



**Australian Hansa Class Association**

**2015 Annual General Meeting**

**Agenda**

**5.00pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Derwent Sailing Squadron**

1. Welcome
2. Attendance & Apologies
3. Minutes – To confirm the minutes of the 2014 AGM
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Treasurer's report 2014
  - b. Annual Subscriptions for 2016
6. Championships Reports, covering:
  - a. State & Territory Championship Reports
  - b. Rotation schedule of future National Championships
  - c. 2015 IFDS World Championships
  - d. ISAF Sailing World Cup Melbourne
  - e. Sail Sydney
  - f. 2016 Hansa Class World Championships – Medemblik, Netherlands
7. Executive Reports, covering:
  - a. Rules & Technical Report
  - b. Secretary's Report
  - c. Development Report
8. Election of Committee of Management
  - President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Vice President – Championships
  - Vice President – Development
  - Vice President – Rules & Measurement
  - State/ Territory Representatives (two per State/ Territory)
9. General Business

## MINUTES AUSTRALIAN HANSA CLASS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015

Meeting opened 17.00

Attendees: Russell Phillips (VIC), Shauna Phillips (VIC), Bob Schahinger (SA), Deirdre Schahinger (SA), Norm Brundle (TAS), Jason Elwes (NSW), Donna Millsom (NSW), Chris Mitchell (NSW), Beck West (VIC), Cadeyrn Gaskin (VIC), John Garbutt (NSW), Jocelyn Neumueller (SA), Krista Bailey (VIC), Paul Linden (SA), Christine Elliott (VIC), Gerda Lambeck (ACT), Kenneth Hibbert (SA), Andrew Fergusson (TAS), Craig Escott (TAS), William Brown (TAS), Chris Symonds (TAS), Rob Eadie (TAS), Terry Peek (ACT) and others.

Apologies – T.Clear, M.Leydon, T.Leydon. R.Viney

### 1. **Welcome - Russell Phillips**

Welcomed all participants to 2015 Australian Hansa Class Nationals and thanked Derwent Sailing Squadron for hosting the event

### 2. **Attendance & Apologies – Russell Phillips**

Russell noted apologies from 4 members as above.

### 3. **Last year's AGM minutes**

Corrections to the 2014 minutes were emailed from Tish Leydon. These changes will be made to the 2014 minutes and re-displayed on the AHCA website. (Shauna to amend reports and update website).

Motion – that the minutes were a correct and accurate reflection of the 2014 AGM held at Goowla and that they be approved.

Moved - Deirdre Schahinger

Seconded – Donna Millsom

Motion Passed

### 4. **President's Report – Russell Phillips**

Written President's report presented to meeting.

Motion – Pass President's report

Moved – Beck West

Seconded – Donna Millsom

Motion Passed

### 5. **Treasurer/ Secretary's Report – Shauna Phillips**

Written Treasurer & Secretary's report presented to meeting. Shauna took attendees through income and expenditure for last financial year. AHCA lost \$2,657.95 to finish the year with \$17,556.99 in the bank. Membership fees to remain unchanged - \$35 senior, \$10 junior.

Motion – Pass Treasurer/ Secretary's report

Moved - Deirdre Schahinger

Seconded - John Garbutt

Motion passed

## **6. State Reports – Shauna Phillips**

Written State Championships reports received from NSW, SA, TAS, VIC. No reports received from WA or ACT.

Written championships report including rotation of future AHCA Championships, dates and details for IFDS World Championships, ISAF Sailing World Cup, Sail Sydney and the 2016 Hansa World Championships. Brief discussion held regarding the need to ship boats – particularly Liberties – to the 2016 Worlds in Medemblik and distribution to clubs of charter fees. Cost to ship boats will depend on number of boats being sent and container size required, but use Hobart costs as a rough guide - \$600 for Liberty, \$450 for 303, \$350 for 2.3 at this point. Container to Hobart cost \$8829.65, \$8,150 covered by shipping fee payments from sailors. AHCA covered deficit of \$679.65 (This amount will be reduced by \$125 when a 2.3 transported back to mainland for sale is sold).

