

## SAHCA MINUTES 24 APRIL 2011 AT MOSSELBAY YACHT AND BOAT CLUB

MOSSEL BAY

19h40

Mark Kopel welcomed everyone.

Charles Rickens proposed the acceptance of the previous minutes, seconded by Klaas de Rooy.

### Chairman's Report

Numbers for the Hobie 16 Nationals and Tiger Nationals are similar to last year.

The Tiger Nationals were held in Saldanha last year.

The Dragoon Fleet is struggling. We need to get at least 10 Dragoons in the SAS Youth Nationals in Hermanus at the end of this year - 15 - 20 December.

As far as the All Africa games taking place in Maputo, the organisers cannot decide which boats to sail, so it doesn't look good.

Juniors are doing extremely well - this is a tribute to Belinda Hayward and Tracey Whitehead for their input over the last few years.

It was good to see the sailors from East London and Port Elizabeth participating in this years Nationals.

### KZN Report back

No one from KZN was present, but the report sent by Sean Fennessy was read by Mark Kopel. See attached.

### WCHCA report back

Apologies were sent by Phillip Kitshoff who was unable to attend. Brent reported:

The WC have adopted a similar approach to NRHCA, in the form of a Grand Slam series of 6 races during 2011. Sailing in Hermanus is building, they had 25 - 26 H16 and H14 at a regatta recently. The Grand Slam series is expected to expand together with the Youth Development in the Hobie Youth Club. They are refurbishing H14 for approx. R14000 and are committed to increasing the

fleet. There are approximately 45 boats taking part. Hobie 16 Provincials saw 16 boats participating, win by Matt Whitehead.

Tiger Provincials won by Williams.

There are big prizes on offer at the end of the Grand Slam competition.

ECHCA report back by Blaine Dodds:

There has been a resurgence of participants with 3 more boats from PE. H14 Nationals were held at

Hoping to host the H16 Nationals in 2012 in PE.

NRHCA report back by Mark Wijtenburg

The GP series includes some fun event, eg Richards Bay to Durban.

Natasha Levenderis has joined the committee as Events co-ordinator, and has been instrumental in organising the Nationals Event.

(Showed Video with snippets of all events that the sailors of NRHCA have participated in)

Report from Hobie SA, done by Mike Goodyer

Hobie SA is pretty strong, and are surviving. Charles Girard and Deidre keep the shop manned at all times. We are hoping to bring more Kayaks in. Have sold 40 boats in the last 18 months: 24 H16's, 8-10 H Tigers, and approximately 10 Leasure Boats. We have bought our own container (with air conditioner) for Malawi and Tanzacat, so that transportation can be better controlled. The resale of chartered boats from those events has been very successful. All new H16's will have the carbon blades as standard. Thanked Louise for her ongoing assistance.

Election of the New Executive Committee:

KZN - Sean Fennessy remains chairman and will do another term.

NRHCA - Mark Wijtenburg will come to the end of his term at the end of the year.

WCHCA - Phillip Kitshoff took over and will be chairman

Michael Goodyer - remains on the executive Committee as the Hobie SA Dealer.

ECHCA - Blaine Dodds was nominated and has accepted the position as Chairman of EC.

Chairman - Mark Kopel is happy to continue as chairman of the Hobie National Committee.

General:

H14 and Ladies Event has been scheduled for Teerwater this year, and will be confirmed for next year.

PE bid to host H16 Nationals next year. PYC have also bid. The Executive committee will decide where it will be hosted.

The Hobie National Association have been put under pressure by SAS to have a combined Provincial and National Event giving approximately 250 boat entry. SAS will organise the event. Mark asked for everyone responses, these were mixed. On the positive: as the largest fleet, we could dictate how we want things to happen; SAS take the responsibility of hosting and funding the event; we could use it as a positive marketing tool to increase the interest in Hobie Cats.

The negative responses included: Do we trusts SAS to organise a good event; it would be sad to loose the feeling of togetherness achieved at our Hobie Nationals.

Mark agreed that there were too many unanswered questions, and would feed more information back to each association when he knows more.

Meeting closed at 20h20.