

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 8th August 2023

Meeting Open: 7.01 pm

Chairperson: John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, J. LeLaen, M. Pilgrim, T. Peters, B. Curran, C. Tzaidas, A. Whitbourne, N. Hord, J. Carr, I. Carr.
2. **Apologies:** K. Dalton, J. Sivell. C. Tzaidas, A. Whitbourne, N. Hord.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 13th June 2023)**

Moved: J. LeLaen

Seconded: B. Curran

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.

Item 25 General Use of the Club’s Jetty: The Meeting had previously discussed the issue of closing off the jetty to the public when the Club was using the jetty. Ken (Dalton) advised that he had spoken to Timmy at Best Signs, and he was happy to support the club with signage. The Meeting discussed the wording to be used for the signage and settled on the following:

- a. A permanent sign “This jetty is the property of MPASC and will be closed to the public during Sailing Club activities.”
- b. A sandwich board sign “Jetty closed for Sailing Club activities.”

Action Item: Ken (Dalton) to organise signage and chain barrier.

Item 38 Club Membership Cards: Bruce (McWhirter) provided examples of the membership cards which were accepted by the Meeting. Bruce was authorised to produce the membership cards as membership registrations were received for the new season. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 39 Volunteer for Support to Catamaran Racing on Saturdays: Nick (Hord) advised he would continue to look at options to support catamaran racing on Saturdays.

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: Ken (Dalton) had previously proposed that we change the silver sign behind the bar/canteen to just MPASC information and remove the partners/sponsors information and instead use the TV monitor to advertise these. This would be a more cost-effective way to update partner/sponsors information without continually updating the signage when these changed. Ken also suggested using the TV to advertise merchandise for sale by the club. The Meeting accepted Ken's proposals.

Action Item: Ken (Dalton) to organise a quote to change the Sponsors silver sign above the kitchen area to just MPASC information. Bruce (McWhirter) to place partners/sponsors and merchandise information for display on the club's TV.

Item 55 Control of Roadway/Entry Way to Property): The Commodore had previously advised he had spoken to Council who would have a ranger visit to access the situation. This would probably be linked to the traffic assessment to be conducted by Council for the club's DA for the Second Story Extension.

Item 57 Review of Canteen and Bar Prices: The Commodore advised he and Janet (Carr) had reviewed bar and canteen prices and provided recommendations to the meeting, which were accepted. The Commodore stated the price board would be updated for the start of the 2023 – 2024 season.

Action Item: The Commodore to arrange for the Canteen/Bar price board to be updated.

Item 64 Race Officers and Equipment Auditors: Mick (Pilgrim) advised we had received little interest from members to undertake the Race Officers or Equipment Auditors course but would canvas members again. Both courses are offered free of charge by Australian Sailing and can be completed on-line.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne) and Mick (Pilgrim) to canvas members to undertake the Race Officers and/or Equipment Auditors training.

Item 69 Crew Register: Bruce (McWhirter) advised he had updated the "Crew Register" on the club's website for interested people to record their details if interested in sailing at the club. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 70 Replace the Club's Internet Modem: Bruce (McWhirter) would look into adding a 4G failover to back up the club's internet connection to allow the canteen till and EFTPOS system to continue operating if our NBN connection failed.

Action Item: Bruce (McWhirter) to get some pricing and email Committee members.

Item 72 Water leak in the Storeroom: Andy (Whitbourne) provided an update on fixing the water leak in the storeroom. He stated the issue was still continuing but investigations pinpoint a failure with Council's connection. Andy has written to Council asking them to urgently investigate and fix the problem.

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

5. **Reports**

Treasurer's Report: No finance reports were tabled. The Commodore stated the new Treasurer (Con Tzaidas) was in the process of completing a handover/takeover with Terrie Blackford, which would occur shortly. Con was also in the process of changing the club's accounting system from Reckon to Xero, which was approved at the May meeting. Once the new Xero system was up and running Con would get together with Brenton (Curran) the new Assistant Treasurer to work through the processes they will adopt.

Race Committee Report: Mick (Pilgrim) advised next season's Sailing Instructions and Sailing Program had been put up onto the club's SharePoint system. A few minor changes were needed to the Sailing Program for the catamarans before this could be sent out to members.

Regatta Committee Report: Andy (Whitbourne) advised he had been approached by the VS Association to hold a three-day regatta at the club over the Australia Day Long Weekend in 2024. The Committee agreed to a two-day regatta at \$1000 per day. Andy would put our proposal to the VS Association.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- NIL.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- NIL

8. **General Business.**

Item 73 Changes to the Club's Website: Brenton (Curran) asked if some changes could be made to the club's website, with membership and boat registrations having their own "Tool Bar" tab. Bruce (McWhirter) stated he could do this relatively easily and quickly.

Action Item: Bruce (McWhirter) to modify the club's website.

Item 74 Public use of the Jetty: Ian (Carr) raised concerns about the public use of the jetty e.g. if people were fishing without a licence. The Commodore stated he would look into the Club's responsibilities in this area.

Action Item: The Commodore to investigate the club's responsibilities.

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

Ian (Carr) raised concerns over the erosion that was occurring along the club's foreshore, and beneath the jetty, as well as beneath the club's boat ramp. Andy (Whitbourne) volunteered to investigate the issues and stated Crown Lands was addressing similar issues in the bay by depositing blocks in front areas experiencing erosion, and this may be able to be extended to include the foreshore in front of the club. Andy would also look into solution to rectify the erosion beneath the boat ramp.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne) to investigate erosion issues.

Long Term Issues.

New Child Protection Policy: The State Government has introduced a new Child Protection policy for sports clubs and other organizations to follow. Implementation of the policy would be over a 2-year period. Australian Sailing had also commenced drafting the documentation needed to comply with the new policy and these would be made available to clubs over time. Janett Mangan has volunteered to be the club's coordinator in developing the club's policy documentation and providing advice to the committee.

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.

Meeting Closed: 8.24 pm.