Motion – Pass all State & Championship reports

Moved – Jason Elwes

Seconded – Craig Escott

Motion passed

## **7. Executive Reports – Russell Phillips**

### **Rules/Technical Report – Bob Schahinger/ Terry Peek**

No written report received, but Bob gave a verbal report. Not much has really changed this year. 1 application for equipment change received. All boats at this regatta comply with the Class rules, meaning everyone is sticking to the rules. All boats comply with weights and measures, of which Bob has a list of boats. Terry noted that they would be reviewing the Class rules – so keep an eye out for when any changes are announced. He urged all sailors to please read the Class rules as part of the process and send any suggestions for changes to Class Rules to Terry and Bob by the end of July.

### **Secretary's Report**

Already delivered as part of Treasurer's Report

### **Development Report**

Written Development report presented to the meeting

Motion – Pass the Executive Reports

Moved – Beck West

Seconded – Deirdre Schahinger

Motion passed

## **8. Election of Office Bearers for the next 12 months**

Russell declared all positions vacant and stepped aside. Rob Eadie ran election for President.

- President – only one nominee – Russell Phillips – elected unopposed
- Secretary – only one nominee – Shauna Phillips – elected unopposed
- Treasurer – only one nominee (another nomination previously withdrawn) – Shauna Phillips – elected unopposed
- Vice-President Championships – only one nominee – Tony Clear – elected unopposed
- Vice-President Rules & Measurement – only one nominee – Bob Schahinger – elected unopposed
- Vice-President Development – only one nominee – Donna Millsom – elected unopposed
- State/Territory Representatives
  - ACT – No nominations received – appointments pending
  - NSW – Donna Millsom & Jason Elwes
  - QLD – Chris Ruston
  - SA – Deirdre Schahinger & Warren Miller
  - TAS – No nominations received – appointments pending
  - VIC – Beck West & Christine Elliott
  - WA – Mike Cull

With several states not represented at Nationals, and State Reps positions unfilled, we will approach incumbent members to enquire if they wish to retain their positions and fill positions as required.

Once all State/Territory positions are filled, we will then look to appointing two members to Executive from states/territories who are not currently represented on the Executive Committee.

Motion by Russell Phillips – to appoint two members to the Executive from states/territories who are not currently represented on the Executive Committee, once all current State/Territory positions are filled.

Moved – Beck West

Seconded – Rob Eadie

Motion passed

## **9. General Business**

Russell tabled a solicitor's letter received from Tish Leydon citing grievances with the current committee during her role as Vice President Development. Terry Peek asked that the report be included with AGM documents posted to the website.

Meeting Closed 5.30

2:23 PM  
30/03/15  
Cash Basis

**Australian Hansa Class Association**  
**Profit & Loss Standard**  
**January through December 2014**

	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Boat parts & fittings	1,272.50
Catering monies collected	4,222.20
Charter Fees Collected	2,344.40
Event Entry Fees	9,531.35
Membership Fees	2,853.64
Other Income	825.55
Other Regatta money collected	210.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>21,259.64</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Service Charges	636.87
Boat Fittings and Parts	347.11
Catering Costs	1,750.17
Charter Fees Paid	2,360.00
Dues and Subscriptions	130.00
Golden Egg Prizemoney	1,450.00
Government Charges	51.40
Insurance	1,651.10
Miscellaneous	395.00
Regatta expenses	13,261.84
Software Expense	220.00
Trophies	1,664.10
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>23,917.59</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-2,657.95</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-2,657.95</u></u>



## NAB Community Fee Saver

### Account

For further information call the  
Business Servicing Team on 13 10 12

### Account Balance Summary

Opening balance	\$16,564.49	Cr
Total credits	\$992.50	
Total debits	\$0.00	
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>\$17,556.99</b>	<b>Cr</b>

**Statement starts 4 October 2014**

**Statement ends 2 January 2015**

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AUSTRALIAN HANSA CLASS ASSOCIATION INC  
PO BOX 3002  
BRIGHTON VIC 3186

### Outlet Details

Dandenong South  
Frankston - Dandenong Rd, Dandenong VIC 3175

### Account Details

AUSTRALIAN HANSA CLASS ASSOCIATION INC

BSB number 083-221

Account number 59-751-7634

### Transaction Details

Date	Particulars	Debits	Credits	Balance
4 Oct 2014	Brought forward			16,564.49 Cr
27 Nov 2014	Internet Transfer Aus - 14 Sail Levy lhca .....		922.50	17,486.99 Cr
29 Dec 2014	R & S Phillips Bendigo Bank 165074.....		70.00	17,556.99 Cr

