

Western Cape Optimist Association

AGM SBYC 24.10.2020, 6pm

Attendees:

Kobus Carstens,
Lara Dugas,
Alistair Keytel
Axel Adelbert
Jody Paterson
Heidi Kavanagh
Michael Kavanagh
Ingrid Philander
Marvin Philander
Stefan Falcon
Gavin Vorweg
Ryan Purchase
Lars Kessel
Claudia Kessel

Apologies:

Kendal Madel

Welcomes:

Lars welcomed and thanked everyone for attending

Minutes from 2019 AGM:

Minutes were adopted. Proposer was Michael Kavanagh, Seconder was Ryan Purchase

Chairman's Report:

Report was posted on Whatsapp Optimist WC group but Lars gave a short summary of the contents as follows: He started with a big thanks to the committee and those attending for making the Champs event a success thus far. There had been numerous successful events over the last year including the Southern Charter and the Nationals at Theewaterskloof in December, Southern Charters in February at Hermanus.

Sean Kavanagh was awarded WP colours second year in a row.

The year (and an extended one at that) had been challenging with big plans having been scuppered to hold more training, events and selections.

Sailing fleets seem to have bounced back post COVID with good numbers attending recent training events. B fleet is looking particularly healthy.

Hoping to get on track now with preparations for World champs and Africans next year.

He encouraged all parents to keep involved / get involved, especially those with young sailors entering the B fleet now.

He ended with a big thanks again to parents, coaches and administration for a successful year.

Treasurers report back:

Financials were also posted on Whatsapp Optimist WC group. Claudia gave a summary as follows:

Association started with R52 000 in the bank account last year. This has been increased to R67 000 but hasn't been adjusted yet to take into account the expenses from the current regatta. The pre-nationals training, WC pre champs training and boat charters have generated profit. WC charter boats do need attention and in particular replacement of their covers. This will reduce the profit.

Election of Committee:

Lars noted that current committee members seemed happy to stay on with the exception of Claudia as TRreasurer. Alistair Keytel offered to take on the treasurer's role.

Any other business:

Lars noted that the venue for the Optimist National championships was Richards Bay subject to final approval by the Port Authority which should be received next week.

There was a question about whether the WC provincials would be held with the other classes as normal next year again. Lars explained that this year was unusual due to COVID and lockdown preventing any events. He explained that it was necessary to hold the WC champs due to the selection criteria that requires sailors to have competed in at least one provincial and one national champs event to qualify for selections.

He explained that Oppie SA typically aim to send a team to Africans and a team to the world event. The selections event is used to select both teams.

The meeting closed at 6:30

Minutes taken by Jody