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**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OMOKOROA BOAT CLUB INC  
SUNDAY 25 June 2023 at 3-00 PM**

**AGENDA**

- WELCOME
- APOLOGIES
- MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (as attached)

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2022 as circulated, be taken as read and that they are a true and proper record.

Moved:

Seconded:

- COMMODORE'S REPORT
- FINANCIAL REPORT – Adoption of Annual Statement of Accounts
- SAILING REPORT
- REMITS / RULE CHANGES
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- GENERAL BUSINESS
- PRIZEGIVING

**COMMODORE'S REPORT**

**Commodore's Report 2023**

As I write this report, I take a few moments to reflect on past years and think about all the previous commodores who have written their reports! And probably, just like me, wondered where to begin...

So, in age-old tradition, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have made the Club the thriving and successful Club it is today. One of my first roles as a new Commodore, was to present Gold Cards to all those Life members who so richly deserved the recognition of being awarded their Life memberships. At the AGM today we formalize the criteria for OBC Life Membership going forward, still recognizing the exceptional service and contribution these members, past and present, have made to the Club.

As well as awarding life memberships it was a privilege to welcome so many new members throughout the year, as well as once again hold New Member events, which had been stopped because of Covid. Our membership quickly grew to over 1,000 during the year, and the Committee agreed to hold it at 1050,

pending a decision or ratification, to keep it at that, or increase membership and manage events differently, so no-one misses out.

With an increase in members, events, competitions and social activities, the committee believed it was important to establish a Health and Safety sub-committee, ensuring the Club has policies and procedures in place to provide a safe and healthy environment for all. A Health and Safety Manual has been written up and is now an important and valuable working document. The committee has made substantial progress this year and I would particularly like to thank Kathy Crowle, Steve Aldridge, and Vicki Jenkins, for all their hard work in this vital area.

With Covid (hopefully) behind us, it became a year to give back to members, as we could once again hold events, such as the very popular Kids' Christmas Party. Thanks so much to Fee and her team, along with Louise Turner, and of course Santa, for making the event an outstanding success.

Christmas and New Year was also a very busy time, with many local schools, clubs and businesses holding their Christmas functions at the Club. These events always assist with our income, and there is increasing interest from members to use our amazing venue to celebrate their special occasions. Thank you to the dedicated Bar Team for organising and running all these events. The summer music sessions again proved very popular, and, despite the lack of good weather, the Club successfully ran monthly Jam sessions, Open Mic afternoons, as well as many music events, including the incredible Fleetwood Mac Experience. Thanks to Steve Willoughby and Chappy Farrell who have helped to organize all these events, often at the last minute !

Both the kids and adults fishing competitions were a great success, with huge entries in both events, along with some amazing sponsorship. Many thanks to Vice-Commodore Stew Weir who did much of the hard mahi behind the scenes. More recently, the Darts and Pool competitions have been held, with both becoming more and more popular as members now enjoy free use of these club facilities and join in the regular competitions. Thanks to Matthew Farrell and committee member Pete McCrea.

The children's sailing program continues to be popular with many members' children and grandchildren participating in the learn-to-sail program. With John Budden still at the helm, (and ably assisted by Sydney, who together with John, have provided many years of service to the Club) several new volunteers have come on-board this past year and we thank them all for giving the kids this amazing opportunity to learn new skills. The LOTSW Group continue to give their time and expertise each week, focusing on fixing and repairing the ever-expanding fleet of yachts. Our sailing assets continue to grow with generous donations of items for the Club, as well as the purchase of two new 4-stroke motors for the small support /rescue boats. With recent weather events forefront on our minds, the OBC is also listed as a possible evacuation Centre in the event of a major emergency, excluding a tsunami or tidal event-for obvious reasons! The Club also raised funds for flood and cyclone affected areas-this money has yet to be distributed.

In February, the first OBC Member's Survey was completed. This survey proved extremely valuable, with all feedback collated and becoming a useful tool for the Committee to learn what was important to members, addressing issues and providing ideas for the future. This is still work in progress with another survey planned for later in the year, which will also gauge progress. Discussions are also underway with the Omokoroa Community Board over several health and safety concerns raised by members and staff.

It would be fair to say our hardworking caterers Victor and his team have had a challenging year, with several staff changes made along the way. I know Victor has been doing his very best to ensure members continue to enjoy great meals, despite the ever-increasing cost of food and supplies. It has been a steep learning curve and we thank him for all his hard work and dedication to the Club.

