



## **CHRISTCHURCH MODEL YACHT CLUB INC.**

**ESTABLISHED 1898**

### **MINUTES OF THE 127th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

**Held at the The Petanque Club rooms, Hagley Park, Christchurch, commencing  
at 10.00am, Saturday 16th August, 2025**

Present:

Ron Bedyne, Cyrus Berry, Al Ross, Peter Fisher, Ron Campbell, Warwick Stephens, Graham Parratt, Leon Blewett, Tony Taylor, Tom Wilda, Alex Aitken, Paul O’Gorman, Graeme Raxworthy, Bryan Treleaven, Stan Price, Roy Bickerstaffe, Mike Inns, Barry Bissell, Allen Anderson, Russell Wenham, Chris Stricker, Ross Bush, Chris Borrill, Glen Church, Ashely Glubb, Derek Kraak, Clyde Rogers, Chris Greer, Kim Paterson, Paul Campbell, Bruce Lang, Murray Irwin, Geoff Jarvis, Anzan Zhang, Thysje Arthur, Ralph Biggs, Bob Torrie, Phil Hilson (Number = 39).

Note quorum = 25% of members. As at 8 August, we have 101 members. Quorum = 25

**Commodore declared the meeting open at 10.00am**

#### **POINT OF ORDER**

The notice for the AGM was not sent on time to all members as required under Section 15 of our Constitution.

The error that caused this situation has been corrected and members who missed the first notice have been advised accordingly.

In order to clarify this situation the Commodore ruled from the Chair: The AGM shall proceed.

#### **APOLOGIES.**

Rodney Ford, Chris Koskela, Cliff Bishop, Dan Thomas, Hugh Hobden, David Strack, Bryan Lawson, Keith Drewitt, Murray Pearce, Doug Parker, Roger Banfield, Robert Duns, Peter Bradley, Ron Wenham Dayele Hobson, Murray Dean, Colin Freeman

## **WELCOME TO MAYOR**

Commodore welcomed the Mayor, and acknowledged he was under time pressure, so invited him to address the meeting and present some major prizes.

## **MAYOR'S ADDRESS AND MAJOR PRIZE PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Phil Mauger thanked CMYC for the invitation to attend the AGM.

He acknowledged the services of the officers of the Committee, the dedication and generosity of all members is appreciated.

He was pleased to note that the club was prospering, with regular acceptance of new members..

He looked forward to progress on the development of 'The Bunker'.

It was important the CMYC members did not have to pay for car parking, and the arrangement allowed this. He was looking into making the public carpark free on Sundays.

He appreciated what the club brings to Hagley Park, and was impressed by the good spirits and camaraderie that is so obvious in the club.

He thanked CMYC for the role we play in the community.

The following awards were presented by Patron/Mayor Mauger:

Men's Club Champion: Graham Parratt

Ladies Champion: Anzan Zhang

## **MINUTES OF THE 126th AGM.**

Circulated previously.

MOVED THE MINUTES ARE TAKEN AS READ

Moved Ron Bedyne Seconded Ralph Biggs  
(Passed by voice vote)

APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD OF LAST AGM

Moved Ron Bedyne Seconded Ron Campbell  
(Passed by voice vote)

## **MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Commodore's Report:** Ron Bedyne

Welcome to the Honourable Mayor and our Patron Phil Major, welcome to you the members of the CMYC to the 127th AGM.

I would like to acknowledge our continued association with the council, which has seen, amongst other things, assistance with the mural on the club house wall, development of the car park and the improvements to the lakeside path being provided.

We do appreciate this support which in turn helps the membership to grow, compete and socialise at the lake. In doing so we can bring a much-appreciated spectacle to the local public and international visitors while investing in the well-being and support of our more senior members here at CMYC. Hagley Park is truly a great facility, and we appreciate the use and ongoing access to the lake and facilities.

As I will be stepping down from my time as commodore at this AGM I firstly want to thank the committee for their support and hard work they have put in over the time of my tenure.

I would also like to thank you, the members of the club, who volunteer willingly your time effort and resource to make this a great club.

Over these past 3 years we have celebrated our 125th anniversary, done repairs and maintenance to the clubhouse, seen the mural come into existence and multiple other things. The thing I will take away from my time as Commodore is the friendships I have made and that have been deepened over a common interest, those friendships can also be lost as we have all experienced due to ill health and life's relentless pull to take us over the bar. Some of those members are immortalised with names on trophies or by small things like counting down of race starts, like all good friends they are not forgotten.

I think my aim as being Commodore has been to be visible, available and approachable to help create a vibe in the club that makes it a fun place to enjoy camaraderie and the hobby of RC sailing, I feel like I have been able to achieve this and thank you all for being on this journey and being the reason this is a great club to be a part of.