### Summary of Government Charges

Government	From 1 July to date	Last year to 30 June
Withholding tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Account Debit (BAD) tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Accounts Debits (BAD) Tax or State Debits Duty has been abolished for all states & territories effective 1/7/2005. Any amount shown on this statement applies to debits processed on or before 30/06/2005.		
For further information on any applicable rebates, fees or government charges, please refer to the NAB's "A Guide to Fees & Charges" booklet. Please retain this statement for taxation purposes		

### Explanatory Notes

Please check all entries and report any apparent error or possible unauthorised transaction immediately.

We may subsequently adjust debits and credits, which may result in a change to your account balance to accurately reflect the obligations between us.

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## President's Report

Greetings fellow Hansa sailors.

I am writing this on the eve of another National Championships – it only seems such a short time since we were enjoying ourselves at Goolwa at the last Nationals.

This looks like being another memorable series with excellent organisation and a warm welcome from the Derwent Sailing Squadron.

As always, the highlight for me is catching up with friends and known associates that I haven't seen for a while. As well as the sailing in good company, I believe that enjoying our sailing is paramount and what we, as Australia's only inclusive Class Association, do so well.

It has been a busy year for us and, unfortunately, I was only able to get to Queensland for the Pan Pacific Masters Games and to Gosford for the NSW state titles. I had hoped to get to most of the State Championships this year, but due to ill health I was unable to. Congratulations to WA, SA, VIC, NSW and ACT who all managed to run successful State Championships in the past year.

The AHCA website and Facebook page continue to grow and keep our members well informed.

We have a busy season coming up after Nationals, commencing with Sauna Sail at Latrobe Valley Yacht Club on the Queen's Birthday weekend in June. This is a great regatta with warm water and good company to break out of the winter chill. Planning is already underway for next year's season of events, with logistics being worked out to get boats to Medemblik for the 2016 Hansa World Championships in June.

I wish everyone good luck with their sailing and ask everyone to please promote our goals of inclusion by introducing someone you know to the sport of sailing so that they can also enjoy the thrill of being on the water with you.

Russell Phillips

President - AHCA

## Treasurer/ Secretary report

AHCA bank account balance on January 1, 2014 was \$20,214.94. Balance at 31 December 2014 was \$17,556.99 – a loss of \$2,657.95

This loss was due to several 'one-off' events occurring in the financial year. The main reasons for this loss included the rebranding and replacing of trophies from Access to Hansa, the payment of prizes for the Golden Egg and fees charged by Fox Sports Pulse.

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Boat parts includes \$922.50 Sail Levy from Hansa Sailing System and the purchase, and later sale, of a Universal Bucket seat.

Catering & Entry fees were all collected as part of the online entry system. Some clubs who use outside contractors in their catering invoiced the catering separately, whilst others issued a single invoice for race management and catering. Hence Income shows Catering and Entry fees as two separate entries, whilst expenditure shows Catering and regatta expenses.

Other income is the IHCA's 50% reimbursement share of the Insurance premium – the IHCA and AHCA share an insurance policy and each pay 50%. Other regatta money collected consists of extra T-shirt sales at Goolwa.

In expenditure, bank service charges were fees we incurred from Fox Sports Pulse using the online entry system where they failed to charge credit card fees on transactions. This was a one off charge.

Dues and Subscriptions is our affiliation with Yachting Australia.

Golden Egg Prize money is the payments made at 2014 Nationals in Goolwa to the winners. Money for this prize was received in the 2012 financial year but not paid out until the 2013 & 2014 financial years – contributing to losses in both years. In 2015 the prize money donation and payment will be received and paid in the same financial year for the first time.

Government charges is our cost to file our 2014 financials with Department of Justice.

Miscellaneous consists of refunds of overpayments made by members on event entries and memberships.

Software expenses are our website costs and finally, trophy expenses. With the rebranding from Access to Hansa in 2013/14 many trophies were retitled Hansa, and several perpetual trophies that had been lost over the years were remade and reissued. With the majority of trophies now corrected, this expense should be much less in future, with only a few state trophies remaining to be altered.

Membership on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 of the AHCA was 99 people – 98 senior members and 1 junior. This was an increase from the final 2013 membership number of 80 people.

