# **Minutes**

# Of the Annual General Meeting (the "Meeting")

# Of the Members of M242 Fleet One Association (the "Association")

Held at 7:12 p.m. on February 17, 2022 Via ZOOM

#### 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:12 P.M.

Michael Clements, Fleet Captain of the Association and acting as Chairperson of the Meeting, welcomed the members to the Meeting and called the Meeting to order. With the consent of the Meeting, he appointed Judith Roos-McClacherty as Secretary of the Meeting.

#### 2. NOTICE OF MEETING

The Chairperson confirmed that on February 2, 2022, the Association caused to be emailed to all members of record of the Association as of that date the following:

Notice of Annual General Meeting (the "Notice"). Official Slate for 2022 M242 Executive

The Chairperson confirmed that the Minutes of the 2021 AGM had been posted on the M242 website.

### 3. **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

The Chairperson advised the Meeting that (i) a quorum was present and (ii) as the notice had been given in the proper manner, the Meeting was regularly and duly called and constituted for the transaction of business.

## 4. MINUTES FROM THE 2021 AGM

**MOVED** by Craig Strand and seconded by Michael Clements that the Minutes from the 2021 AGM be accepted and approved. **CARRIED** 

### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from the previous Minutes.

## 6. REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

The following reports were provided to the Meeting:

- \* Fleet Captain's Report Michael Clements
- \* Fleet Historian's Report and Buy and Sell Report Michael Clements
- \* Fleet Measurer's and Technical Committee Report Anthony Collett
- \* Scoring Director's Report Olga Kuznetsova
- \* Treasurer's Report Judith Roos-McClacherty

- \* Communications Report Reto Corfu
- \* Website Technical Report Craig Strand
- \* Director at Large Kootenay's Report Anne Armstrong
- \* Keeper of Trophies Report Allan Strain

# Fleet Captain's Report – Michael Clements

Michael presented the following report:

"2021 was a reasonably active year once sailing started up again a bit later in the season.

The notable occurrence was holding the Canadian Championships in Cowichan Bay on very short notice after the NAs in Nanaimo were postponed once again. (They are a go for 2022.)

The Fleet continued to focus on getting more boats fully measured and also assisted Fleet 2 with its growth efforts.

I will be pleased to act as Fleet Captain again for 2022 if elected as such, and look forward to a full year of racing for a change."

## Fleet Historian's Report and Buy and Sell Report – Michael Clements

Michael presented the following report;

"There are about 90 boats in total in Alberta, BC, WA and Oregon, plus another 25 or so in California.

Major boat clusters are in Sylvan Lake (AB), Vancouver, Nanaimo, Victoria, Nelson, Orcas Island and Portland. There are another ~25 boats in the Los Angeles area (Marina del Rey and King Harbor) and more scattered around North America.

- \* 9 boats changed hands in 2021 to bring the 5-year total to 47 in the Pacific Northwest (4 more have already changed hands in 2022 to bring the total to 51)
  - \* 11 boats changed hands in 2020
- \* 11 boats changed hands in 2019, the highest Regional transaction count in the past 15-20 years
- \* 9 boats changed hands in 2018, 2 retained ownership, and 1 moved to BC from Ontario, so it was also a very active year
  - \* 7 boats changed hands in 2017

The Buy-Sell page on the Fleet One website gets a lot of traction, with owners from all over North America contacting us to list their boats. At present there are only 2 boats for sale in the Region, so hopefully this inventory gets whittled down to zero in the lead-up to the NAs in Nanaimo.

Washington State is the major growth area for the Class, but Vancouver Island is also doing well with several new owners in 2021. Sylvan Lake had been in decline but stabilized in 2021.

The Historical Results Spreadsheet has been updated for all of the 2021 results and can be found on the website at the bottom of the "Racing & Results" section on the right side of the main page.

The following additional two lists are also up-to-date with the assistance of Matt Collingwood, namely:

- \* The Pacific Northwest Boat Registry
- \* The International Boat Registry"

Submitted by Michael Clements, Fleet Captain, Fleet Historian and Buy-Sell Page Coordinator

## Fleet Measurer's and Technical Committee Report – Anthony Collett

Anthony presented the following Report:

## "Fleet Measuring

2021 was only moderately productive for completing Measurement Certificates, with Michael completing a couple and several more progressing but not complete. The current statistics for measuring are:

- \* 18 boats measured (a few with minor details to finalize the form)
- \* 4 boats actively in the measuring process.

