

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 10th March 2020

Opened: 7.10 pm

Chairman: John Skewes

1. **Attendance:** J. Skewes, J. Sivell, P. MacGregor, J. LeLaen, I. Carr, M. Pilgrim. A. Whitbourne, M. Forbes, J. McCulloch, G. Graham.
2. **Apologies:** B. McWhirter, J. Carr.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 11th February 2020)**

Moved: J. Sivell

Seconded: P. MacGregor

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

Item 2 Expanding the Club's Storage Facilities: Nikki (Parker) had previously advised we were waiting on an announcement for a Grant application, due in the near future. Jim (LeLaen) stated an announcement on the grant would hopefully be made by the end of March.

Item 3 Deep Fryer and Upgrade to the Club's Power Outlets and Switchboard: Jim (LeLaen) had previously advised that he had received two quotes, one for upgrading the switchboard (\$8600) and the second to upgrade the electrical power for the kitchen (\$12000). Nikki (Parker) had advised she was still looking into suitable grants to cover both of these projects. Once these upgrades are completed the Club would then look into purchasing an additional Deep Fryer.

Action Item: Nikki (Parker) to look into Grants to cover costs of the Kitchen power and switchboard upgrades.

Item 4 Strategic Planning: The Commodore advised the club's Strategic Plan had been finalised and has been posted to the Club's website. He encouraged all members to have a read of the Plan, to gain an understanding of where we were planning to take the Club over the next five (5) years. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 6 Trip Hazard with lifting Concrete: Andy (Whitbourne) advised Council had inspected the tree and would not give approval for its removal. Andy has since written to Council stating the situation is a safety issue and as the landowners, they have a duty of care to rectify the situation, which will only get worse over time. Andy stated in his letter the decision by Council was unacceptable and the issue needed to be re-examined.

Item 7 Club and Training Records: Andy (Whitbourne) advised he had updated the RSA records and was now looking at the Club Membership records. This is an on-going task.

Item 10 Renewal of RSA Qualifications for Club Members: The Commodore advised a number of club members had taken up the offer and had completed their RSA training. He further advised the same offer of reimbursement from the Club would apply to any member who renewed their RSA. Services NSW would advise a member when their RSA was due, and they would have to do a refresher course to re-qualify for a further five (5) years. The cost for re-qualification was \$40, which would be reimbursed by the club.

Item 11 Duty Boat Roster: The Commodore had previously advised he formed a sub-committee comprising the three Vice Commodores (Jim McCulloch, Adrian Foster, and Jim LeLaen) as well as Mick Forbes to review the Duty Boat Roster and develop a proposal to put to members at the AGM in April.

Action Item: The Duty Boat Roster Review a sub-Committee to review the Duty Boat Roster and Responsibilities and formulate a proposal for the AGM in April.

Item 13 Till Moneys and Bar Tabs: The Commodore advised he had drafted a set of rules governing the use of bar tabs as follows:

1. The “Bar Tab” system is only available on Friday nights to the “Model Boat” fraternity and only to MPASC Club members.
2. Non MPASC members must pay either by cash or credit card for their purchases from the bar or canteen.
3. **Only a Club member holding an RSA may sell alcoholic beverages from the Club’s bar.**
4. The barman is to record the sale on the tab sheet.
5. The Bar tab is to be finalised at the end of the night. Bar Tabs are not to be carried over.
6. The barman or a responsible Club member is to sign off on the closure of a bar tab and process the payment through the Club’s Point of Sale till. Individuals are not to finalise their own bar tabs.
7. The finalised bar tabs are to be passed to the Treasure, so he may reconcile the payments against the bar tabs.

These rules will be displayed at the Club’s bar. The Secretary (Bruce McWhirter) stated he would provide training on the Club’s new Point of Sale system (POS) to any club member requiring training. Simple phone Bruce on 0417441252 to arrange a suitable date and time.

Item 15 The Club’s Annual Presentation Function for Season 2019 - 2020: The Commodore previously advised he had spoken to Vicki Tzaidas (owner of the Anchorage Restaurant - Summerland Point) to thank her for the generous offer to host the Club’s annual Presentation Function for Season 2019 – 2020, free of charge as well as providing a three (3) course meal at no cost to the Club. He confirmed with her the date for the function – 16th May 2020, starting around 6pm. The Commodore confirmed the function would be limited to 120 (the capacity of the restaurant) and that members would be charged \$10 and \$20 for non-members, to attend the function on a first in best dressed basis. The Commodore also advised this is not a BYO restaurant, but members and guests could purchase a range of drinks from the restaurants bar. Brenton (Curran) proposed a sub-committee be formed to manage the event. The proposal was accepted by the Meeting and Terrie Blackford, Brenton Curran, Janet Carr, and Nikki Parker were proposed.