The Club also replaced several items of outdoor furniture, as well as repaired and re-oiled all the outdoor tables, thanks to our volunteers John and Brian. Both the bar and the dining room serving areas received upgrades, and several new items of equipment were installed, including a new convection oven and upright freezer in the kitchen, along with two new ice making machines, one in each bar. New cabinetry is presently being installed in the bar, thanks to our Club Captain Chris Moon. Most areas of the Club also received a fresh coat of paint, which keeps the Club looking clean and tidy and protects our valuable assets. The Club IT and till systems also had a much-needed upgrade this year, as have the outdated security systems. Further improvements are planned.

One of our most valuable assets are our staff and they all received a pay increase on 1 May 2023. Unfortunately, we lost two valuable staff members this year, as we farewelled Lyn and more recently, Laura. However, we also welcomed Jess and David and are presently recruiting for more bar staff as the Club becomes busier and the bar, at the request of members, is open for more hours.

Finally, and very importantly, the Club continues to hold a healthy bank balance. The successful KPI's for this year are a tribute to the hard work of all those who have helped throughout the busy year, including our treasurer, Donna, and very efficient secretary, Vicki. To those committee members standing down this year, your valuable contributions have been important, and the time given much appreciated. Good-bye to Kathy and long-serving committee member Steve Willoughby, as well as (earlier in the year) Shaun Vickers and Todd Pelham. Massive appreciation to Brian, who has not only contributed so much, but is my rock and my support. A BIG thanks to each and every one of you, as well as all your partners and spouses, along with a big welcome to our new committee members. And lastly, to all those members who have been so supportive- a very big thanks go to you as well. You've all kept me on my toes, and I look forward to working with everyone over the next year.

Cory

The Commodore's report for 2022/23 has been circulated and should be taken as read.

Moved:

Seconded:

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Financial Reports for the year ended 31 March 2023 have been circulated to all members.

Moved:

Seconded:

## **SAILING REPORT**

After the Covid years we sailors were looking forward to some gentle winter sailing followed by a summer of balmy days with light breezes and a peaceful harbour to sail in. Well – it didn't quite happen like that. Our winter season saw four of our keeler fleet out for the five events sailed in varying conditions.

Surely summer would be better? Nope.

We had planned for 12 events and the weather forecasts were generally way out but we did get some good sailing days. Matahui Road School had its annual Beach Day in February 2023 and again 'hired' six Optimists to allow the children to experience a spell of sailing. All 30 children enjoyed their visit and there was no damage to children or dinghies. On 19 March we hosted the Katikati Boat Club for an inter club event. It was a very interesting weekend. The KKBC all 8 yachts sailed down to Omokoroa on Saturday and overnighted here. Dinner and breakfast at the Club. Luckily the pontoon was free for once. On Sunday Omokoroa turned on a great day and with not much wind the eight Farr 6000s joined our yachts for a very much fun event. (We hope to do this again and maybe add Tauranga Trailer Division.) After the sail they had to catch the tide back to Katikati. Overall, a good but disjointed season.

### **JUNIOR LEARN TO SAIL SESSIONS**

Due largely to weather conditions our Junior sailors had 21 sailing days planned but only managed 15 events. A total of 39 children registered but our average attendance was 15 to 16 per session.

Those that attended show great promise for next summer.

We aim to make sailing for them safe and enjoyable, with them learning the basics of wind, tide and sailing in the safe waters off the front beach.

Judging by the comments at our wind up event and the Kids on Keelers picnic we have achieved that!

Sailing and Rescue Craft:

The Club owns a variety of sailing and rescue craft.

In our boat shed we have nine Optimist dinghies (including the spinning Opti for basics on land), six Sunburst dinghies, three Viking dinghies and two catamarans. All together with trailers.

In addition we have three rigid hull inflatable rescue boats RIBs. The main boat is Tod Stocker assisted by Edwards and Coulston.

The Club this year replaced its two stroke motors for four strokes, much quieter and economical with thanks to Jamie Black at Sportcraft Marine, our Mercury agent who services all our motors.

Many thanks to the parents, tutors and especially the Last of the Summer Wine Group who maintain the dinghies and act as tutors. Also Sydney who keeps the roll up to date.

Regrettably due to a fractured summer the junior trophies are not being awarded this year, but all attendees are receiving a certificate of participation.

John Budden

The Sailing report for 2022/23 has been circulated and should be taken as read.

Moved:

Seconded:

## REMITS / RULE CHANGES

- **Motion # 1 Honorarium**

In accordance with Rule 6 (iv) the honorarium for the:

Commodore be fixed at	\$14,500.00 per annum
Secretary be fixed at	\$12,000.00 per annum
Treasurer be fixed at	\$14,500.00 per annum

It is noted that there is a slight increase in the honoraria for the year 2023-2024.

