



**Notice of the Half Yearly General Meeting of Members
to be held at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron
on Saturday 9 January 2021 at 0930 hrs**

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Commodore

2. Apologies

3. Minutes of the August 2020 AGM

- Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 22 August 2020.

4. BYS Reports

Receive the following reports:

- Commodore's Report: Adrian Mulcahy;
- Club Captain's Report: Richard Backwell;
- Chair of A&FR Report: Greg Lewis

5. Motion to increase Membership Fees

In accordance with BYS Rule 10.2.1 the following motion is proposed;

"The Annual Subscription for the 2021-2022 year (inclusive of GST and BYS Foundation levy and where applicable, vouchers) for a Senior Member be \$761 (representing a 12.5% discount on the membership fee for the 2019-2020 year)."

Proposed: Greg Lewis, Chair – A&FR Committee

Seconded: Adrian Mulcahy, Commodore

6. Notice of Motion: Special Resolution to Amend the BYS Rules

With the endorsement of the BYS Executive Committee, the BYS Membership Committee recently issued a paper to Members containing various recommendations to Members regarding proposed changes to membership categories of BYS.

Members were invited to provide comments on the proposed changes to the BYS Rules required in order to implement the proposed changes. Only minimal comments were received.

In summary, the changes proposed to be made in respect of membership categories are as follows:

- Rename Senior membership to Full membership.
- Delete the Subsequent Senior membership category altogether. All current Sub-Senior members will become Full members.



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- Reduce the fee for an additional Full member residing at the same permanent address as a Full member (i.e. a current Sub-Senior) from 50% to 40% of the Full member fee.
- Remove 'Restricted' from Full and Family Unit membership categories and the 10 sails criteria, but still emphasise that Full or Family Unit memberships are active sailing memberships, with on-water or volunteering participation expected.
- Create a new category called Restricted membership. Restricted membership would be available only to former Junior or Student members aged between 18 and 39 years on 1 May of the membership year. Restricted members will be limited to 4 sailing events per year. The annual fee for Restricted membership would be set at 15% of the rate for a Full member. It would not be able to be used as part of a Family Unit membership. It would not carry voting rights, an entitlement to a car park pass or a locker.
- Re-design the current Intermediate membership category. Intermediate membership would be available to persons who are aged between 18 and 35 years on 1 May of the membership year. Those currently in the Student membership category will become Intermediate members. Intermediate members would be entitled to unlimited sailing, and to store an OTB boat, but not entitled to a car park pass or a locker. They would have full voting rights. Intermediate membership would be able to be used as a part of a Family membership, but only when the member is under 25 years at 1 May of the membership year and living at the same permanent address as the first Full member. The annual fee would be set at 15% of the Full fee for those under 25 and 40% of the Full fee if over 25. Applicants for Intermediate do not need to have been a Junior or Student member of the club.
- Remove the Student membership category.
- The qualifying rules for a Family Unit change to be:
 - at least one Full member; and
 - at least one Junior member; or
 - at least one Intermediate member under the age of 25 on 1 May of the membership year,
 - all residing at the same address.
- The fee payable by a Special member be reduced to 40% of a Full member.
- Attached to this Notice of Meeting are the following documents:
 - draft new Rules (these are marked up to show all changes that are proposed to be made to the existing Rules);
 - a clean copy of the draft new Rules; and
 - a copy of the paper entitled "Recommendations from the BYS Membership Committee to Members Regarding Proposed changes to Membership Categories" which was previously issued to Members (subject to some additional changes to the proposed Intermediate membership category relating to payment of the annual fee by those under 25 years of age).

The Proposer and Seconder, with the support of the Executive Committee and Membership Committee, recommend the new Rules for your approval.



Motion

That the existing Rules of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Incorporated be repealed and replaced by the Rules in the form (clean version) attached to this Notice of Meeting, as may be amended to satisfy any requirements of the relevant Government authorities, to comply with the law relating to Incorporated Associations, or to overcome any inconsequential errors or omissions.

Proposed: Martin Kudnig, Rear Commodore

Seconded: Adrian Mulcahy, Commodore

7. Notice of Motion: Extension of 3rd level of Scotts' Shed as occupied by the Southern Peninsula Rescue Squad

Background

During 2010, discussions commenced between Southern Peninsula Rescue Squad (SPRS) and BYS with a view to the SPRS relocating their base of operations from Sorrento to the BYS Leased area.

The strategic benefits to both organisations were paramount in progressing the discussions and as the discussions continued, it quickly became obvious that the proposal delivered advantages to both organisations with little downside and as a result, the General Committee of BYS submitted a motion to members for their consideration and approval.

That motion was approved by a substantial majority of members (attached) and as a result, the SPRS made a substantial capital contribution towards the Scotts' Shed project. It should be noted that the capital contribution by SPRS (\$150,000.00) was significantly in excess of the actual cost of construction of the 3rd level that has been occupied by the SPRS since the opening of Scotts' Shed.

Overview of this motion

The relationship between the SPRS and BYS has been operating successfully and to the mutual benefit of both organisations since the SPRS began occupying the 3rd level tower of Scotts' Shed in early 2013.

SPRS currently has 2 rescue boats residing in the BYS Marina as part of the ongoing relationship.

To date, the SPRS has been sharing the 2nd level training area in Scotts' Shed with BYS. The SPRS now has a need to expand its training and general operations which requires it has access to more floor space at more regular intervals.

The SPRS has assessed that extending the 3rd level of Scotts' Shed will meet its needs for the foreseeable future and it has sufficient funds to complete the project as planned.

Planning requirements dictate that additional toilet facilities and a separate accessible ramp be constructed as part of the planned extension. The addition of a separate entry ramp and toilet facilities will ultimately benefit BYS as the SPRS will become largely self-sufficient and will no longer require regular access to other areas of Scotts' Shed.

Amongst other things, BYS has made it a condition that the proposed extension does not impact the BYS parking arrangements or negatively affect any other aspect of BYS occupying its leased area. The SPRS has agreed to these conditions.



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The land manager (DELWP) together with the Foreshore Committee of Management have both provided their consent (attached) for the application to proceed and it now rests with the BYS members to provide the final approval.

Motion

That the members of BYS:

- a. ratify the existing relationship between BYS and the Southern Peninsula Rescue Squad (SPRS) as approved by members in January 2011;
- b. approve the SPRS to make the necessary planning application required to extend the 3rd level of Scotts' Shed, substantially in accordance with the attached plans; and
- c. authorise the Executive Committee to sign all documents and provide all necessary consents for the SPRS to obtain authority approvals, permits and consents required for the construction of the proposed extension to Scotts' Shed, subject to the following:
 - i. all costs in relation to the completion of the proposed extension are met by the SPRS;
 - ii. the proposed extension, including permit and other conditions associated with it, do not, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, have a material adverse effect on the operations of BYS;
 - iii. the sub-lease to the SPRS for the extended area is on the same terms as the existing sub-lease, including the current peppercorn rent; and
 - iv. there is no requirement for BYS to make any monetary contribution to the proposed extension.

Proposed: Brian Smith – Commodore 2013-2015

Seconded: Adrian Mulcahy – Commodore

8. Other Business

To consider any other business that is presented within the Rules of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Inc. relating to General Meetings.

Cathy Smith
Honorary Secretary
18 December 2020