

Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting of Laser Association of Victoria

Tuesday 15 April 2008, 8 Wood Street Sandringham Vic 3191

Committee members Present: James Mitchell, Mark Bulka, Tony Nash, Sean Bly, Peter Merritt, Oliver Tweddell, John D'Helin

Special Guest Representative of Parents of Junior members; Mark Dale, Vanessa Collings, Robin Philip & Jenny Parsons

James Mitchell **opened** the meeting at 7:35pm with discussion relating to the previously circulated VLA Draft Laser Coaching Proposal dated 23 March 08. The special guests were invited to give their input. Which included;

- any schedule should be sympathetic to school commitments including Saturday school sport,
- The 4.7 Group A sailors may need to have 2 streams e.g. Gold and Silver,
- The adoption of the Radial as the International Youth Class (in lieu of the Standard) may boost numbers in Groups B and C,
- The idea to target women in other classes to participate in the Group C coaching by using a female coach,
- Use "all comers" training days early in the season to promote the fee paying program and promote the Class,
- Jenny Parsons volunteered to become the VLA Junior Coaching program Assistant,
- Seeking Expression of Interest from Sailors based on estimated annual fees providing some data upon which to finalise the program, seek coaching proposal and lock in dates and venues.

General Business.

PM vote of special thanks to JM for all his work over the recent summer

JM gave thanks to the committee for their work over the recent summer and expressed a desire to keep the team together

JM noted participation in 2008 Vic States was down in numbers because of extra-ordinary busy summer season which included Nationals, Worlds, Masters Worlds and Asian Pacific's.

JM tabled unaudited accounts for the 08 Australian Laser Championships noting that there were two outstanding amounts from the Nationals; SMS costs and Healthscope sponsorship

JD noted the excellent race management by the BYS for the Nationals

JM to investigate key dates for Annual Return lodgement

TN to continue working on honour board

TN proposed either a new home to be found for the VLA trailer or sold, as it is not being stored under cover and its condition will continue to deteriorate. Mark Dale expressed an interest in using the trailer as part of transport solutions for the Perth nationals. The Committee authorised TN to sell the trailer given its infrequent use over several years.

TN to approach Ken Hurling ALA Mb 0417 644 086 regarding consolidating PI insurance during 2009.

JD noted new masters website sponsored by Performance Sailcraft Australia at; www.lasersailing.com.au and the promotion of a combined Masters trophy for those sailing at the Qld, NSW and Vic Laser Masters State Champs.

Calendar.

Port Phillip Champs 2008 scheduled for 22-23/11/08. To be held at either McCrae or Sorrento. MB will lead the regatta with PM assisting on the water. VLA AGM will be held after sailing on Sat 22.11.08.

Vic Masters & Youths Champs 2009 scheduled for 7-8/2/09 at Mt Martha YC. Sub committee of MB, JD & TN to investigate a legends race at 4pm Sat 7.2.09. Possible candidates includes; John Bertrand, Stuart Wallace, Campbell Rose, Paul Millsom, John Gibson, John Collings, & Geoff Wood. (Date subsequently changed to 14/15 February to avoid clash with NSW States). JD to take organisational responsibility.

Vic State Championships 2009 proposed for 14-15/3/09. Candidate clubs include; Port Melbourne (Jim Temple contact), Geelong (Brain case contact) & Mordialloc (Mal / Jenny Parsons). Given the possible clash with the F1 GP we will confirm the actual date for the 2009 F1 GP and look at deferring the States until 21-22/3/09. PM will organise the on-water with SB assisting. SB to take organisational responsibility.

Winter Regatta (date to be confirmed) it was proposed that a winter series is aligned with Albert Park (as in the past). We will promote the concept of a separate division. SB to take organisational responsibility.

4.7 Worlds Croatia – it was noted Stephen Collins and Cameron Parsons had secured entries to the 4.7 World Championships. The Committee wished both boys the best of luck in the Regatta.

Meeting closed at 10:40pm – no fixed date for next meeting