoff Levering *GL*

Oliver Tredwell

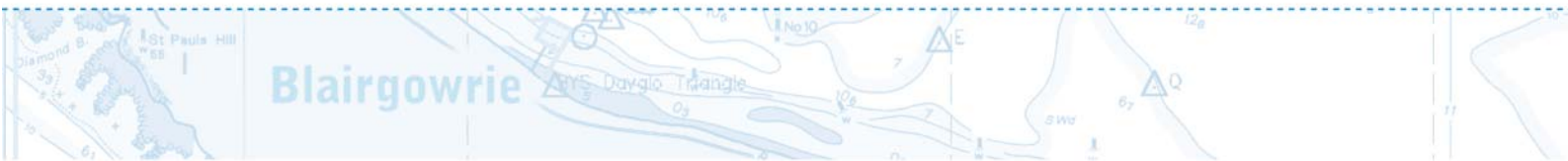
Ben Gunther

Andrew Suthers

Matthew Borg

~~Howard~~

~~Simon~~



Annexure B

President's Report 2006/07

Your Committee has been very active this year undertaking the;

- Organisation of the VLA summer season events
- Organisation of the 08 Australian Laser Championships on behalf of the ALA
- Organisation of the 08 Asia Pacific Championships on behalf of the APLA
- Attending to Consumer Affairs reporting requirements
- Supporting club based coaching

Our major objectives have been to conduct these events on a cost neutral basis but without exposing the Association to undue cost downside (a particular risk in respect of the Australian Championships due to the size of the event and the amount of infrastructure required).

All Committee members have contributed this year and I thank them very much for their time and initiative.

Peter Wilson was co-opted onto Committee in the role of web master and radically transformed our web site to be one of the most informative sailing sites around and a great resource for members. Peter has also set up our membership records on MyClass and we intend to implement this on line system next year. Andrew Sutherland has moved our financial records onto MYOB and Peter Merritt and Simon Early have attended countless meetings with me and Sail Melbourne as members of the Nationals Organising Committee. Sean Bly has kept the coaching going despite some bad weather.

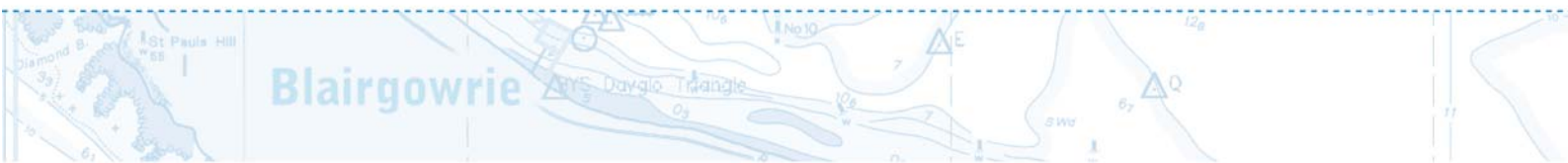
I am especially pleased with the support of members and friends in volunteering for roles at the Nationals. Thank you.

I seek your support in approving the Special Resolution which will enable us to get the VLA Consumer Affairs records fully up to date. Priorities for next year include expanding the range of choices for coaching, streamlining of administration and further encouragement of the 4.7 class.

James Mitchell

President

Victorian Laser Association



Annexure C

Treasurers Report 2006/07

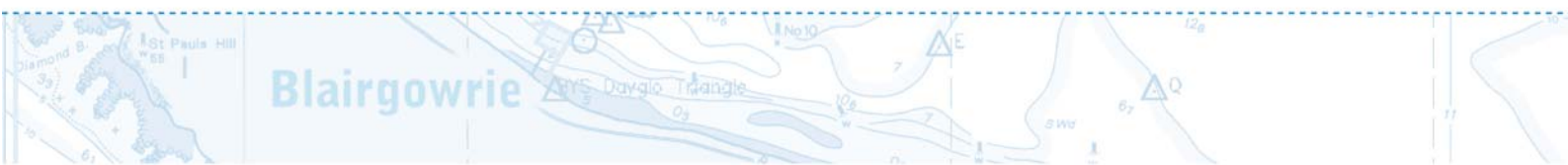
Financial Statements are attached reflecting the income and expenses to September 2007 and Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2007.

1. The statements highlight the fact that the association continues to be in a strong financial position.
 - a. The association recorded a surplus for the year of \$3,297.84
 - b. Cash at the Bank at 30th September was \$55,569.89 of which \$3,800 relates to income in advance for the 2008 Nationals.
2. Over the last 12 months we have migrated the accounting functions from Excel to MYOB. The balance sheet and 2007 accounts have been reviewed externally.
3. Whilst net regatta income reflects a loss it does not reflect income subsequently received for the Midwinters which gives us a breakeven result for the running or regattas over the year.
4. We have changed the setup of the bank account which will reduce bank and merchant fees into the future.
5. The Association has the financial ability to increase its level of commitment to training and other functions to support our members over the next year.
6. I support the resolution from the President to enable us to bring the VLA up to date in its obligations with Consumer Affairs.

