

## MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Meeting Open: 7.00 pm**

**Chairperson:** John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, J. LeLaen, M. Pilgrim, B. Curran, A. Whitbourne  
N. Hord, J. Carr, K. Dalton, J. McCulloch.
2. **Apologies:** C. Tzaidas, T. Peters.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023)**

**Moved:** J. LeLaen

**Seconded:** N. Hord

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

### **Item 2 Grant Applications – Current Status:**

1. Youth and Volunteer Training - \$1,795 (NSW Office of Sport – Sport Development Grant) – Successful (Remaining funds to spend - \$320). Andy (Whitbourne) to look at expending the remaining funding on training.
2. Youth and Volunteer Training - \$2,660 (NSW Dept. Social Services – 2021 Volunteers Grant) – Grant successful and funding received. Andy (Whitbourne) to look at expending these funds.
3. Youth and Volunteer Training - \$4640 (NSW Office of Sport – Sport Development Grant) – grant successful. Andy (Whitbourne) to look at expending these funds.
4. Central Coast Council (Community Activities/Programs Grants) – \$5000 - Purchase of a Drone submitted, waiting decision.
5. Federal Government – 2023 Volunteers Grant (Fuel Expenses - \$2129), submitted awaiting decision.

**Item 39 Volunteer for Support to Catamaran Racing on Saturdays:** Nick (Hord) advised he had re-created a Duty Boat Roster for catamarans as no one was identified to provide support for the catamaran racing on Saturdays. Nick stated he would continue to look at options for support to the cats.

**Action Item:** Nick (Hord) to identify options for catamaran racing on Saturdays for season 2023 – 2024.

**Item 51 Advertising Club Partners/Sponsors and Merchandise for sale:** Bruce (McWhirter) advised he had developed a program to display partners/sponsors information on the TV. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 64 Race Officers and Equipment Auditors:** Mick (Pilgrim) advised both Rob Blanch and Kevin Cook have completed their Equipment Auditors training. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 72 Water leak in the Storeroom:** Andy (Whitbourne) advised Council technicians had come out to assess this issue, but no action has yet been taken to repair the leak. Andy has sent Council pictures of the leak's position inside our storage area.

**Action Item:** Andy (Whitbourne) to monitor Council's response to fixing the water leak.

**Item 74 Public use of the Jetty (Signage for CCTV Cameras):** The Commodore advised he had checked the requirements for signage when CCTV cameras were in use. The Surveillance Devices Act 2007 (NSW) advises no signage is required so long as the CCTV cameras do not have audio listening capabilities. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 75 Erosion issue along the foreshore and beneath the Club's Boat Ramp:** Andy (Whitborne) advised the best way to fix the erosion issue beneath the ramp was to fill the gap with concrete. The Club has a few concreters as members, so Andy volunteered to approach these members for advice.

**Action Item:** Andy (Whitbourne) to approach club members for advice on concreting beneath the boat ramp.

**Item 76 First Aid Audit:** Janet (Carr) advised the First Aid kits audit had been completed and we were just waiting on a new battery for the defibrillator which had reached the end of its active life.

**Action Item:** Janet (Carr) to monitor the supply of a new defibrillator battery from Flo.

**Item 78 Resignation of John Sivell (Ordinary Member):** The Commodore advised John Sivell (Ordinary Member) had tendered his resignation as he and his wife were moving to Foster. The Meeting accepted John's resignation and asked if the club's appreciation could be passed on to John for his years of service and support. **ITEM CLOSED.**

## 5. **Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** A financial Report for September was not available with the Treasurer being away overseas, however, Brenton (Curran) tabled a number of reports he had generated from the Club's Membership and Vessel Registrations/Race Fees database. The reports included race fees paid, all memberships categories: Adult Sailing, Family, Junior Sailing, Social/Affiliate, and Life memberships. Of concern was the lack of casual race fees paid for the season so far – NIL. The Commodore asked the Vice Commodore to email their respective fleets to remind members of the requirement to pay any casual/weekly race fees due for races they have participated in. Failure to do so will result in their vessel not being awarded points in the point score.

**Action Item:** Vice Commodores to email their fleet members reminding them to pay casual/weekly race fees due.

**Race Committee Report:** The Club's Try Sailing Day is on Saturday 28/10/2023. Advertising for the event will be through the Club's social media platforms and on the Club's website.

