



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the  
Victorian Laser Association Inc.  
Held at the Mount Martha Yacht, The Esplanade, Mount Martha, 14<sup>th</sup>  
February 2009 at 11:30am.**

1. Attendance – A total of 17 members attended as listed on the attendance sheet attached as Annexure A.
2. Apologies – Anthony Nash, Neville Beeson, Peter Wilson, Andrew Sutherland
3. Minutes of the AGM held 24 November 2007.  
Moved James Mitchell, Seconded John D’Helin that the minutes of the AGM of 24 November 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 2008. The report is attached as Annexure B.
5. Treasurer's Report  
Andrew Sutherland submitted the financial statements of the Association (attached as Annexure C). Moved Murray O’Brien, seconded Peter Stow that the accounts of the Association dated 30/9/08 as distributed be accepted. Passed.
6. Secretary’s Report  
No Secretaries report was submitted however the President thanked Anthony Nash for his contribution. It was noted the Secretary had negotiated a reduction in the VLA’s Public Liability Insurance premium through taking cover jointly with the ACT/NSW District Laser Association.
7. Election of Office bearers  
At the request of the members present, Mark Taylor 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 Buster Hooper, Seconded James Mitchell that Mark Bulka be elected Vice President.
  - c. Treasurer – Moved Peter Stow, Seconded James Mitchell that Andrew Sutherland be elected Treasurer.
  - d. Secretary – the position was declared vacant.
  - e. Committee Member – Moved John d’Helin, Seconded James Mitchell that Neville Beeson be elected as Committee Member (Measurer).
  - f. Committee member – Moved James Mitchell, seconded John D’Helin that Jenny Parsons be elected as Committee Member (Coaching Manager).
  - g. Committee Member – the position of Committee Member (Youth rep) was declared vacant.
  - h. Committee Member – Moved James Mitchell, seconded Geoff Walker that John D’Helin be elected as Committee Member (Masters rep)
  - i. Committee Member – Moved James Mitchell, seconded Peter Stow that Peter Merritt be elected as Committee member (Yachting Victoria liaison).
  - j. Committee Member – Moved James Mitchell, seconded Peter Merritt that Peter Wilson be elected as Committee member (web master)
  - k. Committee member – Moved James Mitchell, Seconded Buster Hooper that Sean Bly be elected as Committee member.

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.

8. Other Business

a) Minutes of the Australian Laser Class Association Inc. AGM 30/12/09 were made available for member's information. It was noted the ALCA had established a masters sub committee and planned to conduct a separate Australian Masters Championship in Sydney in February 2011. Future National Masters Championships are to be considered on a case by case basis noting the challenges that might present to host Districts and Clubs.

b) Moved James Mitchell seconded Peter Merritt that John D'Helin be the VLA representative on the ALCA Masters sub committee. Passed.

9. The President closed the meeting at 12:00 pm.

**Annexure A**

VLA AGM 14 February 2009  
Attendees

Name	Signature
James Mitchell	
John Dillwyn	
Mark Taylor	
George Hooper	
Peter Humphries	
John Mason	
MURRAY O'BRIEN	
NICKY ON	
Tommy Day	
J. Manning	
Giff Walker	
MARTIN HEZEL	
LEE STOW	
Gordon Herzog	
Peter Merritt	
CLIVE HUMPHRIES	

## **Annexure B**

VLA President's Report 2007/08

This year was of course dominated by the conduct of the 2008 Australian Laser Championships at Blairgowrie and the Laser Asia Pacific Championships at Sandringham / Brighton.

More than 12 months of preparation, a huge amount of work by VLA members, sponsors, volunteers and the exceptional effort of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron delivered a wonderfully successful Regatta which was highly competitive on an international scale, run on schedule and enjoyed with great atmosphere. I would like to especially thank the core group of people who put in the extra yards to make it all happen.

Simon Early  
Peter Merritt  
Geoff Burfurd  
John D'Helin  
Paul Pascoe  
Rod Austin  
Andrew Sutherland  
Mischa Leonard  
Peter Southwell  
Andrew Steenhuis  
Bernie Harrison  
Neville and Marcelle Beeson  
Alex Howard

I am very happy we were able to conduct these events on a cost neutral basis when a far less favourable result was always a possibility. The Association continues on a strong financial footing for the future.

Thanks also to Anthony Nash for spending his own time and money refurbishing the VLA 6 boat trailer prior to the Nationals – by the way its available for sale to a caring family.

