

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 19th April 2020

General Meeting conducted Electronically (via Email) 7/5/2020 to 15/5/2020

Chairman: John Skewes

1. **Email Responses:** J. Skewes, J. Sivell, J. LeLaen, A. Whitbourne, M. Forbes, J. McCulloch, T. Blackford, G. Beaver, B. Curran, B. McWhirter.
2. **Apologies:** None.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 10th March2020)**

Moved: J. Sivell

Seconded: A. Whitbourne

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

Item 2 Expanding the Club's Storage Facilities: The Commodore was able to announce the Club had been successful in obtaining a \$197,800 Grant from the NSW Government under its Stronger Country Communities Fund. Andy (Whitbourne) volunteered to manage this project on behalf of the Club.

Item 3 Deep Fryer and Upgrade to the Club's Power Outlets and Switchboard: The upgrade to the Club's power supply is included in the \$197,800 grant. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 6 Trip Hazzard with lifting Concrete: Andy (Whitbourne) had previously advised Council had inspected the tree and would not give approval for its removal. Andy has since written to Council stating the situation is a safety issue and as the landowners, they have a duty of care to rectify the situation, which will only get worse over time. Andy stated in his letter the decision by Council was unacceptable and the issue needed to be re-examined. Council is still to respond to Andy's letter

Item 7 Club and Training Records: Andy (Whitbourne) had previously advised he had updated the RSA records and was now looking at the Club Membership records. This is an on-going task.

Item 10 Renewal of RSA Qualifications for Club Members: The Commodore had previously 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 Commodore had previously 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. This has been deferred until such time as the General Committee can meet under the Covid-19 restrictions.

Action Item: **The Duty Boat Roster Review a sub-Committee to review the Duty Boat Roster and Responsibilities and formulate a proposal to be considered by the General Committee.**

Item 13 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 15 The Club’s Annual Presentation Function for Season 2019 - 2020: Due to the Covid-19 restrictions the Club’s 2019 – 2020 Presentation function at the Anchorage Restaurant - Summerland Point, has been deferred, to a date to be advised, when restrictions are lifted by the State Government.

Item 20 Relocating the Club’s Honor Boards: Andy (Whitbourne) has advised the Honor Board has been relocated. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 21 New Trailer for the Marko Runabout: Jim (LeLaen) had previously 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. Jim has now advised we are waiting on grant to fund this purchase.

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

Item 22 Proposal to make The Anchorage Restaurant – Summerland Point a Sponsor of the Club: Brenton (Curran) had previously proposed the Club make The Anchorage Restaurant – Summerland Point a Sponsor of the Club. The Meeting supported Brenton’s proposal.

Action Item: The Secretary to arrange for the update of the Sponsors Board and the Honor Board following the AGM in April.

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 advised he had made up some signage which will be displayed in the bar area. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 24 Australian Sailing changes to Rule 46 and Crew Membership: Australian Sailing (AS) have deferred the implementation of changes to Rule 46 and the introduction of “SailPass” to January 2020. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 25 AS Youth Regatta – October 2020: A decision to proceed with the NSW Youth Regatta, to be held over the October long weekend (3rd to 5th October) will be made by Australian Sailing depending on the Covid-19 restrictions in place.

Item 26 Powerboat Instructor Course: Mick (Forbes) advised this is now on hold due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Item 27 Topsoil for the new Grassed Area at the front of the Clubhouses: Ian (Carr) sort approval to purchase some topsoil for the new grassed area at the front of the Clubhouse at a cost of \$68. The Meeting approved the purchase.

5. **Reports**

Treasurer’s Report: As per the report tabled for the AGM.

Race Committee Report: No Report.

Regatta Committee Report: No report.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Catherine Cusack (Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter) - advice of the success of our grant application for the Clubhouse extensions - \$197,800 grant.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Nil

8. **General Business.**

Item 28 Election of Club Officials: The following members have been elected for the following Club Officials and Sub-committees:

Handicapper (Yachts – Saturday) – Patrick MacGregor

Handicapper (Catamarans – Saturday) – Warren Pfeffer

Social Coordinator – Terrie Blackford

Canteen Manager – Janet Carr

Club Captain – Jim LeLaen

WHS (Work Health & Safety) Officer – Vacant

Public Officer – Patrick MacGregor

Twilight Coordinator – Mick Pilgrim

Twilight Handicapper – Mick Pilgrim

Twilight Timekeeper – Anne Lewicki

Member Development and Training Coordinator – Andy Whitbourne

Publicity Officer – Nikki Parker

Web Master – Bruce McWhirter

Club Licensee – John Skewes

Grants/Sponsors Coordinator – Nicki Parker

Regatta Committee – Michael Forbes, Brenton Curran, Andy Whitbourne, Adrian Foster, Jim LeLaen.

Race Committee – Patrick MacGregor, Andy Whitbourne, Warren Pfeffer, Jim McCulloch, Adrian Foster, Brett Hord.

Protest Committee – Rob Blanch, Warren Pfeffer, Michael Forbes, Jim McCulloch, Darcy Wilson, Adrian Foster.

Equipment Auditors – Andrew Whitbourne, Michael Forbes, Kevin Cook, Rob Blanch.

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 Finalised 15th May 2020