

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 12th October 2021

Meeting Open: 7.02pm (ZOOM Electronic Meeting)

Chairman: John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, J. LeLaen, K. Dalton, J. Carr, J. Sivell, A. Whitbourne, M. Pilgrim, N. Parker, T. Blackford.
2. **Apologies:** P. MacGregor.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 14th September 2021)**

Moved: J. Sivell

Seconded: J. Carr

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

Item 2 Expanding the Club's Storage Facilities: Andy (Whitbourne) advised the repairs to the roller door still needed to be undertaken and was waiting on travel restrictions under the Covid-19 Health Orders to be lifted. Repairs to the back rest in the disabled toilets has been completed by DACH Constructions.

Item 59 Grant Applications – Current Status:

1. Boat Shed Extension - \$197,800 (Regional NSW Industry and Trade – Stronger Country Community Grant) – defects to be rectified by DACH
2. Youth and Volunteer Training - \$1,795 (NSW Office of Sport – Sport Development Grant) – Successful (Remaining funds to spend - \$320)
3. 2022 Skiff Nationals Regatta - \$5,000 (NSW Office of Sport – Community Events Grants) – successful (ready to order)
4. Hansa Boat (Sailability) - \$12,898 (Stronger Communities Grant – Pat Conroy MP) – successful (boat ordered from supplier).
5. Youth and Volunteer Training - \$2,660 (NSW Dept. Social Services – 2021 Volunteers Grant) – Submitted to 2nd Round. Grant decision in November 2021.
6. Dolphin Chaser t-shirts - \$3492.50 (Central Coast Council – Community Events), Submitted 31/7/2021, Results due October 2021.
7. Shade Sails - \$13,750 (Central Coast Council – Community Development), Submitted 31/7/2021, Results due October 2021.
8. 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 the official function, for the opening of the Clubhouse Extension and the welcome to Sailability would be postponed until a date to be advised.

Item 69 Concept Plan to extend the Clubhouse: Andy (Whitbourne) advised John Edwards was in the process of drawing up new plans for the proposed 2nd story clubhouse extensions.

Item 70 Work, Health, and Safety (WHS) Audit: The Commodore stated this would be deferred until such time as we can open the clubhouse from the current Covid-19 lockdown.

Action Item: The Commodore to organise a working group to inspect the club's equipment once lockdown restrictions are lifted.

Item 75 Start of the 2021 – 2022 Season on the 4th September 2021: The Commodore advised that the Government's "Road Map" to lifting lockdown restrictions would be reliant upon the State reaching 70% double vaccinated and 80% double vaccinated. At the 70% mark we will be allowed to re-open the clubhouse, and at 80% we would be allowed to commence our sailing competitions. Government Health Orders have restricted "freedoms" to only people who are double vaccinated. The Commodore also stated he had confirmed, with the Health Department, that our junior Learn to Sail program could commence from Saturday 16/10/2021. The Commodore then went on to discuss the revised membership and race fees, which he had circulated for comment prior to the meeting. Under the proposal all fees would be reduced by 25% for the 2021 – 2022 season. The proposal was accepted by the meeting.

Action Item: The Commodore to amend the membership and boat registration forms to reflect the revised fee structure and have these posted to the club's web site.

Item 76 NS14s State Titles Regatta – Easter 2022 (15th to 18th April 2022): The Commodore stated he had advised the NS14s Association (John Forrester) that the Club would host their State Titles over Easter 2022 (15th to 18th April 2022).

Item 77 Clubhouse Signage: Ken (Dalton) advised the new signage should be completed this week. It had been delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Item 78 Introduction of SailPass: The Commodore advised the club would participate in SailPass, from 1st January 2022. Gemma Burns (Australian Sailing) would provide assistance in setting up the club to operate SailPass.

Item 82 Planning for the Dolphin Chaser Regatta: Andy (Whitbourne) advised the NOR for the Dolphin Chaser regatta, scheduled for 20th – 21st November, had been completed and posted to the club's web site. So far, we had received four (4) entries.

5. **Reports**

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented the Financial report for September.

Moved: T. Blackford **Second:** K. Dalton **Carried**

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 83 Cancellation of the Chris Blackford Day for Catamarans: Terrie (Blackford) asked if the Chris Blackford Day for catamarans could be cancelled for this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions on double vaccination requirements.

Action Item: The Commodore to amend the Sailing Program.

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: 7.50pm