



Minutes of the Special General Meeting of Vogelvlei Yacht Club
Held at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Bothasig on Tuesday, 13 June 2017

Welcome to all members present at the Special General Meeting by Bert Collins, President of VYC.

Bert advised that the reason for this Special General meeting is that we elected the Commodore in violation of the VYC Constitution.

John Mossner served on the Committee for 6 months and, as per the Constitution, he has to be on the Executive Committee for a full year. As this was not the case, a Re-Election has to take place to vote in a new Commodore.

Bert thanked Rose for organizing the venue.

- * Requested that the order of the Agenda be amended and that Kevin Webb to address the members with his findings re: financial / summary
- * The discussion on the finances was not originally included in the 1st SGM Agenda sent out to members but has been included now as per email sent out on 12th June 2017.

Members all agreed to discuss finances before Commodore elected.

Bert opened to the floor for comments.

Casey Wolters wanted to clarify that the Commodore up for election is eligible to be voted. Highlight the part in dispute – Clause 10.1.4 – must be on Committee for 1 full year – all agreed.

John Mossner responded: He advised that he was voted on the Committee as Rear Commodore for 6 months. When his name was put forward / proposed as Commodore he was surprised and daunted by the task. John thanked all for their support. He was elected on the Committee due to the previous Rear Commodore vacating his position. John thanked members for their support and he agreed there is a need for change.

Bert handed over to Kevin Webb

Kevin Webb:

Kevin advised that he is very concerned about Vogelvlei Yacht Club. He stated that VYC is in serious trouble and that was the reason why most members attended the SGM – Time to turn it around.

Financials: At the AGM all members received the financials which was a brief summary with a few explanations.

Kevin requested a proper set of financials and not a report of income and expenditure / balance sheet. He requested comments and clarity on the reports but received none.

Sean le Sueur responded that he was called in at the last minute to put together the spreadsheets and did not have enough time to get all prepared in time for the AGM. He requested more time to give more clarity on the financials.

Kevin Webb addressed the financial reports provided:

Kevin went through the Explanation of Finances (compiled by Kevin Webb – handed to members at the SGM)

Income: R 395 515

Donation: R 12 521

Total: R 403 036

Trade Receivables: Income inflated by the following:
members invoiced and no money received
Constitution states if members have not paid their membership fees by the 31 October, then their names should be removed from the members list and they cease to be members of VYC.
This amount adds to R44500.00 and should be taken off the balance sheet.
SAS fees – amount of R3739.00 still to be paid over to SAS.
This was money collected on behalf of SAS and paid over to SAS
Not Profit but liability

Depreciation * No allowance for depreciation
Example - tractor, kitchen of +_ R100 000.00
Mention was made that no depreciation was made for last season
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But Sean le Sueur confirmed that it was shown on financials.

Bar & Galley	Sales	R21 703
	Expenses	R48 549
	Loss	- R26 856

Kevin advised that there is a need to look at the books and reallocate funds correctly.

Kevin proposed that an internal audit be conducted by Helen Kotze and be checked independently.

Colin Engel requested that this be put forward to members for a vote

- Seconded – Diane Webb/Rose Collins
- Majority vote by members

Kevin advised that if Trade off part of depreciation +- R50 000.00 then VYC should just break even. We will only know this once the internal audit has been done.

Rob Sansom requested that we give the Accountants a fair chance to sort out the finances.

Kevin Webb responded that, according to the constitution, this should have been done in time for AGM. Kevin advised that we are not pointing fingers but there is a problem and it needs to be rectified. There is one authority and this is the authority of the members. Not the Commodore or the Committee – but the members.

Open to the floor for comments:

Casey Wolters Make time to discuss all this.

Sean le Sueur Had problems with the previous Treasurer
Payments, allocations not captured, statements not been sent out on time. There were small and large problems
He was asked to put together financials and there were lots of Issues that had to be dealt with. He did not have enough time to give a full set of financials and present in time for AGM.
R18 000.00 has been paid on the outstanding members fees. The amount of +_ R26 000.00 is still overdue.
He took it on himself to help out and ran out of time due to short notice.

Diane Webb Clause 12.4 – Figures should have been done and holding previous Committee liable for it not being done.

Edgar Morris Go ahead from here and deal with it and get on with it!

Kevin Webb Need Transparency!

Sarel van der Merwe The way the whole thing was been treated – not a humane method.

The way John Mossner was treated. There are ways of doing this and it could have been dealt with better. The attitude and tone of

the special general meeting reflects the attitude of the previous committee. Not only to John but from other members that have complained in the past.

Want to propose that John Mossner be re elected as Commodore even though he did not stand on the committee for a full year.

As per members on floor, cannot as it is against the constitution.

- Bert Collins The Constitution is the rules and regulations that this club runs by. Wants to elect John Mossner as Commodore but as per Constitution it is not allowed. (as per Bert)
Sarel commented that the Constitution is not worth anything if there is no support from the members.
- Edgar Morris Pull together as a Club
- Willem Treurnicht Change Constitution of we have a 2/3 majority
- Bert Collins Governing Rules of club – abide by it. Any changes to be brought up at AGM.
- Mel Meyer If any changes are made, notification must be sent out
- Bert Collins A few issues to be modernized.
- John Mossner In breach of constitution – no female commodores
12 members make a quorum
- Hein Brits All committee members to be at every meeting
- Casey Wolters How the proposal for Flag Officers - Commodore / Rear Commodore. Are you sure that will we nominate the correct people and not make the mistake again
- Bert Collins There has been no recommendations for Commodore except Sarel that was mentioned earlier in the meeting.
- Pat Bytheway Agreed
- Rose Collins All members to read Constitution. Would it be possible to nominate John Mossner as a Commodore in training?