Whilst attendances at VLA events post the Nationals has suffered, I am pleased to see continued growth in the 4.7 Class and ongoing strength in all Masters categories. This highlights the unique characteristic of our Association membership who all enjoy sailing 3 classes sharing the same hull – we have a wide age range and gender neutrality giving us great balance - but it does mean we must always consider all of our members when conducting our activities.

I would also like to thank Simon Early and Jenny Parsons who have established our first professional coaching program, attracting 18 sailors and meeting a prime objective of the Committee for this year. We are already planning to run a further 6 month program commencing in March 09 and again next spring / summer.

As advised during the year, the national Laser body was wound up having failed to maintain its statutory obligations. A new incorporated body was established, the ALCA, the members of which are the Presidents of the State Laser Associations. Jacqueline Bell, who

some of you will have met at Blairgowrie, should be congratulated for sorting out this very large mess.

Whilst we have not met often in person I would like to thank all Committee members have contributed this year and I thank them very much for their time and initiative. Again, Peter Wilson has maintained our web site and continued to build it up as the most comprehensive Class site in the State.

I am also please to report that following the passing of the Special Resolution at the AGM last year, the Association's corporate affairs records are now fully up to date.

**James Mitchell**

President

Victorian Laser Association

November 2008

## Annexure C



16<sup>th</sup> November 2008

### Treasurers Report 2008

The financial statements for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008 are attached.

The statements highlight the strength of the associations financial position with the cash on hand of \$61,019.23 as at 30 September 2008. However \$5,570 of this relates to income received in advance for the 08/09 coaching program giving us a notional balance of \$55,449.23

The association successfully staged both the Australian Laser Championships and the Asia Pacific Championships in January 2008, pleasingly from a treasurers perspective these regattas resulted to a net profit to the association.

The 2008 financial year resulting in a surplus of income over expenses of \$5,068.88.

The association is well placed to be able to support training and other member initiatives as they present themselves over the next year.

Andrew Sutherland – VLA Treasurer

Victorian Laser Association Inc. A11540

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for period 1/10/07 to 30/9/2008

2006-2007				2007-2008
	<b>All Bank Accounts</b>			
47,064.61	Opening Balance 1st October			55,589.89
	Less income received prior and creditors			5,207.34
	Opening Balance			50,382.55
	<b>Income</b>			
	Nationals	Income	93,528.61	
		Expenses	<u>81,478.52</u>	2,050.09
	States	Income	3,190.00	
- 892.06		Expenses	<u>4,415.73</u>	- 1,225.73
	Asia Pacific	Income	7,577.81	
		Expenses	<u>8,505.26</u>	- 927.45
	Port Phillip	Income	2,125.00	
<u>157.00</u>		Expenses	<u>1,844.00</u>	281.00
	Masters/ Youth	Income	3,050.00	
235.00		Expenses	<u>1,977.55</u>	1,072.45
	Coaching	Income	950.00	
- <u>100.00</u>		Expenses	<u>858.00</u>	92.00
	Wintersail	Income	899.00	
		Expenses	<u>450.00</u>	389.00
4,443.12	Subscriptions			4,450.00
2,014.47	Interest			2,238.54
5,857.53	<b>Total Income</b>			8,419.90
	<b>Less Payments</b>			
1,200.84	Affiliation Fees:			759.00
	VLA General			398.12
	Insurance			1,001.00
459.67	Equipment			
326.32	Newsletter/ postage			313.28
<u>572.76</u>	Bank Charges/ Merchant fees			<u>861.82</u>
2,559.59	<b>Total Expenses</b>			3,333.22
<u>3,297.94</u>	<b>Surplus/ (shortfall) for the period</b>			<u>5,086.68</u>
	Plus Income in advance	Coaching 08/09		5,570.00
3,800.00		Nationals 07/08		
47,064.61	Add Opening Balance			50,382.55
<u>54,162.55</u>	<b>Funds Closing</b>			<u>61,019.23</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th September

17,569.89	Bank Melb General Account's	23,019.73
<u>38,000.00</u>	Victorian Laser's 87 Worlds Account (term deposit)	<u>38,000.00</u>
1,407.34	<b>Less Creditors</b>	
54,162.55	<b>Total Bank and Members funds</b>	61,019.73

Andrew Sutherland - Treasurer

Date