The AHCA has provided the IHCA with figures and statistics on participation of Class Association events which have been forwarded to Yachting Australia as part of the push to have sailing reinstated into the Paralympic Games.

The online entry system that the AHCA trialled last year is now the standard system for Yachting Australia. There have been some teething problems with the YA database being rolled from the old system into the Fox Sports Pulse system - more at YA's end than ours – and the calendar system



promoting upcoming events is still not live. Whilst some people had issues with the online entry system, the vast majority of our members had few problems entering events this season, and, judging by feedback, the option of being able to pay via direct deposit rather than by credit card was well received.

Our website received over 39,000 page views in the 2014 calendar year and our Facebook page is shared and liked by sailors from Australia and the World, as well as other Hansa Class Associations. We always welcome new stories and photos of our sailors and their boats, so please feel free to forward them – along with information on upcoming events that are open to our fleets.

Australian Hansa Class Association  
Vice-president Championships Report for the 2014-15 season.  
Prepared by Tony Clear

The 2014-15 season saw state championships held in VIC, NSW, the ACT, WA, SA and TAS. The Class also saw sailors, including some internationals, competing at Sail Melbourne.

The state delegates are developing a high standard of professionalism in regatta organisation and management. On the water, racing and competition is equal to any as the competitors continue to improve their knowledge of rules and boat handling.

Unfortunately fleet sizes have fallen off in some regions, the reasons for this can be debated but I would like to note that the 2.3 fleet in particular has almost disappeared, this division is the novice entry level so we expect that sailors will move through to the advanced divisions, but it essential to encourage new sailors into the division to compensate for sailors moving out of the class to sail in other areas such as 2.4 and Sailors with Disability.

I also note in the last year there was a weakening of communication with other organizations, ie: Paralympics, Sailability and Special Olympics, which resulted in events clashing on the calendar.

For the Hansa Class to continue to conduct State and National championships the number of entries needs to be high enough that the cost of the event are covered by entry fees. The Class has enjoyed great support from Yacht clubs to date, but they are subject to rising costs and under pressure to provide services to their members, so it is reasonable for us to expect the higher costs to be passed on in the future

We should make growing the size of the fleets competing as the first priority of the Association and the discussion should involve all of the members.

I suggest we consider the following;

#### LOCATION

While it is great to move state championships around it may be worth fixing the events to a location where the number of entrants will be highest, providing the facilities can handle it. This may be achieved by approaching clubs to get Hansa boats racing in mixed fleets. The knock on of this would see sailors being able to get more racing and will fix Hansa in the main stream of the sport.

#### TIMING

Are we holding events at the best time of the sailing season?

#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR Y.A. AFFILIATION

The Class is affiliated with Yachting Australia, and may not be taking full advantage of the resources they offer. I suggest we ensure that the state reps are listed with the so they are contactable and through mailing lists. It would also if Class reps were able to attend meetings or send someone in their stead, this would raise the profile and distinguish the class from other organizations.

All Classes will experience ebbs and flows and we are no different in that respect, the fact that we offer racing over 5 division and are INCLUSIVE sets us apart and adds to the cost and logistics of running Championships. The class has again this year been able to provide successful Championships in most states and of this we should all be proud.

Tony Clear  
Vice-President Championships  
Australian Hansa Class Association

## **HANSA AGM 2015, Development Officer Report, Tish Leydon (tish4179@gmail.com)**

For the period of 2013- 2014 I attended the following Open Events: Dobroyd Aquatic Centre, Batemans Bay ANZAC Regatta, Canberra Yacht Club, YMCA Canberra. As an advocate for integrated sailing, I was impressed by the enthusiasm of individual sailors, and the willingness of clubs to support and facilitate Hansa sailors. From my communication with these clubs and sailors, I compiled the following for commitments to pursue, as development officer.

My goals as Development Officer for the year 2014-2015 have been as follows:

1. To continue to encourage participation by Hansa sailors in open competition at Sailing clubs.
2. To assist sailors to advance from recreational sailing to competency in State and National Level Competition, should they wish to do so.
3. Build a strong liaison with Sailability, given that the majority of Hansa dinghies are owned by Sailability and Sailability participants.
4. Seek ongoing sponsorship for Hansa regattas for the purpose of promoting greater access and development of the class.

