

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SABOT COUNCIL - Annual General Meeting

30 December 2011 and 2 January 2012

Southport Yacht Club – Hollywell

Dave Eutick opened the meeting at 7.10pm (30 December 2011)

Attendance

Nick Ward (ANSC)	Anthony Makin (NNSW President)
David Eutick (ANSC)	Paul Summerell (NNSW Observer)
Sharon Dodge (NQSA – ANSC Rep)	Warwick Fatches (NNSW)
David Dodge (NQSA)	Paul Stivano (NNSW Treasurer)
Mark Dodge (NQSA)	Neil Tavener (SNSW)
Julie Osborne (NQSA Treasurer)	Andrew Glassock (SNSW President)
Gayna Turnbull (NQSA Secretary)	Georgie Mainland (VSSA)
Jane Moran (NQSA)	Rod Mainland (VSSA)
Karen Torpelund (NQSA President)	Lesley Fasala (VSSA)
Steve Geck (SQSA Measurer)	Shane Quinlan (VSSA President)
Sue Koreman (SQSA Secretary)	Roger King (TSSA Treasurer)
Peter Robba (SQSA)	Eric McCormack (TSSA Observer)
Ian Smith (SQSA President)	John Hillcoat (TSSA)
Janette Eutick (SQSA Observer)	Sonya Hargreaves (TSSA Secretary)

Apologies:

Pip Kyle, ANSC Secretary
Mark Robson, ANSC Treasurer and Registrar
Steve Graham, ANSC National Measurer

1. Presentation of minutes from 2010/2011 ANSC AGM (Wynyard)

Matters arising from prior minutes: none

Adoption of minutes, accepted as true and correct:

Moved - Sharon Dodge Seconded - Anthony Makin Approved

2. ANSC President's Report

Dave Eutick read his President's Report (see Attachment 1)

3. ANSC Treasurer's Report

Dave Eutick tabled the Treasurer's Report in Mark Robson's absence (separate attachment).

Adoption of Treasurer's Report:

Moved – Ian Smith Seconded – Steve Geck Approved

4. ANSC National Measurer's Report

Steve Geck tabled the National Measurer's Report in Steve Graham's absence (see Attachment 2)

Moved – Dave Eutick

Seconded – Ian Smith

Approved

5. ANSC Positions –

- a. President – no nominations
- b. Vice President - Roger King TSSA
- c. Secretary – Jane Moran NQSA
- d. Treasurer/Registrar – Nigel Markey SQSA
- e. National Measurer – no nominations
- f. Executive Members - vacant

In the absence of a President, the attendees voted to adjourn the ANSC AGM at 7:40pm and reconvened at 6.00pm 2 January 2012 by David Eutick.

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Sharon Dodge (NQSA – ANSC Rep)	Paul Stivano (NNSW Treasurer)
Julie Osborne (NQSA – Treasurer)	Neil Tavener (SNSW)
Gayna Turnbull (NQSA)	Andrew Glassock (SNSW President)
Jane Moran (NQSA)	Mitch Gallard (VSSA)
Shaun Moran (NQSA)	Georgie Mainland (VSSA)
Jim Barsi (NQSA)	Rod Mainland (VSSA)
Karen Torpelund (NQSA)	Lesley Fasala (VSSA)
Steve Geck (SQSA Measurer)	Shane Quinlan (VSSA President)
Sue Koreman (SQSA Secretary)	Roger King (TSSA)
Simon Carter (SQSA)	Eric McCormack (TSSA)
Ian Smith (SQSA President)	John Hillcoat (TSSA)

ANSC President Nomination – Paul Stivano (NNSW)

Moved – Paul Stivano

Seconded - Unanimous

Approved

ANSC National Measurer Nomination – Mitch Gallard (VSSA)

Moved – Mitch Gallard

Seconded – Unanimous

Approved

6. General Business

a. NOM for Sabot Nationals to be an Open Championship – SNSW

- SNSW opened the discussion in relation to open regatta without the requirement for selection trials, while still maintaining a cumulative team point component that does not alter the importance of the “team”.
- Support amongst attendees for maintaining a Sabot Week fleet. The process for nomination to Sabot Week or Nationals fleets requires further discussion.
- Three topics from SNSW's Notice of Motion (eg open regatta, nationals course) to be addressed separately for consideration in future motion.

Action – Andrew to draft discussion paper for distribution to zones by March 2012.

b. ANSC Life members – SNSW

Life membership nomination from SNSW, as distributed by Andrew Glassock.
Unanimous support for Karl and Judy Evans to be nominated as Life Members.

Action: Nic Ward to add to the ANSC website.

c. Interpretation of Age Limit – SQSA

Following from age limit motion approved earlier in the year, SQSA seeks a consistent interpretation amongst zones as to what are the triggering events by which a 1-up cannot return to the 2-Up fleet. Discussion indicated agreement to exclude club races and training, although differing views in relation to state or national events.

Action – SQSA to develop a notice of motion.

