

# MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Opened:** 7.02 pm

**Chairman:** John Skewes

1. **Attendance:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, B. Curran, J. Carr, J. Sivell, P. MacGregor, J LeLaen, I. Carr, M. Pilgrim. A. Whitbourne, M. Forbes.
2. **Apologies:** D. Micallef, A. Whitbourne, M. Forbes.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020)**

**Moved:** J. Sivell

**Seconded:** P. MacGregor

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

**Item 2 (Previous Item 7) 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.

**Item 3 (Previous Item 38) 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) 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 (Previous Item 55) Strategic Planning:** The Commodore advised Andy (Whitbourne) had sent a draft copy of the Strategic Plan to a number of Club Appointments for review and comment.

**Item 5 (Previous Item 65) International Paper Tigers Regatta:** Brenton (Curran) advised the Paper Tigers Association was now considering taking their next international regatta to Kurnell rather than to MPASC. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 6 (Previous Item 68) Trip Hazzard with lifting Concrete:** Jim (LeLaen) advised Andy (Whitbourne) had met with Callum Shaddock (Property Office – Community Infrastructure, Central Coast Council) who conducted an inspection of the club and surrounding grounds. Andy raised our concerns over the lifting concrete with him during the inspection. Callum told Andy he would get back to him with some answers.

**Item 7 (Previous Item 71) Training Records:** Andy (Whitbourne) had previously advised he was working with the Treasurer and Jenny (Lamb) on training records kept by the club. This is an on-going task.

**Item 8 (Previous Item 74) Federal Government and Council's Community Grant**

**Funding:** The Grant funding: a \$17,237 grant to replace the white rib, and a \$6,931 grant for a Volunteer Support Package (new computer, printer, Point of Sale system and cash draw, CCTV monitor, dishwasher, and freezer) had been received by the Club and banked. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 9 (Previous Item 75) Warning Sign:** The Commodore advised the signs had been completed by Steve Curran Signs and simply needed to be erected along the shoreline. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 10 (Previous Item 81) 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.

**Item 11 (Previous Item 83) Duty Boat Roster:** The Commodore 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 (Previous Item 87) 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 14 Budgewoi Sailing Club Closure and Farwell:** The Vice Commodore Cat (Adrian Foster) advised the Budgewoi Farewell Regatta will be held over the weekend 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 15 The Club's Annual Presentation Function for Season 2019 - 2020:** The Commodore 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 – 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17 New Trailer for the White Rib:** Jim (LeLaen) advised the trailer for the White Rib had been purchased. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 18 New Air Hose:** Jim (LeLaen) advised a new air hose had been purchased. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**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.

**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 (Whitborne) to relocate the Club's Honor Boards.

5. **Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasure presented his financial reports up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**Moved: J. Sivell**

**Second: J. Carr**

**Acceptance of the reports carried.**

**Race Committee Report:** Brenton (Curran) advised the Sabo Association had written to the Club seeking approval to hold their State Titles Regatta at MPASC over the Christmas/New Year period. The Meeting considered the request and decided not to accept, due to the period they wished to hold their regatta. Brenton will advise them of our decision.

**Regatta Committee Report:** Patrick (McGregor) advised the fourth and final race of the Interclub Regatta would be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February. So far, he had not heard from SLMASC regarding handicaps, or arrangements for the race, to be held at Sunshine. He further stated interest in the Series, by SLMASC boats, had been diminishing over the last few years, to the point where only one or two SLMASC boats are now turning up for the race. Patrick suggested for next season we do away with the Series. The Meeting agreed and the Commodore asked Patrick to bring this up at the Skipper's meeting at the end of the season.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Letter of thanks from the Country Women's Association for the Club's donation of \$2711 to the Drought Relief Fund.
- Department of Planning Industry & Environment advising the Trinity Point helipad has been approved by the Land and Environment Court.
- Centennial Myuna Colliery advise that it will be conducting a survey of the lake floor starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020. The survey will take eight weeks.
- Australian Sailing Notification to the Changes to Rule 46 and Crew Membership.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Nil

8. **General Business.**

**Item 21 New Trailer for the Marko Runabout:** Jim (LeLaen) 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.

**Action Item:** Jim (LeLaen) to purchase a new trailer for the Marko runabout at a cost of \$3000.

**Item 22 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.

**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 received a notice from Australian Sailing (AS) that a change to Rule 46 and Crew Membership would take affect from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. Essentially, the change would remove the common practice of not requiring crew to take out club and AS membership until after they had sailed three (3) races and would require all casual crew to become AS and club members, through Australian Sailing's SailPass membership, from their first race. A number of members were not comfortable with the proposed changes and after some discussion the Commodore state he would invite our AS representative (Carl Webster) to the Club's next monthly meeting to discuss the proposal.

**Action Item:** The Commodore to invite Carl Webster to the next meeting.

**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: 7.53pm**