

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 12th December 2023

Meeting Open: 7.10 pm

Chairperson: John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, M. Pilgrim, A. Whitbourne, J. Carr, N. Hord, T. Peters, J. Lonsdale.
2. **Apologies:** J. LeLaen, K. Dalton, C. Tzaidas.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 14th November 2023)**

Moved: J. Carr

Seconded: A. Whitbourne

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

Item 2 Grant Applications – Current Status:

1. Central Coast Council (Community Activities/Programs Grants) – \$5000 - Purchase of a Drone. Grant successful – waiting for funds to be deposited.
2. Federal Government – 2023 Volunteers Grant (Fuel Expenses - \$2129). Funding of \$1500 approved. Waiting for funds to be deposited.
3. Level the Playing Field Program 2023/2024 - \$875,000 – Clubhouse 2nd Story Extension Project. Grant application submitted. Decision expected in March 2024.

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. Cats were now using the yacht marks and clock for their racing on Saturdays. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 72 Water leak in the Storeroom: Andy (Whitbourne) advised he had followed up with Council, with pictures, on this ongoing issue. The council have advised they will re-examine the problem and are looking to run a new pipe along the side of the clubhouse to the front tap and disconnect the old pipe from the main. They are confident this will resolve the issue and are hoping for a resolution by Christmas.

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

Item 75 Erosion issue along the foreshore and beneath the Club's Boat Ramp:

Andy (Whitborne) had previously 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 (Tyrone) for advice on concreting beneath the boat ramp.

Item 81 Volunteer and Social/Affiliate Membership Fees: The Commodore advised he had amended the pricing in our TryBooking system and notified all club Social and Affiliate members. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 83 Flag Sets for Regattas: Nick (Hord) had previously advised the current flag sets available for regattas were inadequate with missing or deteriorated flags. Nick recommended purchasing just the common flags we use rather than full sets. The Meeting agreed with Nick and asked him to provide a list of flags needed so they can be purchased.

Action Item: Nick (Hord) to provide a list of flags required.

Item 86 Clubhouse 2nd Story Extension Project: Andy (Whitbourne) advised two quotes had been obtained from DACH Constructions (\$875,000) and the second from Weyn Construction (\$1.14M). A grant application for \$875,000 has been submitted, by the Club's Grant Coordinator (Nilli Parker), under the "Level the Playing Field Program 2023/24 grant program. A decision is not expected until March 2024. construction would need to start in September 2024.

Item 87 Equitable Access and Usage Policy: Nikki (Parker) previously briefed the meeting of the need for the club, as part of the application for the Level the Playing Field Program, must commit to a Statement of Intent that gender equality is considered and prioritised in all current and future planning, policy, service delivery and practice, as they relate to community sports infrastructure. As a club we need to submit a draft Equitable Access and Usage Policy that address the aims of the Equitable Access and Usage Policy and provide a supporting action plan, by 30th June 2024, to remain eligible for funding under the Level the Playing Field Program. We have a template available to us, to develop and adjust to personalise and make suitable for MPASC current requirements and ongoing needs, to be adjustable, inclusive, and accessible for all our members and community. A brief overview of the policy includes:

- eliminate gender inequality, ableism and cultural bias in sport infrastructure design and delivery,
- provide equitable facility access to the best* facilities available,
- ensure equity in the allocation for training and competition and address other elements of inequality in program design and delivery,
- ensure all genders have the opportunity to fully participate in sport, be encouraged, welcomed, supported, and rewarded.

(* best looks different for everyone. For some it may mean more family friendly or convenient training times, safe and private access to change facilities, cultural change to include women and girls in social events and on club committees, increased access to sports fields for training or scheduling of grand finals at a time suitable to allow spectator support). Over the coming months, as a committee we will continue to address, develop, and consider the priorities of planning and delivery of this policy and how they relate to our community, members, and our infrastructure.

