

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 10th August 2021

Meeting Open: 7.00pm (ZOOM Electronic Meeting)

Chairman: John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, J. LeLaen, K. Dalton, J. Carr, T. Blackford, P. MacGregor, A. Whitbourne, M. Pilgrim, N. Parker.
2. **Apologies:** J. Sivell, D. Wilson, J. McCulloch.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 8th June 2021)**

Moved: B. McWhirter

Seconded: J. LeLaen

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

Item 2 Expanding the Club's Storage Facilities: The Commodore stated Council had issued the final Occupancy Certificate for this project. Acquittal of the project funding, with the Regional NSW Industry and Trade – Stronger Country Community Grant Authority, was now in progress to finalise this project.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne), Nikki (Parker) and Terrie (Blackford) to acquit the Grant Funding.

Item 59 Grant Applications – Current Status:

1. Boat Shed Extension - \$197,800 (Regional NSW Industry and Trade – Stronger Country Community Grant) – to be acquitted
2. Youth and Volunteer Training - \$1,795 (NSW Office of Sport – Sport Development Grant) – Successful (Remaining funds to spend - \$320)
3. Boatshed Storage - \$2,336 (Central Coast Council - Chain Valley Colliery Grants) – acquitted.
4. 2022 Skiff Nationals Regatta - \$5,000 (NSW Office of Sport – Community Events Grants) – successful (ready to order)
5. Hansa Boat (Sailability) - \$12,898 (Stronger Communities Grant – Pat Conroy MP) – successful (boat ordered from supplier).
6. Youth and Volunteer Training - \$2,660 (NSW Dept. Social Services – 2021 Volunteers Grant) – Submitted to 2nd Round. Grant decision in November 2021.
7. Dolphin Chaser t-shirts - \$3492.50 (Central Coast Council – Community Events), Submitted 31/7/2021, Results due October 2021.
8. Shade Sails - \$13,750 (Central Coast Council – Community Development), Submitted 31/7/2021, Results due October 2021.
9. Skiff Sails and Vangs - \$4651.25 (Central Coast Council – Community Support), Submitted 31/7/2021, Results due October 2021.

Item 60 Official Opening for the Clubhouse Extensions: The Commodore stated that with the ongoing uncertainty with the current lockdowns across NSW beyond the end of August 2021 the official function for the opening of the Clubhouse Extension and the welcome to Sailability would need to be postponed until a date to be advised. The Meeting agreed with the assessment and agreed to postpone the function.

Action Item: The Commodore to advise official guests of the decision to postpone the function.

Item 67 Purchase of the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (Blue Book): The Commodore stated Mick Forbes had copied relevant sections of the 2021 – 2024 Blue Book and these would be available, in hard copy, for the start of the 2021 – 2022 season. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 69 Concept Plan to extend the Clubhouse: Andy (Whitbourne) advised he had reviewed Clive (Ferris) concept plans, for the 2nd story clubhouse extension, and passed on his comments to several members for their consideration. The Commodore stated the process to develop a workable plan would be lengthy before we could even consider sourcing funding and Council approvals.

Item 70 Work, Health, and Safety (WHS) Audit: Following from the decision to re-apply for the Club to become a Discover Sailing Centre, at the May General Meeting, Jim (LeLaen) had previously advised he had commenced inspecting the club's boats, in preparation for our audit by Australian Sailing. The Commodore stated he would organise a small working group to carry out a safety inspection, of all the club's equipment, before the start of the new season, subject to lockdown restrictions.

Action Item: The Commodore to organise a working group to inspect the club's equipment.

Item 71 Fee Structure for Season 2021 - 2022: The Commodore stated Andy (Whitbourne) and Jim (LeLaen) had completed a review of the junior's fee structure and decided to continue with the current structure but placing more emphasis on policing payments to make the job of the Treasurer easier. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 72 MPASC Participation in the NSW Youth Championship Regatta: The Commodore advised a second (on-line) meeting, with Australian Sailing (AS) and participating clubs, had taken place on Thursday 16th July 2021 and all was proceeding well. Further meetings will be held as required.

Item 73 Ice Cream Freezer Seals: Jim (LeLaen) advised he was still looking into sourcing the new seals.

Action Item: Jim (LeLaen) to source and replace the seals on the ice cream freezer.

Item 74 Changing the colour of the Permanent Rounding Marks: The Commodore advised he had spoken to Maritime NSW about changing the colour of the marks, to make them more visible, and was told the club was not permitted to change the colour. **ITEM CLOSED.**

5. **Reports**

Treasurer's Report: No Report was tabled at the meeting.

Race Committee Report: No Report was tabled at the meeting.

Regatta Committee Report: No Report was tabled at the meeting

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Nil

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Nil

8. **General Business.**

Item 75 Start of the 2021 – 2022 Season on the 4th September 2021: The Commodore discussed the possibility that we may not be able to start the new season if the current lockdown was extended by the Government. All we could do is wait and see if the lockdown is lifted on 28/8/2021 or extended for a further unspecified period. A notice would be put on the Club's website advising members of the situation.

Item 76 NS14s State Titles Regatta – Easter 2022 (15th to 18th April 2022): The Commodore advised we had received a request from the NS14s Association (John Forrester) to see if the Club was willing to host their State Titles over Easter 2022 (15th to 18th April 2022). After some discussion the Meeting agreed to the request.

Action Item: Jim (LeLaen) to advise John Forrester of the decision.

Item 77 Clubhouse Signage: Ken (Dalton) advised he has circulated an email for discussion on the options available for signage along the clubhouse western wall. These options were discussed, and the Meeting finally settled on: Our Club Logo with the Sailability logo and Discover Sailing logo as one sign and separate signs for club sponsors. Ken said he would speak again to Best Signs to obtain prices for what we are after.

Action Item: Ken (Dalton) to speak with Best Signs.

Item 78 Introduction of SailPass: Mick (Pilgrim) advised that on the 1st January 2022 Rule 46 of the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing would change to make it compulsory for every sailing participant to be a member of an Australian Sailing affiliated club. To cater for casual crew, particularly for Twilight racing, Australian Sailing was introducing SailPass as the tool for clubs to use for temporary membership to a club. After some discussion the Commodore asked if a meeting (on-line) with Australian Sailing could be organised to run us through the SailPass concept, with himself and the three Vice Commodores. Mick (Pilgrim) stated he would organise a meeting with Gemma Burns (Australian Sailing Co-ordinator for the Hunter Region)

Action Item: Mick (Pilgrim) to arrange a meeting with Australian Sailing to discuss the SailPass concept.

Long Term Issues.

Covid-19 Safety Check for Commencing Sailing Operations: The Commodore advised restrictions will change from time to time, as ordered by the State Government, and that the club would continue to comply with any orders issued by the Government.

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: The Commodore stated any member who undertook the RSA training would be reimbursed the cost of the course by the Club. He had further advised the same offer of reimbursement would apply to any member who renewed their RSA.

Club “Health” Check -Sport Australia: Andy (Whitborne) had previously advised Sport Australia had released a new on-line tool “Game Plan” which would allow clubs to review their processes and governance. Andy stated he had completed some of the review and had invited the Commodore to also have a look at the tool and provide input. Andy further stated he would like other club members to participate, so we could have a wider view on where we thought the club was at, and what we should be doing or not doing. Both Nikki (Parker) and Ken (Dalton) said they would like to participate

Meeting Closed: 8.10pm