Item 16 Involving Vets/Seniors in Sailing with MPASC: Brenton (Curran) introduced Theo Kuiters, from South Lake RSL (SLRSL) to the meeting. Theo was interested in the possibility of seniors and Vets, from SLRSL, becoming involved in sailing with MPASC, either through learn to sail classes and/or crewing on boats. SLRSL were still working through the details to determine what numbers would be interested and would advise us in due course.

Item 19 Fund Raiser to the Bushfire Recovery: Previously Chris (Holmes) raised the issue of the increasing need for Community support in the recovery from the ongoing bushfires across the country. The Meeting was enthusiastic to support this cause, through some form of fundraising activity, and would look at options during the off-season as the Club had recently held a fund raising function for drought relief which raised \$2711. This money has been donated through the Country Women's Association's Disaster Relief Fund, supporting families affected by the drought and bushfires.

Item 20 Relocating the Club's Honor Boards: Previously Janet (Carr) asked if the Club's honor Boards could be relocated as they were obscured in their current position. Andy (Whitbourne) undertook to relocate the boards.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne) to relocate the Club's Honor Boards.

Item 21 New Trailer for the Marko Runabout: Jim (LeLaen) had previously stated the trailer for the Marko runabout was in urgent need of replacement. He further stated he had obtained a quote for \$3000 for a suitable replacement and proposed the Club replace this trailer as a matter of urgency. The Meeting approved Jim's proposal and authorized him to proceed with purchasing the trailer. Jim has now advised we are waiting on grant to fund this purchase.

Action Item: Jim (LeLaen) to purchase a new trailer for the Marko runabout at a cost of \$3000 once the grant funding is approved.

Item 22 Proposal to make The Anchorage Restaurant – Summerland Point a Sponsor of the Club: Brenton (Curran) proposed the Club make The Anchorage Restaurant – Summerland Point a Sponsor of the Club. The Meeting supported Brenton's proposal.

Action Item: The Secretary to arrange for the update of the Sponsors Board and the Honor Board following the AGM in April.

Item 23 Bar Trading Hours: Janet (Carr) asked if a sign displaying the Club's bar trading hours could be displayed at the bar. The Commodore stated he would arrange a sign.

Action Item: The Commodore to arrange for a "Bar Trading Hours" sign to be displayed at the bar.

Item 24 Australian Sailing changes to Rule 46 and Crew Membership: The Commodore advised he had invited Carl Webster, from Australian Sailing (AS) to come along to our monthly meeting in April to explain the changes to Rule 46 and the introduction of “SailPass”. The Commodore stated he had not realized the April General meeting would be held on the same date as the AGM, so he would call Carl and change the date to our May General meeting on 12th May 2020.

Action Item: The Commodore to speak with Carl (Webster) and change the date for his brief on “SailPass” to the May General meeting on 12th May.

5. **Reports**

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer presented his financial reports for February 2020.

Moved: J. Sivell

Second: J. LeLaen

Acceptance of the reports carried.

Race Committee Report: Patrick (MacGregor) advised he would be holding a skippers meeting following the AGM and General meeting on Sunday 19th April 2020.

Regatta Committee Report: No report.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Australian Sailing Notice: “SheSails SheLeads” seminar.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Letter to Council (emailed by Andy Whitborne) re the trip hazard (refer Item 6)

8. **General Business.**

Item 25 AS Youth Regatta – October 2020: Mick (Forbes) stated he had received correspondence from Lesley Fasala (Australian Sailing) seeking the club’s support for the NSW Youth Regatta, to be held over the October long weekend (3rd to 5th October). The Club has supported the last three (3) Youth Regattas in 2017, 2018, and 2019. Before we commit to a fourth regatta we need to know if between 20 -30 club members are willing to commit to supporting this event.

Action Item: Commodore to canvas members for their commitment to support this event.

Item 26 Powerboat Instructor Course: Mick (Forbes) sort approval to undertake the Powerboat Instructors offered by Australian Sailing. After some discussion Mick said he would get some more details of the course.

Action Item: Mick (Forbes) to get some more details on the Power Boat Instructors Course offered by Australian Sailing.

Item 27 Topsoil for the new Grassed Area at the front of the Clubhouses: Ian (Carr) sort approval to purchase some topsoil for the new grassed area at the front of the Clubhouse at a cost of \$68. The Meeting approved the purchase.

Long Term Issues.

Review of the Club's Accreditation as an Australian Sailing "Discover Sailing Centre": The Committee will review the Club's accreditation as Australian Sailing "Discover Sailing Centre after the 2018 – 2019 season.

Renewal of Council Lease: The Commodore had previously stated Council was still 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.

Meeting Closed: 8.28pm