As stated before, we recommend that skippers get a MC if buying or selling a boat with no MC or one that is pre-2016. Some of the boats with MCs have a one- or two-year timeline provided to skippers to address out of compliance issues and the intent is for these timelines to be held and not to keep giving extensions.

## **IMCA Technical Committee**

Several significant tasks were completed as the IMCA Technical Committee worked closely together this spring to update and improve class documents (it helped that we were all mostly working from home!). The following tasks were completed:

- \* The IMCA Tech Committee prepared and issued the Boat Maintenance Handbook to provide boat owners guidance on ways to weather-proof, stiffen and maintain their boats while keeping them within Class Rules and consistent with materials "as supplied by the builder". We had a couple of very complimentary emails which is good to hear.
- \* Michael scanned and uploaded to the Measurers database all of the Washington State MCs and emailed them out to the owners. This was a big effort! Thank you Michael! We now have all of the PNW MCs digitally stored in one place.
- \* Gin poles for lifting masts were upgraded at RVYC and are in the process of being upgraded at KYC. Additional blocks are being added for safety so a secondary lifting line system can be run as backup in case the primary lifting lines break, become untied or slip.

So overall, it was a very productive year for the Tech Committee, and special thanks to Michael Clements for driving completion of these tasks.

#### **2022 Plan**

With the possibility of fewer restrictions due to Covid and the NAs planned for Nanaimo, the push will be to get more boats measured in preparation for the NAs, which will require a valid Measurement Certificate to compete.

IMCA Tech Committee is currently working on whether to approve a proposal to have the maximum wind speed limit established for starting races at regattas. So far, Fleet 3 doesn't really see the need for this, and Fleet Two member, Jeremy Smith, provided a detailed response with the concluding statements that it's a good idea to ensure "fair" racing for all boats."

## Scoring Director's Report - Olga Kuznetsova

Olga reported that it was a low-key year and scoring for all the races that were held this year has been completed and published. Olga thanked Craig for his mentorship.

#### Treasurer's Report – Judith Roos-McClacherty

Judith presented the following report:

- "Two documents were included in the M242 E-Blast sent out on February 2, 2022. The two documents were:
  - \* Statement of Revenues and Expenses For the Year Ending December 31, 2021
  - \* Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2021.

Our Revenue situation was a little different in 2021 because we rolled all the 2020 Members and Boat Registrations into 2021. The Executive chose to do that because of the reduced organized racing events for 2021, due to the covid Restrictions.

Our total revenue for the year was \$3366. Our total expenses for the year were \$4118, thus producing a deficit of \$752.

As of December 31, 2021, the Fleet had cash investments totaling \$9545. Included in that amount is our Cashable GIC, which remains at \$6000. Our Bank Account Balance for the two

Fleets on December 31, 2021 was \$3544. Of that amount, \$1177 is held In Trust for Fleet Two and \$290 is held In Trust for the Deck Padding Contest. So a total of \$1467 is held In Trust, while Fleet One has \$2077.

The Fleet is still in possession of 3 replacement masts (stored at Pro-Tech) and 2 Gin Poles (one stored at KYC and the other stored at RVYC), plus ½ of a Speaker System which was purchased for the 2021 Canadians Regatta at Cow Bay.

Our Fleet One membership was up 2 members from 2020 for a total of 32 members in 2021. The cumulative number for 2020 (30 members) and 2021 (32 members) was 62 Fleet One Members.

Registered boat numbers were down 7 from 2020 for a total of 10 registered boats in 2021. The cumulative number for 2020 (17 boats) and 2021 (10 boats) was 27 Fleet One Boats."

