

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 11th August 2020

Meeting Open: 7.00pm

Chairman: John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, J. LeLaen, T. Blackford, B. McWhirter, J. Carr, M. Pilgrim, A. Whitbourne, J. Sivell, A. Foster, B. Curran, J. McCulloch.
2. **Apologies:** P. MacGregor, I. Carr, J. Sivell, M. Forbes.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 14th July 2020)**

Moved: A. Foster

Seconded: A. Whitbourne

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

Item 2 Expanding the Club's Storage Facilities: The Commodore advised the first funding installment of \$79,120 had been received from the Stronger Country Communities Fund grants coordinating body. Andy (Whitbourne) advised our building contractor, DACH Constructions, had provided a building schedule for the project. Work would commence on Wednesday 19th August 2020, and the projected completion date was Friday 20th November 2020, some 14 weeks after start.

Item 6 Trip Hazard with lifting Concrete: The Commodore advised Council had refused our application to remove the tree as a safety issue. Instead, Council expects MPASC to manage the safety risk posed by the tree's roots and its lifting of the concrete slab in front of the clubhouse. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 10 Renewal of RSA Qualifications for Club Members: The Commodore again 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.

Item 11 Duty Boat Roster: The Duty Boat Roster Sub-committee tabled its recommendations for the operation of the duty boat roster for season 2020 – 2021, however, a few minor alterations needed to be made, to align the recommendations with the 2020 – 2021 Sailing Instructions. These would be looked at by Mick (Pilgrim), Vice Commodore Yachts. Once these have been completed the recommendations would be incorporated into the Club's Handbook.

Action Item: Mick (Pilgrim) to align the Duty Boat Roster recommendations with the 2020 – 2021 Sailing Instructions.

Item 15 The Club's Annual Presentation Function for Season 2019 - 2020: The Meeting discussed the deferment of the Presentation Function and concluded, with the current Covid-19 restrictions, the likelihood of being able to program the function in 2020 was very slim. Accordingly, the Meeting took the decision to cancel the Presentation Function for this year and instead present the trophies to recipients progressively, from the start of the season in September. Each of the Vice Commodores will arrange to present trophies, to their respective fleets, as the opportunity arise. The Commodore stated he would advise the Anchorage Restaurant of the decision.

Action Item: Vice Commodores to arrange for the presentation of 2019 -2020 trophies to recipients within their respective fleets from the start of the season in September. The Commodore to advise the Anchorage Restaurant.

Item 25 AS Youth Regatta – October 2020: The Commodore advised Australian Sailing (AS) had taken the decision to cancel the NSW Youth Regatta, which was to be held over the October long weekend (3rd to 5th October 2020). **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 29 Covid-19 Safety Check for Commencing Sailing Operations: The Commodore advised Australian Sailing (AS) and the Institute of Australian Sports had released a Covid-19 Safety Check List for clubs to use to commence competitive sailing. These were based on the current restrictions imposed by the State Government and Department of Health. The Commodore stated we would wait until late August to look at what safety measure we would need to put in place for the club to start competitions in September.

Item 32 Replacement and Maintenance of Club Equipment: Janet (Carr) advised she had arranged for the Club's First Aid Kits and Defibrillator to be serviced at the end of August. Terrie (Blackford) advised she had replaced the Treasurer's briefcase. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 37 First Aid Training: Andy (Whitbourne) advised he had arranged some First Aid training, in conjunction with the Men's Shed Mannering Park, for the 20th and 21st August. 18 MPASC members were booked in to complete the training. **ITEM CLOSED.**

5. **Reports**

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurers Financial Reports for the July was tabled by the Treasurer

Moved: Terrie Blackford **Second:** Jim LeLaen **Decision:** Report accepted

Race Committee Report: As per July's meeting both the Sailing Program and the Sailing Instructions for the 2020-2021 season have been posted to the Club's website.

Regatta Committee Report: Brenton (Curran) advised the regatta Committee was in the process of drafting the Notice of Race for the 14ft Cat Regatta (10th – 11th October). The notice would include a reference to the Club's Covid-19 Safety Check List and any current Covid-19 restrictions.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Central Coast Council advice on removal of the tree posing a safety risk at the front of the clubhouse.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Nil.

8. **General Business.**

Item 38 Holding Sailing Events Under Covid-19 Restrictions: The Meeting discussed a range of issues relating to holding sailing events under Covid-19 restrictions. On a question “should Regattas proceed or be cancelled” the Commodore stated a decision for each regatta would be made one month out from the regatta. A sub-committee comprising the Commodore, the three Vice Commodores, a Regatta Committee representative, and the Training Coordinator would make the call based on any current Covid-19 restrictions in place at that particular time. These included: the 14ft Cat Regatta (10th – 11th October), the Chris Blackford Memorial Day (14th November), the Dolphin Chaser Regatta (21st – 22nd November), and the Big Cat Regatta (5th – 6th December). The Meeting also discussed the fees to be imposed, should a regatta proceed, recognizing the additional costs to the Club to provide cleaning and sanitizing products as well as reduced numbers expected to attend the regattas. Andy (Whitbourne) reminded the Meeting of the limits imposed, due to “social distancing” regulations, on the numbers the Club can accommodate at any one time: maximum 10 inside the clubhouse and maximum 20 in the outdoor area in front of the clubhouse. Other outside areas e.g. rigging areas along the foreshore were limited to 100. Adrian (Foster) suggested before each regatta the Club seeks “expressions of interest” from competitors, so the Club can gauge the numbers expected. This was approved. Adrian also raised the idea of a function, including live music, for the Big Cat Regatta in December, should Covid-19 restriction allow. Brenton (Curran) suggested the Club include a comment on the Club’s Covid-19 Safety Plan on any “Notice of Race” and on the Club’s Membership Application form. This was approved.

Item 39 Separate Bank Account for Grant Funding: The Treasurer (Terrie Blackford) recommended the Club open a separate bank account for grant funding, to separate this funding from ordinary club funds. The proposal was approved by the 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 2019 – 2020 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: 8.10pm