



## OPTIMIST SAILING SOUTH AFRICA

Email: [OptimistclassSA@gmail.com](mailto:OptimistclassSA@gmail.com)

Tel: 0836267597

P.O.Box 15398

Lambton

Germiston

### OPTIMIST SAILING SOUTH AFRICA -AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2021

VIA ZOOM virtual meeting.

**Attendance:** Gavin Muller, Ian O Hara, Peter Rautenbach, Axel Aldbert, Lars Kessel, Mark Saddler, Kendal Madel, Stefan Falcon, David Booth, Shellee Nel, Jerome Mcloughlin, Henshilwood.

**Apologies:** Ingrid Buys, Jody Cilliers

**WELCOME:** Shellee welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their time.

Confirmation of past minutes – proposed Mike Kavanaugh and Lars Kessel.

#### CHAIRMANS REPORT:

After a very frustrating 2019 Youth Nationals at TSC the Oppie fleet were ready to take on the 2020 challenges. The Selections event, Training and WC dinghy champs were all in the final stages of planning when the Covid pandemic shut South Africa down. The 2020 Optimist World Championships were cancelled, and 2021 Worlds would be hosted by the same venue on Lake Garda. As the level of lockdown eased the NR managed to host their provincials and WC held a bumper event in October. Internationally events were being postponed and rescheduled. The European championships went ahead in Slovenia, and Nicola Saddler represented SA at this event finishing 10<sup>th</sup> overall in the girl's fleet. Without the support of the Spanish team this would not have been possible.

SA Sailing took the decision to cancel the youth nationals for 2020 in its current format and encouraged the class to try and host their own National championships. The class then planned for the nationals to be in Richards Bay in early January but the government restrictions that were applied resulted in the event being cancelled.

I want to thank the regional committees for their persistence in trying to run events and continue training with the sailors. Hopefully if we maintain our competition structure and selections process it will keep the sailors motivated.

#### FINANCE: -Jerome (Treasurer)

Holtus Family monies are being kept in the standard bank account and the class needs to prioritize to get his money returned to them. The committee has agreed to set the value at R45000.00 to simplify any service fees and interest calculations.

Website hosting sponsorship: Axel Aldbert has generously agreed to waiver the monthly fee the class has been paying him for updates and news he posts on the Optimist Class website. This will be a saving of approximately R6000 a year.

Investment account to be used for Worlds or Africans.



## OPTIMIST SAILING SOUTH AFRICA

Email: [OptimistclassSA@gmail.com](mailto:OptimistclassSA@gmail.com)

Tel: 0836267597

P.O.Box 15398  
Lambton  
Germiston

Membership fees increase -current state of the class finances is in a break-even situation with a small increase there is no need for the increase.

First timer membership fee R400. Renewal membership fee if paid before the deadline. R400. Late renewal fee R500.

Development sailors' fees can be waived on application to the Oppie exco. There will be a maximum of 5 accepted this season. Criteria is needing financial assistance not based on colour or gender. Applications will be reviewed each season. It is not assumed that the same sailors will receive assistance each year. Regional committee need to put forward the names of sailors they feel need assistance.

Project funding: the committee once again called on the region committees to come up with project plans to grow the class in their regions. Class funds would not be spent without a plan for the exco to get a good understanding of the project.

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT:

No event held due to Covid

### AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT:

No event held due to covid

### ELECTION OF THE OFFICE BEARERS:

#### **Regional Reps:**

- Northern Region rep- Pieter Rautenbach
- WC Rep- Lars Kessel
- KZN-Jerome Mcloughlin

**Treasurer: Vacant** – Mike and Shellee will continue with the routine admin of the treasury until the position is filled.

**Chairperson-** Mike Kavanaugh

**Secretary-** Shellee Nel

**President-** Dave Booth

### REGIONAL REPORTS:

Each region gave a short summary of their current activities.



## OPTIMIST SAILING SOUTH AFRICA

Email: [OptimistclassSA@gmail.com](mailto:OptimistclassSA@gmail.com)

Tel: 0836267597

P.o.Box 15398

Lambton

Germiston

### GENERAL: -

2022 Optimist African Championships- It was agreed that the class would go ahead with a project plan to bid for the 2022 IODA African Championships. Mike and Gavin would start putting a team together to execute the plan.