

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 14th September 2021

Meeting Open: 7.11pm (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.
2. **Apologies:** T. Blackford, P. MacGregor.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 10th August 2021)**

Moved: A. Whitbourne

Seconded: J. Carr

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

Item 2 Expanding the Club's Storage Facilities: Andy (Whitbourne) advised he has written to DACH Constructions re two defects that need rectification. The first relates to the roller door not fully closing, and the second relates to the back rest in the disabled toilets, which has come adrift. DACH are working to correct these defects. Nikki (Parker) advised documentation for the acquittal of the project funding has been sent to the Regional NSW Industry and Trade – Stronger Country Community Grant Authority.

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 had previously stated that with the ongoing uncertainty with the current lockdowns across NSW 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.

Item 69 Concept Plan to extend the Clubhouse: Andy (Whitbourne) advised he had received feedback from several members and was in the process of having new concept plans drawn up. The Commodore again stated the process to develop a workable plan for the 2nd story clubhouse extension would be lengthy before we could even consider sourcing funding and Council approvals.

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 72 MPASC Participation in the NSW Youth Championship Regatta: The Commodore advised Australian Sailing had cancelled this event due to the ongoing Covid-19 lockdown across the Central Coast. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 73 Ice Cream Freezer Seals: Jim (LeLaen) advised he has modified the fridge. **ITEM CLOSED.**

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. The Government is strongly suggesting that "freedoms" will only be allowed to people who are double vaccinated. In other words, only people who are double vaccinated will be allowed into the clubhouse when it can re-open and similarly only those who are double vaccinated will be permitted to sail in our competition. How the mechanics of how this is to work, and policed, is still to be announced by the Government. Jim (LeLaen) asked if the junior sailing program would be allowed to commence at the 70% mark. The Commodore stated he did not know at this point but would seek clarification from the Health Minister's (Brad Hazzard) office.

Action Item: The Commodore to seek clarification on when we can start the junior sailing program from the Health Minister's office.

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 he was progressing with the signage following the feedback he had received, however there may be some delays due to the Covid lockdown.

Item 78 Introduction of SailPass: The Commodore advised with the Vice Commodores he had had an on-line meeting with Australian Sailing (Gemma Burns) and as a result of those discussions MPASC would participate in SailPass from 1st January 2022. Gemma would provide assistance in setting up the club to operate SailPass.

5. **Reports**

Treasurer's Report: The Commodore apologised that he had forgot to bring the Treasurer's report home and would email a copy out for comment.

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:**

- Acquittal documentation for the Clubhouse Storage Grant.

8. **General Business.**

Item 79 Passing of Jim Hutchinson: The Commodore advised that Jim Hutchinson had sadly passed away, in his sleep, on Tuesday 7th September. Jim's family were in the process of making funeral arrangements but due to Covid restriction only 10 close family members will be able to attend.

Item 80 Resignation of Kevin Cook: The Commodore advised that Kevin Cook has resigned from purchasing grog for the club in the future. The Commodore stated he had spoken to his sister, the manager of Dan Murphy's in Swansea, with the view of opening an on-line account for the club and having orders delivered.

Item 81 Club Membership List: Mick (Pilgrim) asked if a club membership list could be provided to the Vice Commodores on a regular basis once we commenced the new season. This would allow Vice Commodores to monitor members sailing in the club. The Commodore stated he was confident a "paid" membership list could be generated from the Club's accounting system and would speak to the Treasurer

Action Item: The Commodore to speak with the Treasurer about generating a Membership List from our accounting system.

Item 82 Review of Bar Tabs: Janet (Carr) asked if the club could review its policy of bar tabs. After some discussion the Meeting decided to end bar tabs, on all occasions, at the club, effective immediately. Like any purchase at any business club members will have to pay for their purchases by either cash or card.

Item 82 Planning for the Dolphin Chaser Regatta: Ken (Dalton) asked if we should continue planning for the Dolphin Chaser regatta, scheduled for 20th – 21st November, due to the covid lockdown and restrictions. The Commodore stated that the Government was looking to lift restrictions on community sports once the State reached 80% double vaccinated. As the State has just reached the 80% single dose vaccination mark, he was confident we would meet the 80% double vaccinated by late October, and that we should continue planning for the regatta to proceed in November. If circumstances were to change then we could turn off the event at short notice.

Action Item: Ken (Dalton) to continue planning for the Dolphin Chaser regatta for November.

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: 8.16pm