



**Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Members
to be held at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron
on Saturday 27 July 2019 at 1700 hrs**

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Commodore

2. Apologies

3. Minutes of the previous Half Yearly General Meeting

Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Half Year General Meeting held on Sunday 6 January 2019.

4. BYS Annual Reports Receive the following reports:

- Commodore's Report: Alistar Singh;
- Club Captain's Report: Richard Backwell;
- Treasurer's Report: Adrian Mulcahy in lieu of John Lindholm;
- Audited Financial Statement for the year ending 30 April 2019.

5. Election of Committee Members

In accordance with the BYS Rules 18.1 – Term of Office and 18.2 – Re-election, the following positions will be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting;

	Nominee	Proposer	Second
Commodore	Adrian Mulcahy		
Vice Commodore	Matthew McCarthy		
Rear Commodore	Martin Kudnig		
Treasurer	John Lindholm		
General Committee	Greg Lewis		
General Committee	Chris Coghlan		
General Committee	Georgina Plumridge		
General Committee	Megan Bolton		

There being one nomination for each of the Flag Officer positions, the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and Treasurer, and five nominations received for the five General Committee vacancies, the above nominees will be declared elected without further action.

6. Motion to appoint Trustees of BYS Foundation

In accordance with the trust deed for the BYS Foundation, the trustees are the Commodore and four suitably qualified Members (not being members of the General Committee) elected by the Members of BYS. Accordingly, the following motion is proposed:

“That Stan Wallis, Callum Burns, Justin Arter and Hayden Llewellyn be elected as trustees of the BYS Foundation.”

Proposed : Alistar Singh **Seconded :** Adrian Mulcahy



7. Notice of Motion: Life Membership

In accordance with Rule 6.3 of the Club's Rules and in consideration of the special services to the Club, the General Committee may appoint a Member as a Life Member, subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting. Accordingly, the following motion is proposed:

That the appointment by the General Committee of Keith Redman as a Life Member of the Club be confirmed.

Proposed : Alistar Singh

Seconded : Richard Backwell

8. Notices of Motion: Special Resolution to amend the BYS Rules

At the HYGM on Sunday 6 January 2019, Members approved in principle the proposed restructure of the General Committee and associated governance changes which were described in the Member Briefing Paper provided to Members prior to that HYGM.

Since that meeting, the working group within the General Committee (comprising the Flag Officers, Greg Lewis and Martin Kudnig) and assisted by Grant Cathro have been redrafting the BYS Rules in order to incorporate these changes. Various drafts of the revised Rules have been reviewed by the working group as well as by the rest of the General Committee and ex-Commodores Jenni Maclean, Mike Trumble, Paul Devereux, Brian Smith, Chris Wilson and Barry Fitzpatrick.

In addition, a Member Information Forum was held on Saturday 22 June 2019 at which Members were given the opportunity to review the draft new Rules and to provide feedback and ask questions.

The revised Rules have been updated on a number of occasions following receipt of comments both in writing and during working group meetings held to discuss the proposed changes.

Attached to the Notice of Meeting are the following documents:

- draft new Rules (these are marked up to show all the changes that are proposed to be made to the existing Rules);
- a clean copy of the draft new Rules; and
- a table which compares each of the proposed new Rules with its equivalent in the current Rules and explains the proposed changes.

You will see from the draft new Rules and the comparison table that the key changes are as follows:

- changes necessary to replace the current General Committee with the new Executive Committee and to make it clear that the key focus of the Executive Committee will be in the areas of strategy, finance, budget, governance, HR and oversight of the sub-committees;
- the establishment of the new sub-committees, namely Membership and Clubhouse and Operations Committees, as well as clarification of the powers and duties and composition of the existing sub-committees; and
- changes to existing Rule 29 (Disciplinary Action) which has been largely rewritten based on the model rules and the rules of other sailing clubs in order to clarify the circumstances in which disciplinary action can be taken and to ensure that members of the sub-committee hearing a disciplinary matter are truly independent and not biased.



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The overriding principle applied in the redrafting process has been to change the Rules as little as possible. The working group believes that it has adhered to this principle, but it should be noted that the opportunity has been taken to modernise the Rules and clean up some loose ends in a limited number of cases. These are all marked up in the draft new Rules and explained in the comparison table.

For the reasons given above, the Proposer and Seconder, with the support of the General Committee and the working group, recommend the new Rules for your approval.

MOTION

That the existing Rules of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Incorporated be repealed and replaced by the Rules (including the Purposes) 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: Alistar Singh

Seconded: Adrian Mulcahy

9. Other Business

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

Amanda Jacobs

Secretary

5 July 2019