Action Item: The Committee to develop Equitable Access and Usage Policy.

Item 89 Local Surf Club – Learn to Sail Class: Andy (Whitborne) advised the Learn to Sail class for the local the Surf Life Saving Club would be held on 2nd – 5th January 2024.

Item 90 Caravan Parking at the Clubhouse: Andy (Whitbourne) advised the offending caravan has moved on and we haven't had any other issues with caravans parking at the clubhouse. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 91 Pontoon Cracking: Andy (Whitbourne) had previously advised some cracking was evident on the pontoon at the end of the jetty. Nick (Hord) volunteered to have a closer inspection, to determine what action is needed to fix the issues. Andy also stated we should consider a “No Mooring” sign, to discourage boats from tying up to the pontoon.

Action Item: Nick (Hord) to inspect the pontoon for cracking.

Item 92 Upgrade of the NBN Connection to the clubhouse: The Commodore advised an NBN technician would be coming out to install the new NBN fiber to the premises connection on Friday 15th December.

Item 93 Shark Sighting Policy: The Commodore advised a “Shark Sighting Policy” had been incorporated into the Club’s Emergency Management Plan and that a laminated copy of the plan was now held at the clubhouse. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 94 Limited Liquor Licence - 2024: The Commodore advised guidelines for operating under our Limited Liquor Licence had been emailed to all members and that a laminated copy of the guidelines was held at the bar. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 95 Improving the TryBooking Regatta Registration Process: Bruce (McWhirter) advised he had incorporated improvements to the TryBooking system, suggested by Sheree (Dalton). **ITEM CLOSED.**

5. **Reports**

Treasurer’s Report: The Commodore tabled a Profit & Loss Report for November.

Moved: J. Skewes

Seconded: T. Peters

Report Accepted

Race Committee Report: Mick (Pilgrim) advised the light on marker No 8 (Start/Finish Marker) had not yet been replaced. After checking with NSW Maritime Mick recommended the club purchase a strobe light at only \$60 as a trial, rather than the more expensive lights held by the club (only one left). The Meeting approved the purchase.

Regatta Committee Report: The Dolphin Chaser regatta was held over the weekend 11th – 12th November, with 50 boats attending the regatta.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- (Email) – Central Coast Council – water leak issue.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- (Email) – MPASC members – guidelines for operating under our Limited Liquor Licence.
- Grant application for the club's 2nd Story Extension Project.

8. **General Business.**

Item 97 Removal of the first Tree on the lake side of the Clubhouse: Andy (Whitbourne) advised the DA for the club's 2nd story extension and amenities upgrade had approved the removal of the first tree on the lake side of the clubhouse which was causing considerable damage to the concrete slab. Andy sought approval from the Meeting to arrange for the removal of the tree and for the stump to be ground. Once that was completed, we could examine options to repair the concrete slab. The Meeting approved Andy's request.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne) to arrange for the removal of the tree and the grounding of the stump.

Item 98 Sailing Rules Night: Mick (Pilgrim) recommended the club hold a "Sailing Rules" night following an on-water incident recently during the Saturday competition. The Meeting agreed with Mick's proposal.

Action Item: Mick (Pilgrim) to organise a "Sailing Rules" night.

Item 99 Inspection of the Club's Rib by NSW Maritime: Jim (Lonsdale) advised that NSW Maritime had pulled over and inspected the Club's rib during the Dolphin Chaser Regatta. Maritime were generally pleased with the equipment we had aboard, however the torch did not pass inspection and needed to be replaced.

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.

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 made by club members. The meeting decided any decision to establish a fee to members, for hiring the facility, should be made at an AGM by all members.

Future NSW Youth Regattas: The Commodore advised he had written to Australian Sailing stating the club would be interested in hosting a future NSW Youth Regatta, but we needed to have a number of key infrastructure projects completed before we would be in a position to host this event.

Meeting Closed: 8.22 pm.