

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 9th May 2017

Opened: 7.03 pm

Chairman: John Skewes

1. **Attendance:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, J. Sivell, B. Curran, P. MacGregor, J. McCulloch, I. Carr, M. Forbes, T. Blackford, J. Lamb.
2. **Apologies:** D. Micallef, K. Cook, A. Whitbourne, A. Forbes.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 8th April 2017)**

Moved: B. Curran **Seconded:** J. McCulloch

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

Item 1 (Previous Item 88): The Club's Jetty: The Commodore provided an update on the Jetty Project advising a tentative start date for construction of the jetty was set for the 22nd May 2017, with a completion date of around 6 – 8 weeks after the start and dependent on weather. He further stated the Club would need to take before, during, and completed photos of the jetty for the final sign off project report to the Premiers Department for the grant funding.

Item 22 Learn to Sail Class April 2017: Andy (Whitbourne) provided a report on this training (via email) stating six students had completed the course and the Club was likely to retain all six students into next season. Andy further stated he was planning to run another course in the October school holidays and that Haylee was available to conduct the course. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 35 Missing "Sailing Club" sign from the Grace St Road Sign: Ian (Carr) has previously advised Council had declined to replace the sign stating it was the Club's responsibility. Kevin (Cook) stated there was a spare sign at Budgewoi and he would use that to replace the missing sign.

Action Item: Kevin (Cook) to replace the missing sign.

Item 41 The Club's 2016 – 2017 Presentation Function – Saturday 29th April 2017: The Commodore advised the presentation function was a great success with 84 guests attending. He once again thanked Brenton (Curran), Pru (McCulloch), Janet (Carr) and their team for organising and setting up the function. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 43 Additional Equipment for the Canteen/Kitchen: Pru (McCulloch) advised both she and Janet Carr were looking into what additional equipment was required for the canteen and would present a list to the committee for consideration.

Action Item: Pru (McCulloch) and Janet (Carr) to put together a proposal for additional equipment required for the canteen/kitchen.

Item 47 Club Grants for Training Courses: The Commodore advised a grant application for \$4425 had been submitted to Doyalson RSL for training courses. The application included Junior Boat Licence and Assistant Instructors courses, a Race Officer's and Coaches course, and an online RSA course.

Item 48 Expression of Interest – BIC Association State Titles: Brenton (Curran) had advised at the March General Meeting that the Regatta Committee had submitted an expression of interest for the Club to host the next BIC Association's State Titles. Brenton was still waiting on a response.

Item 49 Order for MPASC Rashies: Brenton (Curran) advised he had placed an order for the rashies and would deal directly with those members who had expressed an interest in purchasing one.

Item 55 Change the Monthly General Meeting to the Second (2nd) Tuesday of the Month: The monthly General Meetings have now been changed to the second Tuesday of the month, starting with the May 2017 meeting. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 56 Wednesday Night – Social Night: Terrie (Blackford) advised the Wednesday night social nights had started and were popular with those attending. **ITEM CLOSED.**

5. **Reports**

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented an interim report for April as she was still to receive all of the paperwork relating to April's activities.

Moved: J. Lamb **Second:** T. Blackford
The Treasurer's Interim Report was accepted by the Meeting.

Race Committee Report: Patrick (MacGregor) advised a draft of the 2017 – 2018 Sailing Instructions had been distributed for comment. Patrick also advised a copy of our proposed Sailing Calendar had been sent to SLMASC so they could consider our proposal for next season's Interclub dates.

Regatta Committee Report: Terrie (Blackford) advised the Regatta Committee were looking at the following events for the 2017 – 2018 season: 30th September - 2nd October 2017 - Youth Championships - Water support only, 7th - 8th October 2017 - 14Ft Cat Regatta & possible Dolphin Chasers, 18th November 2017 - State Titles Bic – TBC, 25th November 2017 - Christopher Blackford's Memorial Day, 30th December 2017 - 5th January 2018 - Taipan Nationals – Confirmed, and 26th - 28th January 2018 - Open Cat Regatta & Spiral National Titles - Spirals TBC.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Nil

Correspondence Out:

- Nil

8. **General Business.**

Item 57 NSW Youth Regatta – 30th September to 2nd October 2017: The Commodore advised Australian Sailing (AS) had invited MPASC to participate in the NSW Youth Regatta, to be held on Lake Macquarie over the October long weekend, 30th September to 2nd October 2017. This would entail the Club hosting 10 races over the three days (on-water support only). AS would pay the Club a Partner Club fee of \$1250 per day. The meeting discussed the logistics involved in being a partner club for this event and decided to accept the invitation from AS.

Long Term Issues.

Ventilation in the Club's Kitchen Area: A decision to proceed with a wall mounted exhaust fan will be made once the effectiveness of the two ceiling fans was determined during the warmer summer months.

Planning for the Club's 50th Anniversary in 2018: Jim (Hutchinson) and Terrie (Blackford) volunteered to join Patrick MacGregor on the sub-committee for the planning of celebrations for the Club's 50th anniversary in 2019.

Council Lease Strategy: The Club has a five year Lease Agreement with Wyong Council to September 2018. The Secretary had raised a proposal from Max (Tunbridge) at the February General Meeting for the Club to consider and approach Council to extend the area we lease from Council so we could better control access to the property. The Commodore advised he had spoken to Council, however, no consideration would be given to the proposal until after the amalgamation of Wyong Council with Gosford Council.

MPASC Strategic Planning: Andy (Whitbourne) has taken the lead in developing the Club's Strategic Plan, based on the AFL's successful strategic planning document. This document would incorporate Item 3 (Previous Item 127): Junior Representative, Junior Action Plan, and Junior Committee, and the Learn to Sail Classes for Adults.

Electronic Honor Board for Club Champions: This is a work in progress over an extended period. Once the Honor Board is completed it would be posted to the Clubs website.

Use of the Clubhouse for a Christmas Function on 25th December 2017: Use of the clubhouse, on 25th December 2017 for a Christmas function by Terry Blackford was approved.

Expanding the Club's Storage Facilities: Andy (Whitbourne) raised the need for the Club to start to plan for the expansion of the Club's storage facilities to accommodate future growth as well as the introduction of Sailability and its operation from the club in the future. The meeting decided to ask Robin Beemster to scope the expansion of the club's storage facilities when he conducts the maintenance audit of the Clubhouse.

Nacra Association National Titles 31st December 2018 to 6th January 2019: Brenton (Curran) advised the Nacra Association had submitted an Expression of Interest to hold their 2018 – 2019 National titles at MPASC and had accepted the Club's fee of \$8000 to host the regatta.

Meeting Closed: 7.41 pm