**MOVE TO ACCEPT THIS REPORT**

Moved Ron Bedyne. Seconded Graeme Raxworthy  
(Passed by voice vote)

### **Vice Commodore's Report: Cyrus Berry**

The Vice-Commodore's activities for 2024-25 have revolved around the new constitution to comply with the new Incorporated Societies Act.

The process covered a comprehensive review of the current Constitution, the legal changes to meet the new Act, and the drafting of the new Constitution, ensuring that in the process no non-mandatory changes have been inadvertently made.

This work has required the assistance of the Committee and other members for a new Constitution to be prepared.

Some of this work will need to be discussed with members and clarified accordingly.

I am indeed indebted to our Secretary for reviewing the documents and documenting the new Constitution.

MOVE TO ACCEPT THIS REPORT

Moved: Ron Bedynd Seconded Derek Kraak  
(Passed by voice vote)

### **Treasurer's Report: Peter Fisher**

2025 has been a year of consolidation after paying for our portion of the mural back in July 2024, and our finances are back in a healthy position after we raised the subscriptions last year. We are now ready for our next project.

I would like to take this opportunity to remember our former member Norm Hill, Life Member & Patron who passed away on 31st July 2024 aged 99 1/2 years. Norm very generously donated \$10,000 to the club in his will. Norm had previously gifted money to the club that paid for the dinghy we use at Lake Victoria.

The draft Financial Statements were prepared by Community Capacity Accounting and we are waiting for them to be reviewed.

In the previous financial year, on the 26th of June 2024 the club received a substantial grant of \$5,000 from the Christchurch City Council to help pay for the Mural which has been painted on the rear wall of the clubhouse as part of our 125th anniversary celebrations. The Mural was completed on 25th/26th July 2024, and we paid the street artists, Guy Ellis & Nick Tam, \$6,000 as originally quoted, the club adding \$1,000 from its own funds.

We started the financial year with total funds of \$26,570, which included the CCC Mural grant of \$5,000, and ended it with \$34,650.

Under the lease conditions at Lake Victoria, the Christchurch City Council requires the club to hold sufficient funds to demolish the clubhouse and clear the site in the

event of the club folding. We previously obtained a quotation to demolish and clear the site and allowing for contingencies, \$20,000 was put aside for this purpose, and we now have the \$20,000 on term deposit with the Westpac Bank with the interest compounding quarterly with the hope that it keeps up with inflation.

During this last financial year 14 new Senior members joined the club, which brought our membership up to 97 persons. Unfortunately, five members died during the year, and Bruce Edgar died last month, although Bruce was not recorded as a member for this last financial year. A further two members joined in July, bringing our membership to 99. Note that we currently have five life members.

The club forwards the \$10 per member levy to the New Zealand Radio Yachting Association and CMYC also pays a \$25 capitation fee to the NZRYA.

Other members to sadly pass during the year were Tom Arthur, Peter Couch, Selwyn Taylor and Mike Newman.

With the increase in subscription charged to each member we have managed to accumulate funds over and above Norm's donation which should all help us if we are successful with our proposal to take over the old RSA bowling club 'bunker' and reroof it to use as storage. This is an opportunity we should not turn down.

I propose that the subscription remains the same for this coming year.

#### MOVE TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND STATEMENT

Moved Peter Fisher. Seconded Cyrus Berry  
(Passed by voice vote)

#### **Sailing Master's Report:** Graham Parratt

It has been season of 3 1/3rds in the Sailing Master's position.

Tom Arthur's commitment, passion and humility to people helped so much to bring the club to where it is today, until his passing in January 2025. RIP Tom.

127 years on and although Tom has passed, so many things continue on.

Thanks to Tom for that.

Then Al Ross, along with being Club Secretary picked up the ball in Tom's absence for many months.

Then my shoulder got sore with many of the club and Committee tapping it for me to become Sailing Master.

I had a lot of resistance, but now am excited to be contributing to CMYC, having the support of many. Perhaps they are relieved it wasn't them...

Going forward into the 2025-26 season, the 12 month schedule is out, prize-giving will be done today, and then it is onwards and upwards into another exciting year.

On Mondays we are often getting 15 boats and skippers eager to learn and contribute- special thanks to Bryan Treleaven and Cliff Bishop for committing to this.

Wednesdays are getting up to 30 boats, often requiring 2 fleets.

Saturdays typically have 15 to 30 competitors. Race Officers and Race Assistants take ownership of the day giving it their own personality and fun.

We also work with the 2 other Class groups- Canterbury J Class Owners Association and the EC12 Group.

The future is looking very bright.

MOVE TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS READ

Moved Graham Parratt Seconded Rod Liddy  
(Passed by voice vote)

**Web Skipper Report.** Rodney Ford. (Read by Secretary)

A big thank you to Mike Baddeley. Over the last weeks, the Webpage was hacked/ crashed twice – and then successfully restored by his “wired.co.nz” team.

The webpage has an important role for the Club. It has many functions: It needs to be kept up to date.

