

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 14th January 2020

Opened: 7.00 pm

Chairman: John Skewes

1. **Attendance:** J. Skewes, B. Curran, J. Carr, J. Sivell, J. McCulloch, P. MacGregor, J LeLaen, I. Carr, M. Pilgrim, A. Foster, Theo Kuiters, D. Micallef, L. Day, K. Cook, N. Parker, C. Holmes, A. Whitbourne, M. Forbes.

2. **Apologies:** B. McWhirter.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 10th December 2019)**

Moved: J. Sivell

Seconded: P. MacGregor

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

Item 1 (Previous Item 2) Council Lease Strategy: 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. (**Note: this item will be moved to Long Term Issues**).

Item 2 (Previous Item 7) Expanding the Club's Storage Facilities: Nikki (Parker) advised we were waiting on an announcement for a Grant application, due by the end of January 2020.

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: Andy (Whitbourne) advised the draft Strategic Plan was almost completed and he would send a copy to the Commodore for review.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne) to send the draft Strategic Plan to the Commodore for review.

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. They would advise us in the near future.

Item 6 (Previous Item 68) Trip Hazzard with lifting Concrete: Andy (Whitbourne) advised he had spoken with a Callum Shaddock (Property Office – Community Infrastructure, Central Coast Council) who was coming out to the club next week (20th – 24th January) to conduct an inspection. Andy would raise our concerns over the lifting concrete with him during the inspection.

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: Jim (LeLaen) advised at the December meeting that the Club had been successful with a Grant: 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). We are waiting on the funding to be paid by Council.

Item 9 (Previous Item 75) Warning Sign: Bruce (McWhirter) has spoken with Steve Curran (Steve Curran Signs) to have some signs produced.

Item 10 (Previous Item 81) Renewal of RSA Qualifications for Club Members: The Commodore advised he had notified Club members of the Club's proposal to reimburse any member who undertook the RSA and/or Food Handlers Courses. He further stated three (3) members advised that they would undertake the RSA training.

Item 11 (Previous Item 83) Duty Boat Roster: The Commodore advised he was still to form a sub-Committee to look into the issue of Boat Duties, but in all likelihood this would be an issue to be reviewed over the off season, with a new policy to be introduced in the 2020 – 2021 Season.

Action Item: The Commodore to form a sub-Committee to review Duty Boat Responsibilities.

Item 12 (Previous Item 86) F18 Training Days: Adrian (Foster) advised the F18 Association had passed on their thanks for the use of the clubhouse during their recent training days. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 13 (Previous Item 87) Till Moneys and Bar Tabs: The use of “bar tabs” was again discussed at length by the Meeting. At the end of the discussion a proposal by Kevin (Cook) to allow a bar tab on Friday nights only was approved 11 to 5. The Commodore stated there were to be strict control placed on the use of bar tabs and if these were to be ignored then bar tabs would be removed. The Commodore further stated he would draft the controls to be used in relation to bar tabs. Lyn (Day) asked if more training could be provided on the Club's new Point of Sale (POS) system. The Commodore stated he would speak to Bruce (McWhirter) to arrange additional training, as required.

Action Item: Commodore to draft bar tab controls for Friday nights and speak to Bruce (McWhirter) to arrange additional training on the POS system.

5. **Reports**

Treasurer's Report: The Treasure presented his financial reports up to 31st December 2019.

Moved: J. Sivell

Second: A. Whitbourne

Acceptance of the reports carried.

Race Committee Report: No report

Regatta Committee Report: No Report

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Council advice on our success for a \$17,237 grant to replace the white rib.
- Council advise on our success for a \$6931 grant for a Volunteer Support Pack.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Nil

8. **General Business.**

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 1st – 2nd February 2020.

Item 15 The Club's Annual Presentation Function for Season 2019 - 2020: Brenton (Curran) advised he had been approached by Vicki Tzaidas (owner of the Anchorage Restaurant - Summerland Point) to host the Club's annual Presentation Function for Season 2019 – 2020. Vicki's offer included hosting the function at the restaurant for free, with the venue being closed for the exclusive use by MPASC, as well as providing a three (3) course meal at no cost to the Club. Individual drinks would need to be paid for by members. Brenton stated the restaurant could accommodate up to 120. After some discussion the Meeting decided to accept Vicki's generous offer and settled on Saturday (night) the 16th May 2020 as the date for the function. The Meeting also decided on a cost of \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members to attend the function.

Action Item: Commodore to discuss offer with Vicki.

Item 16 Involving Vets/Seniors in Sailing with MPASC: Brenton (Curran) advised he had been approached by South Lake RSL (SLRSL) on the possibility of seniors and Vets 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) stated he had been investigating options for the replacement of the trailer for the White Rib as the current trailer had reached its end of life through corrosion. The best option Jim found was an aluminum trailer at a cost of \$1740. Jim proposed the Club purchase this trailer as a matter of priority, second by Andy (Whitbourne). The meeting approved the expenditure.

Action Item: Jim (LeLaen) to purchase an aluminum trailer for the White Rib at a cost of \$1740.

Item 18 New Air Hose: Jim (LeLaen) sort approval to purchase a new air hose at a cost of \$100. The Meeting approved the expenditure.

Action Item: Jim (LeLaen) to purchase a new air hose at a cost of \$100.

Item 19 Fund Raiser to the Bushfire Recovery: 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: 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.

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.

Current Grant Submissions:

1. \$4925 Grant for Certifications, Licenses, Canteen Equipment – Families & Communities Program (Volunteer Grants 2018) – approved.
2. \$5000 Grant for 50th Anniversary and Booklets – Central Coast Council (Community Events Program) – approved and expended
3. \$17237 Grant for Sailability Rib – ClubGrants – submitted 30/4/2019 – not successful
4. \$177074 Grant for Boatshed extensions – Smartygrants (My Community Projects) – submitted 15/5/2019 – not successful.

Meeting Closed: 8.57pm