Moved:                      Seconded:

- **Motion # 2 Entrance Fees and Annual Dues**

“That the nomination fee is fixed at \$200.00, the annual Family subscription be fixed at \$125.00, and the Single be fixed at \$90.00. These fees will be discounted by \$10.00 if paid before 31 July 2023.”

Any subscriptions outstanding on 31 August 2023 will be regarded as lapsed.

Moved:                      Seconded:

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1 Patron

“That Terry Edwards be appointed as Club Patron for the ensuing year.”

Moved:                      Seconded:

2 Accountant

“That PFK Tauranga be appointed as Chartered Accountant for the ensuing year.”

Moved:                      Seconded:

3 Office Bearers

“That nominations for the following office bearers have been received and approved”

○ Commodore	Cory Payne
○ Vice Commodore	Stew Weir
○ Club Captain	Chris Moon
○ Secretary	Vicki Jenkins
○ Treasurer	Donna Cox

Committee Members

- John Budden
- Louise Turner
- Steve Aldridge
- Peter Mc Crea
- Ken Atkinson
- Susan Brogan
- Shelley Keill
- Marcus Annan

Moved:                      Seconded:

4 Appointment of Handicapper

“That Alan Roberts be appointed as Handicapper for the ensuing year.

Moved:

Seconded:

## **Life Memberships**

**It is proposed that the following criteria be adopted for awarding OBC Life Memberships in the future:**

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES**

Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual club members whose exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution has provided a measurable benefit to the club over an extended period of time. It should be recognised as the highest recognition that can be awarded to a member in acknowledgement of exceptional service and contribution; it should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily.

### **CRITERIA**

To assist with the nomination, some or all of the following criteria should be considered by the executive committee.

For any of the relevant criteria, the nominee should have demonstrated an exceptional contribution, beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit to the club and membership.

1. Minimum of 25 years OBC membership.
2. Minimum of 10 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the club. These roles may include, but not be restricted to – service on committees, fund raising activities, participation in sailing or fishing activities, club duties, maintenance, scoring, coaching or any social activities or events that promote and benefit the Club.
3. Demonstrated attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of the OBC, including good sportsmanship and community spirit.
4. Other specific achievement and regular patronage over an extended period of time may be taken into account.

### **SPECIAL NOTES**

All nominations should be treated with the strictest of confidence until such time as being presented for ratification at an Annual General Meeting.

Motion: It is proposed that the following members, having taken into consideration the above criteria, be awarded life memberships:

Doug & Anne Pope  
Greg & Diana Price  
Kevin & Susan Brogan  
Jeremy & Louise Turner  
Kevin & Lesley Blincoe  
Kevin & Clair Grubb & Jackson  
Geoff & Sue Gripton

Moved:

Seconded:

### **Committee Members Exemption**

Proposed Committee members exemption to annual membership fee - This exemption would recognize the significant contribution that committee members make to the OBC and the amount of time and effort they dedicate to the club

Moved:

Seconded:

The committee has carefully evaluated the current membership numbers and determined that a cap of 1050 members will be put in place to ensure the best possible experience for all members and to maintain the quality of club facilities and services.

Moved:

Seconded:

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **Notice: Bar Tab Policy**

The committee has decided that, effective immediately, no more bar tabs will be allowed at our establishment. With the advent of payWave technology, we have found it more convenient and efficient for members to handle their own individual payments. This change aims to streamline the payment process and reduce administrative burdens.

Moved:

Seconded:

**MEETING CLOSED      There being no further business the meeting closed at**

# Prize Giving

( Right after AGM before the Bar opens )

Welcome everyone to the exciting AGM Prize Giving ceremony! We have an array of fantastic trophies and certificates to award, celebrating the outstanding achievements of our members in various categories. Let's dive right into the awards!

1. Darts Trophy: First up, we have the Darts Trophy. This award recognizes the skill and precision of our darts players.
2. Pool Trophy Singles & Doubles & Anthony Avery Cup: Next, we move on to the Pool Trophy. This prestigious award acknowledges the excellence and expertise of our pool players. We have two categories: Singles and Doubles.
3. Fishing Trophies: Now, it's time to honor our passionate anglers.
4. Sailing Trophies: Next, we recognize the accomplishments of our skilled sailors.
5. Certificates for Juniors: Last but certainly not least, we have the Certificates for Juniors.

We would like to capture the above winners in Group photos and we will compile a detailed write-up for our website and press release. This way, we can share the excitement and celebrate the accomplishments of our members with the wider community.