### **2. Plan to assist recreational sailors compete**

For Hansa to fully flourish as a class, ambitious and competitive sailors need structured training, guided tuition and support in their preparation for competition. My husband, Michael Leydon and myself, offered to travel interstate to coach Training Days. The purpose of these days was to promote and develop interest in the class, and to provide timely coaching to those willing to compete in their clubs regattas. As I travelled between clubs, I became aware that some clubs were not fully apprised of proper race management; promoting positive race management became a secondary goal.

The majority of the clubs that own Hansa dinghies and would benefit from formalised coaching in racing and management run from Sailability.

### **The outcome:**

None of the above goals I established have been reached. My efforts to actively grow the Association have been totally stymied by the negativity of the President who forbade me in writing from making any representations on behalf of the Association, a failure of the Committee to support my call for discussion. On the 26th of the September, 2014, I was instructed by the President of the Association that I "... (would) not receive any letter of support from me to seek sponsorship, as (The President is) embarrassed by your previous representations on the Associations' behalf." Prior to this, I was addressed off the record, and made to understand that no association between Hansa and Sailability was to be recognised, nor encouraged, again by the President. The majority of correspondence I received from the President for this year was aggressive, negative and failed to provide answers to my questions or guidance as to how we might positively move Hansa forward.

With my primary support in my Officers role stemming from Terry Peek (ACT) and Chris Ruston (QLD), I have found the culture of negativity at Committee level uncondusive to any development of Hansa at this present time. I regret that the under the current administration of the class I will not be standing for re-election.

Individuals wishing to contact me further regarding this report are welcome to do so at the email address above.

Australian Hansa Class Association  
NSW Delegate Report for the 2014-15 season.  
Prepared by Tony Clear

In preparation for the 2015 NSW Championships I sent in September 2014 Expression of interest letters to 4 sailing clubs: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club. Royal Sydney yacht Squadron, Middle Harbour Yacht Club and Gosford Sailing Club.

RSYS did not respond (even the second time)

RPAYC and MHYC had the centre board committees concenter the event and declined

Gosford Sailing club were enthusiastic to host the event after having had a good experience when they hosted the 2013 Championship.

We only had 303S (3), 303D (3) and Liberty (4) divisions after the only 2.3 entrant converted to 303S. There were no Skud entries. For a total of 10.

Sailing secretary Peter Walsh and his team did a great job on the water and Jane Humphries provided an excellent BBQ on the Saturday night, including top notch vegan for Chris and Jackie.

Unfortunately due to the low number of entries the costs could not be covered and the AHCA was required to make up a shortfall.

I am stepping down as NSW delegate and wish my successors the best of luck.

Tony Clear  
Vice-President Championships  
Australian Hansa Class Association

### Just a bit breezy

The 2015 Hansa Class South Australian State Championships were held at Adelaide Sailing Club on 31<sup>st</sup> January in windy conditions starting at 18knots with a reasonable sea state for Race 1 and finishing Race 3 with 22knots and metre seas.

Three races were scheduled, two laps of a windward return course, first warning signal at 1255 and the subsequent races as soon as possible after the preceding one and final finish at 1500.

Five sailors from the three clubs with Sailability programs and one sailor from Pt Stephens NSW borrowed the two Libertys and four Hansa 3.03s from Adelaide Sailing Club and one private owned 3.03 made up the 7 sailors competing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hansa Class South Australian State Championships.

Seasickness and cold caused Laurence and Tom Byrne to retire after race 1 and after the start of race 2 Trish Faulkner and Simone Neumueller decided to retire as they were waist deep in water. Wayne Crabb and Dennis Henderson got off a brilliant start but as Wayne's seat tube came out leaving him sitting on the bottom of the boat they had to reef. By the end of race 3 the sea state was very confused and all came carefully downwind to the harbour.

There are 9 x 3.03s 1 x 2.3w and 2 Libertys at Port Adelaide Sailing Club, 8 x 3.03s and 2 Libertys at Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, 4 x 3.03s, 1 x 2.3s with servo and 2 Libertys at Adelaide Sailing Club and Sailability SA leases 2 x 3.03s to the Sailability program at the new Murray Bridge Water Activities Club. As this event was only the second Hansa State Championship we look forward to more participation next year.

Deirdre Schahinger