Election of Commodore put forward

Names proposed for Commodore:

Anker Schmidt
Sarel van der Merwe

A Secret Ballot was requested and the voting took place.

Brad Stemmett requested that the Patron and President make sure that the number of votes tally up to the number of members that signed the register.

Confirmed – 54 signatures

Secret Ballot called on

54 members voted	Sarel van der Merwe	49 votes
	Anker Schmidt	5 votes

Sarel voted in as Commodore for VYC (clapping and whistling)

Sarel thanked members for their support and stated that he really appreciated the vote.

Sarel raised a point of order:

Sarel stated that he believes that the Constitution was evoked and believed that John would have made a fantastic commodore. He could not understand why the constitution was evoked in such a manner. Has been asked by members to stand as Commodore and over the last couple of years VYC has lost a bit of direction. The VYC Club Championships is the crème de la crème of our club. In the past, if you were a Club Champion of Vogelvlei Yacht Club, that was the biggest regatta and if you would miss any regatta, you would not miss the Club Champs. Sarel advised that we have more Bridge and Rescue than sailors.

Sarel went on to state that it was disheartening that at the Closing Cruise not one prize was handed out for a sailing event, whether it was due to lack of wind or due to lack of sailors. This shows that something is clearly wrong. What is it? That is a concern and can only be turned around with the help of our members. We traditionally had a strong Bridge and a reasonable good Rescue and for that Sarel thanked the volunteers. Sarel advised that we need to make an effort to come down to club to do duty and the sailors must attend.

Rose Collins advised that she gets disheartened when she goes down to club and gets ready for duty as per the time shown on the noticeboard but then they have to wait for the sailors to get ready. The sailors are in the Pub until 4am. They should rather stay up and sail with a hangover.

Lynn Moreau mentioned that there were no junior sailors coming through the ranks.

Sarel stated that a Committee was elected at the AGM and it has now changed since he has been elected as Commodore. Sarel advised that he needs to know that he has the support of the Committee that was chosen.

Sarel requested a re-election of the Committee that would support him in this coming year.

Bev Shaw proposed that John Mossner be appointed as rear-commodore of sailing to continue the work that he did on the previous committee and then she would step in as Sailing or something else.

Sarel requested a show of hands from members who would support him in the coming year.

Sarel went on to say that the club has lost direction. Nobody should take it personally and he is sure that the previous committee worked hard and did not slack off and that this is appreciated. Sarel feels that the previous Committee did not have the interest of the sailors at heart and they lost people who wanted to take part and this needs to be changed.

Rose said it has to be about sailing.

Nominations for **Vice Commodore – Hein Brits** asked to stand for another year – he accepted

Proposed by Sarel van der Merwe

Seconded by Bert Collins

Nomination for **Rear Commodore - John Mossner**

Proposed Bev Shaw

Seconded Kevin Webb

Nomination for **Secretary – Saskia Stemmett**

Proposed Diane Webb

Seconded Barry Scotson

Nomination for **Treasurer – Helen Kotze**

Proposed Pat Bytheway

Seconded Bert Collins

Nomination for **Site & Sheds – Anker Schmidt**

Proposed Helen Kotze

Seconded Pat Bytheway

Nomination for **House & Grounds – Nico Treurnicht**

Proposed – Diane Webb
Seconded Kirsten Veenstra

Nomination for **Bridge Convenor** – **Bert Collins**
Proposed Lindsay Smit
Seconded Laurel Scotson

Nomination for **Safety Portfolio** - **Anker Schmidt**
Proposed Rob Sansom
Seconded Edgar Morris

Nomination for **Communication** - **Kirsten Veenstra**
Proposed Saskia Stemmett
Seconded Diane Webb
Nomination for **Security** to be advised

Extra member on Committee to be advised

Sub Committee \
Portfolio – Chairman of Sailing **Bev Shaw**
Proposed Pat Bytheway
Seconded Saskia Stemmett

Nomination for Transformation officer – **Kirsten Veenstra**
Proposed Edgar Morris
Seconded Saskia Stemmett

General Comments from Members

Kirsten Veenstra - Updating the Constitution
Clause regarding payment of fees. VYC most unfriendly club with members paying fees. Not allowed to pay off.

Hein Brits Not true. If members ask to pay off monthly – it is granted.

Bert Collins Payment has always been a problem – going back years.
If payment is late then member is penalised by paying extra fee

Saskia Stemmett As per the wording of the Constitution – does not really allow it
The last committee allowed it (great) but in terms of the Constitution then we need to make sure that the Constitution allows that.

Sarel van der Merwe –
One of the tasks of this Committee is to look into that and discuss at next AGM.

Rose Collins Equal Rights for Woman,

Casey Wolters Called for the meeting to be closed and that the items that have been mentioned must be put into writing and be brought up in the next AGM.

Sarel closed the meeting at 20h41 with a message to say that he will do his best to serve the members and be transparent.

Sarel advised that anyone who would like to come and sit in on a Committee meeting is more than welcome to hear what we discuss and how we handle it.

Any advice, input or where you can help would be greatly appreciated.

If you can drive the tractor and you want to flatten the road – you are welcome to do so.

I would like to believe we are a happy family. Thank you. (clapping !!!)