Andrew Sutherland

Treasurer

Victorian Laser Association



Victorian Laser Association Inc. A11540
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for period from 1/10/06 until 30/9/2007

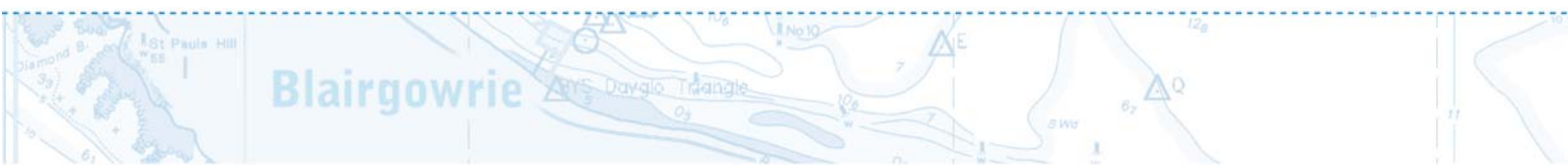
2005-2006		2006-2007
	All Bank Accounts	
45,054.75	<u>Opening Balance 1st October 2006</u>	47,064.61
	<u>Income</u>	
6,045.00	States	4,680.00
1,630.00	Port Phillip	1,815.00
1,250.00	Midwinter's	-
2,995.00	Masters/ Youth	4,455.00
<u>11,920.00</u>		<u>10,950.00</u>
	Less	
6,994.50	Regatta Expenses	7,960.35
2,454.53	Prizes (Cubes)	3,489.71
<u>9,449.03</u>		<u>11,450.06</u>
2,470.97	Net Regatta Income	- 500.06
4,640.00	Subscriptions	4,443.12
1,968.31	Interest	<u>2,014.47</u>
9,079.28	Total Income	<u>5,957.53</u>
	<u>Less Payments</u>	
5,299.95	Affiliation Fees:	1,200.84
130.00	VLA General	
750.00	Coaching	100.00
70.00	Equipment	459.67
299.75	Newspaper/ postage	326.32
519.72	Bank Charges/ Merchant fees	<u>572.76</u>
<u>7,069.42</u>	Total Expense	<u>2,659.59</u>
2,009.86	<u>Surplus/ (shortfall) for the period</u>	3,297.94
	Plus 07/08 Nationals Income in advance	3,800.00
45,054.75	Add Opening Balance	47,064.61
<u>47,064.61</u>	<u>Funds Closing</u>	<u>54,162.55</u>
	<u>Balance Sheet as at 30/9/2007</u>	
Bank accounts		
9,064.61	Bank Melb General Account's	17,569.89
<u>38,000.00</u>	Victorian Laser's 87 Worlds Account (term deposit)	<u>38,000.00</u>
	Less Creditors	1,407.34
47,064.61	Total Bank and Members funds	54,162.55

Signed

Andrew Sutherland
Treasurer

Victorian Laser Association

Date



Annexure D

Victorian Laser Association Membership Report 2006 - 2007

1. Membership status 18/11/07

	as at 18 Nov 2007		as at 2 April 2006			as at 28 March 2005			as at 5 April 2003		
a Paid up members	144	98%	141	99%	144	97%		136	96%		
Life	3	2%	2	1%	2	1%		2	1%		
Comps	0	0%	0	0%	3	2%		3	2%		
Total	147	100%	143	100%	149	100%		141	100%		
b Youth	43	29%	29%	42	29%	29%	61	41%	41%	43	30%
Open	12	8%	8%	21	15%	15%	17	11%	11%	33	23%
Apprentices	27	18%		23	16%		20	13%	48%	18	13%
Masters	34	23%		24	17%		27	18%		24	17%
Grand Masters	18	12%		18	13%		14	9%		18	13%
Great Grand Masters	13	9%	63%	15	10%	56%	10	7%		4	3%
No boat		0%	0%		0%	0%	0	0%	0%	1	1%
Total	147	100%		143	100%		149	100%	100%	141	100%
c Full	64	44%		84	59%		75	50%		83	59%
Radial	49	33%		32	22%		43	29%		45	32%
4.7	20	14%		18	13%		21	14%		7	5%
More than 1	14	10%		9	6%		10	7%		5	4%
None		0%			0%		0	0%		1	1%
Total	147	100%		143	100%		149	100%		141	100%
d Total members				149	for 04/05 year		150	for 03/04 year		110	78%
non renewals	74			64			60			36	26%
new members	30			58			59			67	48%
Total				143	for 05/06 to 2/4/06		149	for 04/05 to 28/3/05		141	100%
e female	20	14%		16	11%		12	8%			
male	127	86%		127	89%		137	92%			
Total	147	100%		143	100%		149	100%			
f card	33	49%	07/08 year only	65	45%		75	50%			
cash	1	1%		42	29%		41	28%			
cheque	33	49%		34	24%		28	19%			

comps	0	0%	2	1%	5	3%
	67	100%	143	100%	149	100%

2 Comments

a Email communications

As at 18/11/07 only 1 member has failed to provide an email addresses.

c Credit Card Payments

Credit card usage remains at about 50%.

d Age Range

Our youngest member is 13 and our oldest is 84 - the average age is 39.6 and the median age is 43.