Action – ANSC Secretary to send to Roger King (TSSA) the comments Roger provided to Pip in relation to clarification on this topic.

d. Trialling of standardised Sabot mast in composite materials

As discussed at Measurers' meeting. Comparison point is \$1000 for an aluminium mast. Concept proposed for ANSC to tender the fabrication of the mast stock and to own the intellectual property. VSSA had purchased aluminium masts in Tasmania; NNSW has 2. Interest from VSSA to purchase a mast for testing.

Action – SQSA Measurer to liaise with other zone measurers and progress this concept.

e. General business –

Items from Measurers' meeting: discussion in relation to removing the clause for chocking; and foreshadowing future work in standardizing gudgeon spacing and mast steps.

Outstanding ANSC Nationals Titles and Sabot Week levy (\$980) payable by TSSA. For further liaison between Roger King (TSSA Treasurer) and new ANSC Treasurer (Nigel Markey), as TSSA requests the ANSC to waive this fee.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:10pm.

Attachment 1

ANSC Presidents Report 2011/2012

Sabot sailors, parents, families, zone and council and committee members and supporters, on behalf of the Australia National Sabot Council I would like to welcome you all to Southport Yacht Club, Hollywell for the *48th Australian Sabot Championships and the Shane Smith Sabot Week Regatta*.

The continued popularity of the sabot class in Australia is clearly demonstrated at this regatta with entry of nearly 100 boats.

Firstly, I would like to thank Ian & Petrina Smith, Sue & Shane Koreman, Shane Smith , Sophie Lea and the organising committees of the Sth Qld Sabot Association and the Southport Yacht Club for what has been to date and I am certain will continue to be a wonderful regatta at a great venue.

You and your support teams have provided very well for not only the sailors on the water but a wide range of social and off water events and activities for the parents and family members to enjoy.

A considerable thanks to must also go to the zone committees and association members and parents who are tasked with promoting the class, encouraging and supporting our young sailors, organising training, travel, competitions and the many other activities that are required to attract and maintain the interest and competitiveness of our sabot fleets.

This is all accomplished on a weekly basis with fierce competition from other interests, sports and sailing classes for both our children's time and our disposable income.

A personal thanks to the A N S C committee for the continued support and governance they provide the class. With particular note to Pip Kyle our outgoing secretary, Mark Robson our retiring Registrar the zone measurers' and Steve Geck who has provided a wealth of advice and support to me on quite a few occasions.

We must remain cognisant of the fact that our sole task of the ANSC is to support the zone committees who put kids in sabots safely and affordably.

We must maintain a Constitution that is easily interpreted and understood. Our role is to provide an environment conducive to growing sailing skills, attracting others, competition that is both spirited and fair, good sportsmanship, great friendships, promoting and sustaining the sabot class and above all else enjoyment of sailing at all levels.

I think that the incoming committee should give some thought to and their considerable intellect to changing the Sabot Constitution. It needs to be split up with the By Laws, Rules of Measurement, and Builders Guide completely separate. The constitution itself needs to be simplified as the wording still confuses people, and is open to interpretation.

The other areas that will need to be addressed without delay is the orderly transition to composite spars for all sabots with generous consideration to the "grandfather" clauses that will need to be invoked.

Clarification of the current 2 –Up Rules and the Sabot national becoming an open championship require healthy discussion and resolution by all zones delegate and this committee.

Sincerely,

David Eutick, ANSC President (Retiring)

Attachment 2:

ANSC National Measurers Report 2011

Dear Members,

The past 12 months has been extremely quiet on the measuring front. During this period I have received only 5 measurement forms, 3 from South Queensland, 1 from Northern NSW and 1 from Southern NSW. All 5 certificates were either boats purchased and imported from other Member Associations or boats upgrading to a 7000 series number because they were unable to locate their measurement certificate.

The 7000 series National numbering system was introduced to reduce the number of times the same Sabot needed to be re measured. Now with much of the fleet utilising this series of numbers the work load for our Measurers has diminished to the point that as our current crop of Zone Measurers retire, Member Association Committees face the real possibility that they may not have the skills required to accurately measure a Sabot in the future.

I urge the new committee to consider this and ask that the current crop of Measurers ensure that the skills required to accurately measure a Sabot be passed on to the next Measurer when appointed.

This National Measurers Report will be my last and brings to an end my 2 year tenure as the National Measurer. I have served on the ANSC Committee continuously since the Annual Conference in 2001/02, with the last 2 years being post any of my kids participating in the class. During this period I have been personally involved in many changes which "ironed out" some major issues that evolved over many years. I can comfortably say that the work the committee did over those 10 years has made the class much more stable than it was and has placed it in a better position to deal with the current issues ALL classes now face.

The Sabot Class Dinghy will survive. It is now in its 3rd generation and those that learnt to sail in a Sabot will no doubt give their kids the same opportunity they were given when the time comes. I look forward to the time when I'll be watching my grandkids learn to sail in Sabot.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the Committee Members I have worked with both ANSC and Member Association Committees and wish them well in the future.

Good Luck and Good sailing

Stephen Graham
ANSC National Measurer