## <u>Communications Report – Reto Corfu</u>

Michael read Reto's Report:

- "I don't really have much to report on Communications:
- \* have been trying to keep fresh content coming out a couple of times a month for the website and Facebook to maintain interest in the class mostly some "how to" articles and news of boat sales this winter, with some regatta reports sprinkled in during the racing season. I think generally positive reception on this stuff.
- \* If anyone at the AGM has ideas for content or wants to volunteer themselves to do a short interview for a boat/crew profile, they should let me know I'm happy to do the writeup.
- \* Website is working well I think as a general repository of historical information and as a landing site for latest news/events.
- \* I haven't been involved (yet) on any e-blasts...Mike can maybe chime in if he has anything to add.
- \* As always, open to suggestions or ideas for improvements or anything we could be doing different on the communications front!

  Reto"

Michael reported that he has done the last 4 or 5 e-blasts and is looking for an assistant to help out. There was discussion that some of the Fleet Members are not receiving the e-blasts that have been sent out. The suggestion was made that perhaps the e-blasts are going into people's Trash or Promotions. Solution, add email to your Contacts List. Other than that, Mail Chimp appears to be working well.

## Website Technical Report - Craig Strand

Craig presented the following report:

#### "Introduction

I've been looking after the Joomla website Content management system insofar as keeping it up to date for its latest releases and forwarding the various expenses involved in hosting the m242fleetone.org website, updating the costs for domain registration and SSL certificates. We use Namecheap servers to host the website and to renew the site's SSL certificate. The Joomla CMS is updated to the latest version of Joomla 3. A major new version has been released (Version 4.x) and I'll be reviewing its implementation in the coming year.

#### **Metrics**

There were about 66 items published in 2021 including additions or updates to Class Docs or Fleet One Docs. This compares to 39 in 2020 and in 2019, there were 23 items published. The

growth in numbers reflects the added content provided by both Reto Corfu and Michael Clements.

The use of MailChimp and Meta (Facebook) postings provides greater reach in communicating with various member groups. The website augments communication with members but also provides a repository for social and technical information. Much of the information on the web is linked to Google Drive docs or sheets and these will be reviewed when Google decides on how it is going to provide a less costly version of the Google Workspace or Gsuite apps. We've been working with a free "legacy" version since the inception of the Workspace.

There will be some work involved in moving our data from Gsuite apps to whatever other options are available but we should be able to port over all important data and re-link the important stuff once the move is required.

Ken Machtley and the Orcas Island Fleet have been holding a couple of domains that should be owned by the Martin 242 Association. I've looked into having the domains Martin 242.com and Martin 242.org registered through the same company (Namecheap) that is used for M242 fleetone.org. At this time both domains (.com and .org) redirect to our M242 fleetone.org website. There are no websites hosted on servers with the other domains. It will cost less and be more convenient to have them hosted on the same place and funded through Fleet One. There will be a small transfer fee (~CDN\$25.00) but annual renewal costs will be lower: approx US\$20.32 versus US\$42.60 (Ken's invoices divided by 2 since his price was for 2 years).

I appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve the Fleet and am always looking forward to new opportunities and ideas to improve the website and promote the Fleet.

This ends my report.

Craig Strand"

Discussion. Michael said that we have put the cost of registering the two domains with Namecheap into the 2022 Budget.

**ACTION:** Craig will transfer the two domains over to Namecheap.

Craig said he is looking forward to implementing Version 4 of Joomla but he said he would like a helper to transfer all of his information. Michael asked Craig to perhaps do a two-page document outlining what his duties have been in maintaining the back-end of the website.

**ACTION**: Craig will produce a two-page document outlining what his duties as Webmaster have entailed.

With regard to moving from Google Workspace to something else, Michael said we might have to add a few hundred dollars Line Item to the Budget to pay for the cost of Google Workspace, if something cheaper is not found.

#### Director at Large – Anne Armstrong, Kootenay area

Anne presented the following report:

"2021 was an active sailing summer here.

My husband Gary and I acquired "Steel Breeze" sail #63, formerly of Sylvan Lake last May, making us the proud owners of 2 Martins. There are now 5 in the region that we know of.

Michael traveled here in July to help coach and race both our Martins in the Nelson Regatta. He did an admirable job of jumping from boat to boat and his expertise was much appreciated by all. A 3<sup>rd</sup> Martin, formerly called "Thunderstruck" now re-named "EmmaJean", is rigged and weathering the winter in the water, ready for the sailing season. The owners, Chris and Birgit Chart, crewed for me and Gary at the Canadians in Cowichan Bay. We all learned a lot at that event. We will be applying our newfound skills competing against each other this coming summer.