**Regatta Committee Report:** Andy (Whitbourne) advised the VS Association declined our proposal to hold their three-day regatta over the Australia Day Long Weekend in 2024. Nick (Hord) advised the Phil Johnson 14ft Cat regatta would be held over the weekend 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Council – DA approval (2<sup>nd</sup> Story Extension)

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- NIL

8. **General Business.**

**Item 79 Dolphin Chaser Regatta Fees:** Andy (Whitbourne) raised the issue of the cost for the Dolphin Chaser regatta which had increased from \$50 last year to \$80 this year. After some discussion the Meeting decided to leave the cost at \$80. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 80 Club's Water Urn:** The Club's water urn has been identified as needing replacement. Bruce McWhirter) stated a customer of his has a larger metal water urn she is happy to donate to the club. The Meeting instructed Bruce to accept the offer for the urn on behalf of the Club.

**Action Item:** Bruce (McWhirter) to accept the offer of a metal water urn from his customer.

**Item 81 Volunteer and Social/Affiliate Membership Fees:** Jim (McCulloch) raised concerns that the current price for Social/Affiliate membership with the club was too high, especially for those members who week in week out volunteer their time at the club. The Commodore agreed and opened discussion on the issue. After some debate the Commodore proposed to reduce the price of Social/Affiliate membership to \$20 per season and to offer non-sailing volunteer members a special "volunteers" membership. The proposal was second by Brenton (Curran) and passed by the meeting. This decision would be ratified at the next AGM. The Commodore stated he would write to Social/Affiliate members who have already paid their membership fee and they would be advised their membership would be for the 2023 – 2024 season as well as the 2024 – 2025 season. He would also advise our regular volunteers of the decision.

**Action Item:** The Commodore to advise Social/Affiliate members of the club's decision.

**Item 82 Future NSW Youth Regattas:** Andy (Whitborne) suggested we leave open an option to host a future NSW Youth Regatta once we had the infrastructure in place to support such an event. The Meeting agreed and the Commodore stated he would write to Australian Sailing.

**Action Item:** The Commodore to write to Australian Sailing on our desire to be considered as hosts for a future NSW Youth Regatta once we had the infrastructure in place.

**Item 83 Flag Sets for Regattas:** Nick (Hord) advised the current flag sets available for regattas was inadequate with missing or deteriorated flags. The Meeting authorised Nick to purchase a new set to support regattas.

**Action Item:** Nick (Hord) to purchase flag sets to support regattas.

**Item 84 Servicing the Club's Fire Extinguishers:** Janet (Carr) advised the Club's fire extinguishers needed to be serviced or replaced. The Commodore stated he would look into the best option as the extinguishers were now several years old.

**Action Item:** The Commodore to look into either servicing or replacing the club's fire extinguishers.

### **Long Term Issues.**

**Disposal of the Club's Flying Ants:** The Club's Flying Ants fleet will be sold off.

**Action Item:** Ken (Dalton) and Jim (LeLaen) to manage the sale of the Flying Ants.

**Renewal of Council Lease:** Council is working through the renewal of the lease, as it is with all other long-term leases within the council area. Until the lease was finalized the Club would continue a month-to-month lease arrangement.

**Renewal of RSA Qualifications for Club Members:** Any club member undertaking the RSA training or renewing their RSA would be reimbursed the cost of the course by the Club.

**Monitoring the Club's Radios during Sailing Days:** For safety reasons club members and Duty personnel will need to be continuously reminded of the importance to monitor the radios during race days. The Commodore had recommended we change the radio call sign for the clubhouse from MP1 to MPASC Clubhouse to remove any confusion to who was being called and this was accepted by the meeting.

**Development (through Australian Sailing):** Australian Sailing (AS) were embarking on a program to engage clubs to improve club development.

**Control of Roadway/Entry Way to Property:** The Commodore advised the club's DA for the second story extension has now been approved by Council and the traffic assessment for the property is covered under the DA approval.

**Replace the Club's Internet Modem:** Brenton (Curran) advised the NBN was planning to upgrade NBN connections, in the Mannering Park area, with Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) in the next 4 – 5 months. Based on this the Meeting decided to defer upgrading the existing modem, to a 4G failover device, which was priced at \$248 by Bruce (McWhirter).

**Action Item:** Bruce (McWhirter) to assess the Club's internet connection once NBN FTTP become available.

**Rental of the Clubhouse for functions:** The Meeting (12/9/2023) discussed the use of the clubhouse for functions and should all users pay a fee for renting the facility. The Commodore advised the club's current policy was that members could hire the clubhouse at no cost, but non-members had to pay a fee. Over the last few years only the Mannering Park Country Women's Association (CWA) had rented the facility, while their own hall was undergoing repairs, and they paid a nominal fee for using the clubhouse. All other bookings of the clubhouse were by club members. The meeting decided any decision to establishing a fee to members, for hiring the facility, should be made at an AGM by all members.

**Meeting Closed: 8.30 pm.**