- To inform the community and members about the origin and current activities of the CMYC. To tell the history.

- To publicise the Sailing Program.

It is the way for potential new members to join the CMYC. A gateway to the Club. There is a new procedure to be introduced to vet new members as required by our new Constitution.

- To post the Saturday CMYC sailing results and current Mark Foy times.

- A place for our photo gallery.

- To inform about some of the boats for sale.

If you have any photos or stories or information that you would like added to the web page, then please let me know.

Thanks to Vern Rolton for initially setting up this webpage

Webpage activity is monitored and regularly updated.

Over this year (2025) so far: January – August:

Visitor numbers 1.9K (5-10 per week).

Viewing 4.5K pages (40-50 pages viewed per week).

MOVE TO ACCEPT THIS REPORT

Moved Ron Bedyne. Seconded : Ron Campbell  
(Passed by voice vote)

## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:**

### **Nominations closed on 2nd August**

### **Nominations received equal the number of positions required.**

#### **Nominations received:**

**Commodore:** Cyrus Berry

**Vice Commodore:** Ron Bedyne

**Secretary:** Al Ross

**Treasurer:** Peter Fisher

**Sailing Master:** Graham Parratt

**Web Master:** Rodney Ford

**Frequency & Storage:** Warwick Stephens

**Member:** Dan Thomas

**Member:** Ron Campbell

MOVE TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATIONS AS RECEIVED

Moved Ron Bedyne

Seconded Rod Liddy  
(Passed by voice vote)

The Commodore made special thanks to Leon Blewett for past services to the Committee.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Submissions closed on 2 August.

No other general business items were received by cut-off date 2 August

### **ADOPTION OF NEW CONSTITUTION**

A new Constitution has been developed to comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

The Constitution was circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Vice Commodore Cyrus Berry noted the following issues had been raised during informal discussions with members.

#### - Junior members issue

The category of Junior Member was removed from the Constitution, but accommodated in the fees structure, which includes a 50% reduction in the CMYC fee for members under the age of 16 at the time of application.

#### - Proxy voting issue

No proxy voting facility is included in the new Constitution. In the history of the club proxy voting has not been required, so there is no reason to change.

#### - AGM specific issue

In the Draft Constitution circulated to members, a clause on the notice period and procedure for running the Annual General Meeting was omitted. The relevant clause, as in the previous Constitution will be added to the final version:

#### Notice of the Annual General Meeting:

The Club must give at least thirty (30) days notice to all Committee Members and members of the Annual General Meeting. The notice shall set out:

#### - The date, time and venue of the Annual General Meeting

- The closing date(s) for any nominations for any elections, proposed motions and other items of business to be received in writing to the Club.

MOVE TO ACCEPT THE NEW CONSTITUTION 2025 AS TABLED, plus the above clause.

MOVED: Ron Bedyne. SECONDED: Cyrus Berry.  
(Passed by voice vote)

### **Other Business.**

Roy Bickerstaffe asked why the purpose of the club wasn't to promote interest in the sport of radio controlled model yachting.

In discussion it was agreed that there are some model yachts that don't have radio control, such as vane-steering, and in the future some new non-radio technologies may evolve.

No change was required.

Ralph Biggs from the floor thanked Commodore Ron Bedyne and the rest of the Committee for their services during the 2024-25 season.

### **MEETING CLOSED AT 10.40 A.M.**

### **PRIZE-GIVING, LED BY SAILING MASTER**

#### **2024/2025 Pennant Race Results**

#### **Graham Mander Memorial**

1st Graham Parratt J333    Bryan Treleaven J371    Ron Bedyne J222

#### **Norm Hill Trophy**

1st George Kemedilidis J327    Roy Bickerstaffe J275    Mark Cornell J161

#### **Life M. Warwick Stephens**

1st Graham Parratt J333    Bryan Treleaven J371    Tom Arthur J150

#### **Cyclone Pennant**

1st Graeme Raxworthy V2    Cliff Bishop J269    Al Ross V6

#### **Garrard Pennant. (Not Raced)**

**Bert George Pennant**

1st Al Ross V6 Peter Fisher J266 Clyde Rodgers J3

**Life M. Hugh Hobden**

1st Dayele Hobson J229 Peter Bradley J363 Michael Inns J310

**Life M. Gavin Britt**

1st Peter Bradley J321 Nick Richardson J258 Peter Fisher J266

**Dolphin Pennant**

1st Glen Church J276 Paul Campbell J348 Michael Inns J310

**Simon Ballantyne**

1st Graham Parratt J333 Glen Church J276 Peter Bradley J363

**Founders Day**

1st Jim Paterson J354 Graham Parratt J333 Glen Church J276

**Kaiapoi Pennant**

1st Chris Greer J356 2nd Colin Freeman J81 3rd Clyde Rogers V3

**Refreshments kindly supplied by Derek Kraak (Prima Deli Co.) followed.**

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