We are hoping to find a buyer in Nelson for "Coal Dust". It is proving to be a challenge managing and racing 2 boats. The summer of 2022 is looking very promising for our tiny fleet of Martins here. If any of you Coastal sailors find yourselves in the Kootenay region please drop by. We now have property on the lake with lots of room and are excited to show off the

incredible beauty of the region, on or off the water. If you bring your boat, be prepared to launch it down a ramp off the trailer."

## **Keeper of the Trophies Report – Allan Strain**

Allan presented the following report:

"Trophies: There was racing in 2022, and where an event took place or where there were sufficient races for a series, the trophies were assigned a winner. By using the same engraving company for the past few years, a record has been kept of the plaque sizes, colour and engraving font for each of our trophies. The trophies were not removed from the trophy cabinet at Kitsilano Yacht Club or from Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, but the plaques were prepared by Coronation Recognition. Several keeper awards were also prepared and will be presented to the winners. In addition to doing the trophies, a large poster of an early M242 that Michael Clements obtained from Sailing World magazine was professionally framed and is hanging at the Kitsilano Yacht Club with the article written by Michael Clements and Don Martin that was published in Sailing World attached to the back. Submitted by Allan Strain"

**MOVED** by Michael Clements and seconded by Craig Strand that the Directors' Reports be accepted as presented. **CARRIED** 

#### 7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022

In accordance with the Class Rules, Michael Clements comprised the Nominating Committee. The Chairperson declared that, "there having been no other nominations received in accordance with the constitution, and, with the proposed slate of directors being fully subscribed with no contests, I hereby declare that the incoming executive members are elected by acclamation." The following persons were nominated for election as directors of the Association:

- \* Fleet Captain Michael Clements
- \* Vice Fleet Captain TBD
- \* Secretary/Treasurer Judith Roos-McClacherty
- \* Tech Chair/Measurer Anthony Collett
- \* Communications & Webmaster Reto Corfu
- \* Scoring Director Olga Kuznetsova
- \* Interport Chair Ken Machtley
- \* Website Tech Support Craig Strand
- \* Keeper of Trophies Allan Strain
- \* Directors at Large Anne Armstrong (representing the Kootenay Lake Region)

Peter Grimm

Cedric Carter

- \* Historian/Buy and Sell Michael Clements
- \* Social Director TBD
- \* Marketing Director TBD

**MOVED** by Michael Clements and seconded by Cedric Carter that the Slate as proposed be accepted. **CARRIED** 

## 8. MICHAEL CLEMENTS, 2022 FLEET CAPTAIN, CONTINUED THE MEETING

#### 9. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2022

Michael presented the 2022 Budget.

Discussion. Michael said the Budget this year will have a slight deficit. As well, he is proposing that we add a Line Item in the Expense section for \$200 which may be needed if there is an increased cost associated with Google Workspace or the like.

Michael noted that there were some additions to the Budget for 2022. Lifting Straps have been purchased and will be sold, at a slight markup, to members of both Fleets, so the purchase is providing a service to the Fleet and will ultimately be cost neutral. The reasoning behind the advance purchase is that it occasionally takes several months' lead time for straps to be delivered. Two pairs have already been sold, so there are currently four pairs available for purchase. As well, the Gin Poles have been upgraded with secondary lifting apparatus.

**MOVED** by Michael Clements and seconded by Allan Strain that we accept the 2022 Budget as amended to include a \$217 deficit to be used for Google Workspace or Word Press or other expenses. **CARRIED** 

## 10. PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2022

Michael said that the 2022 Proposed Schedule and Calendar of Events had been posted on the website. There are still a few tentative dates on the Calendar, which will be confirmed shortly. Changes of note are that we are not participating in the RVYC July One Design this year because of its close proximity to the North Americans Regatta in Nanaimo on the July Long weekend. The Kits Invitational will be one day only, the Saturday, again for the same reason as the RVYC One Design (being too close to the NAs).

