



Changi Sailing Club

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MINUTES OF THE 23RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CHANGI SAILING CLUB HELD ON FRIDAY, 16TH JULY 2010 AT TEKONG COVE

Present:

B035	Warren Blake	L200	Alice Lim
B157	Ashley Barnes	L210	Anthony Lim
B219	John Burdsall	L275	Lim Hock Boon
B228	Stuart Birkbeck	M196	Jon McCarty
C156	Andrew Chan	M207	Deanna Melnyk
C361	Mackson Chia	Q015	Charley Quek
C414	Cesar Calderon	R112	Stephen Rodgers
D033	Barry Delaney	S255	Bob Sim
D120	John Diller	S274	David Stanton
F077	Raymond Ferguson	S285	Ad Smit
G114	Aloysius Goh	S316	Keith Stevens
G141	Svein Gundersen	S317	Edward Stokes
H258	Kevin Hynds	V044	Clive Van Onselen
K154	Paul Kendall	Y012	Yeo Ngak Hoe
L164	Edwin Low	Z005	Peter Zabel

1. WELCOME SPEECH BY THE COMMODORE

The Commodore, Mr Anthony Lim, called the adjourned meeting to order at 7.35 pm with 30 voting members present and with 3 of the members carrying a total of 3 proxy votes. He welcomed everyone to the 23rd AGM of Changi Sailing Club and introduced the other Management Committee members present.

He also declared the doors officially closed and that those who arrived after would not be allowed to vote.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 22nd AGM were confirmed without amendment.

Proposed by: Mr Steve Rodgers (R112)

Seconded by: Mr Charley Quek (Q015)

3. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/10

The Commodore took the members through the previously circulated Annual Report.

Some members were concerned about the extension of the tenancy agreement for the Club.

The Commodore replied that although the Club has not received official notification, we have been assured, orally, that the Singapore Land Authority will extend our existing tenancy which will expire at the end of 2010 for another 6 years. This was made known to the Club at the various meetings we had with the Singapore Sports Council, the Urban Redevelopment Authority and the Singapore Land Authority. It was also indicated that the Club could get another 6 years after this and in this respect, the Club has to support this by doing more for sailing in the form of school sailing programme, sailing for the disabled, etc.

On the question of the increase in Entrance fee from S\$2,500 to S\$5,000 with effect from 1st October 2010, the Commodore responded that the Club is trying to attract new members to join before this date. In any case, the Management Committee has already decided that members joining after the 30th of September 2010 will enjoy up to S\$1,000 in rebates for sailing course, boat storage and other sailing related activities.

The Annual Report was then adopted.

Proposed by: Mr John Diller (D120)

Seconded by: Mr Jon McCarty (M196)

4. TO RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/10

Mr Andrew Chan, the Honorary Treasurer, took members through the audited financial statements for the year ended, 31 March 2010 and invited questions from the members.

On the question of where the new membership fee of S\$76,559 is shown in the accounts, the Treasurer replied that all Entrance fee are placed in the Development Fund and not with the Subscription which members pay quarterly.

On the question of the increase in the provision for bad debts, the Treasurer explained that although membership numbers have more or less remain stable, some 23 members are not current in their payments. The majority owes less than S\$600.00. Less than a handful owes more. Two of them have been struck off. Another reason is that some of these has been outstanding for a number of years and are unlikely to pay up. The Management Committee has decided to write off these debts. The Management Committee has also decided to get tougher on collection of these debts and is also working to make it easier for members to pay their dues by the introduction of a rebate when bills are paid through GIRO.

On the question of dues from Absent Members, the Treasurer stated that Absent Members pay an annual fee. Tracking them when they are no longer in Singapore has been difficult. The Management Committee will be reviewing this process to simplify the process.

Questions were raised about the increase in the cost of production of the ChangiLog. The Commodore responded that the frequency of publication has been increased from a quarterly publication to once every two months. It is not only a communication tool but also a branding exercise. The ChangiLog not only goes out to members but to other Clubs, Schools and Companies in Singapore.

The Treasurer noted the comment that as the Club is no longer operating Jackpot machines the caption should read Games Income in future accounts.

The accounts for the Financial Year 2009/10 were then received.

Proposed by : Mr Aloysius Goh (G114)
Seconded by : Mr Yeo Ngak Hoe (Y012)

5. TO ELECT CLUB OFFICE BEARERS

The Commodore announced that one nomination each was received for three of the four positions. There was no nomination for the post of Social Secretary.

Vice-Commodore – Ms Deborah Barker – proposed by Mr Bob Sim – seconded by Mr Ashley Barnes

Rear Commodore (Sailing) – Mr Paul Kendall - proposed by Mr J Skipnorth-Button – seconded by Mr Olof Thoren

Honorary Treasurer – Mr Andrew Chan – proposed by Mr Anthony Lim – seconded by Mr Bob Sim

As there was only one nomination for each of the positions for Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore (Sailing) and Honorary Treasurer, the Commodore declared Ms Deborah Barker, Mr Paul Kendall and Mr Andrew Chan duly elected to the position of Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore (Sailing) and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

The position of Social Secretary remains vacant.

The Commodore thanked Mr Bob Sim for his services to the Club for the past year.

6. TO APPOINT AUDITORS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 2011

The Honorary Treasurer reported that Messrs S B Tan & Co have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

The meeting agreed to appoint Messrs S B Tan & Co as Auditors for the ensuing year.

7. To Appoint Mr Low Teo Ping as an Honorary Member of the Club

The Commodore told the meeting that the Management Committee had unanimously decided to propose Mr Low Teo Ping as an Honorary Member of the Club for his services to the sailing community during his 12 years as the President of Singapore Sailing Federation. He mentioned that it was Changi Sailing Club that proposed Mr Low, a member of Changi Sailing Club, for the position of President of the Singapore Sailing Federation.

The Commodore then invited members present to cast their votes.

The following were appointed as scrutineers:
Mr Barry Delaney
Mr Kelvin Holdt

The votes were overwhelmingly in favour of appointing Mr Low Teo Ping as an Honorary Member of the Club.

7. TO DEAL WITH ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business were brought before the meeting in accordance with Rule 31(i)(d) of the Club Rules – “To transact any other business of which seven clear days’ notice has been given in writing to the Honorary Secretary”.

The Commodore, Mr Anthony Lim, formally closed the meeting at 2030 hrs.

Mr Ad Smit
Honorary Secretary
Changi Sailing Club