There was discussion about the poor attendance by our Fleet at the previous Kits Invitational. We need to encourage more M242s to attend. Craig suggested that the Executive, through perhaps a Phone Committee, needs to promote these events. Michael suggested that the KYC boats need to be pre-polled to see if they are doing it and if not, why not.

If the KYC boats participated, it is likely that other boats would join in. Last year, it seemed that boats didn't register because there were no boats registered...

On occasion, the RVYC One Design weekends are also poorly attended.

Paul Martin, the Fleet Cook, said that the Kits BBO will now cost at least \$6, per burger.

With regard to the NAs, Michael has talked to Ken Holland about having a prize category for skippers aged 70 and over and also a prize category for youngest regatta participant. The ideas were well received and we just need to continue to promote them through Ken.

Discussion on the Leukemia Cup (June 4<sup>th</sup>) hosted by RVYC. Only one M242 participated last year. There was the suggestion that we should present a higher profile. It is a pan North American fundraiser and the organizers are capable of putting on a good event. Cedric and Craig both expressed concerns about where the donation money is going. Cedric would like the money to stay in Vancouver to service the needs of the Vancouver Leukemia Units.

**MOVED** by Michael Clements and seconded by Cedric Carter that we accept the M242 Pacific NW Fleets' Fleet One 2022 Calendar as presented. **CARRIED BY ACCLIMATION** 

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

Michael reported that he had two items of New Business:

- a) The Executive is proposing that the Fleet purchase two Spinnaker Poles:
  - one that is brand new from ProTech for \$874, taxes in
  - one that is in very good used condition from Allan Strain for \$380
  - total cost for the two poles is \$1254

The idea is that if someone in the Fleet or at a North American/Canadians needs to borrow a pole for a short time while theirs is being repaired, we would lend them the black used pole. But if they damage or break it, they would be responsible for repairs or buying it outright.

On the other hand, if someone in the Fleet or at a North American/Canadians breaks a pole and does not want to repair it, or just wants a new pole, period, we would sell them the new ProTech pole for, say, \$900, and immediately order a new one from ProTEch, who are quite responsive.

The two poles could be stored in Michael's garage and he or someone else could transport them to major regattas in our boats.

Discussion. Michael pointed out that for one year, we would have a deficit of \$1200, then we would sell it. We don't want pole parts, because some ends don't fit on M242 poles. Several members were concerned about the price of the new pole. Michael suggested that we need a local supplier who is going to service our needs. We need to take an interest in having a local supplier, rather than being reliant on having things shipped up from California. While is theoretically correct that we can build our own poles, it is strategically important that we foster a good relationship with a local supplier. Peter Grimm said he is building his own pole and so far he has spent \$455 on parts, so the amount that ProTech is charging is not unreasonable.

Allan and Paul suggested that we need a catalogue of bits and pieces of parts of the boat so that people know there are some pieces available. This catalogue could be posted on the website.

**ACTION:** Michael will send out an email to the Fleet asking if people have spare boat parts that they would like to list in the catalogue.

**MOVED** by Michael Clements and seconded by Peter Langille that the Fleet purchase the two Spinnaker Poles as per the above proposal. **CARRIED** 

**ACTION**: The 2022 Budget will be amended to reflect the above Motion.

**ACTION:** Judith will send Allan Strain a cheque for \$380.00 for the used Spinnaker Pole.

b) Michael proposed that the Fleet approach RVYC to have the Wednesday Night Races start earlier at 5:45 p.m. this year so we can comfortably get three races in each evening.

Discussion. It was noted that this past year, we had asked RVYC to run a third race each evening if there was wind. Reto said it is hard to get crew early and even now it is often a scramble to get to the line on time. It would perhaps adversely affect the False Creek boats as well. Several members thought the time should remain as is.

**ACTION:** Reto will do a poll of KYC people to see if they could make it earlier to the start line. He will give feedback to the Executive.

Michael suggested that if there is not a huge hole near KYC, we could ask the RVYC Race Committee to move the Race Course east. There are fewer freighters there. Sometimes the course is set super close to the big boats' course. However, with no wind inshore, the Race Course may need to be set closer to Jericho.

#### 12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

**MOVED** by Craig Strand and seconded by that the Meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED** The time was 8:37 p.m.

Michael Clements	Judith Roos-McClacherty