

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 9th February 2021

Meeting Open: 7.00pm

Chairman: John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, J. LeLaen, B. Curran, M. Pilgrim, J. McCulloch, K. Dalton, J. Carr, J. Sivell, N. Parker, G. Graham.
2. **Apologies:** T. Blackford, I Carr, A. Whitbourne, P. MacGregor.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 12th January 2021)**

Moved: J. Sivell

Seconded: M. Pilgrim

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

Item 2 Expanding the Club's Storage Facilities: The Commodore advised work on the project was nearing completion. The concreting and painting would be finished by the end of this week (12/2/2021) and the electrical upgrade was progressing following approvals by Ausgrid. The meeting discussed the signage for the building and decided the existing road front sign should go back on the front of the clubhouse and we would obtain a quote for an additional sign to break up the blank wall along the side of the clubhouse, as suggested by the paint consultant. Ken (Dalton) said he would obtain a quote for the Committee to consider.

Action Item: Original road front signage to go back on the front of the clubhouse. Ken (Dalton) to obtain a quote for a side wall sign.

Item 29 Covid-19 Safety Check for Commencing Sailing Operations: The Commodore advised the restrictions imposed last month, due to the Central Coast being declared a "Red Zone", had now been lifted. Face masks were no longer mandatory inside the clubhouse and we could return to the one person per 2 square meters social distance rule. As this was going to be a long term issue for the club this item will be moved to "Long Term Issues".

Item 47 Media Board to Support the Club's Sponsors: Ken (Dalton) advised he would be picking up the media board this Thursday (11/2/2021).

Item 55 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.

Item 57 Claim for Damage to the New Rib: Nikki (Parker) advised the hearing in the Small Claims Court (Wyong) on the 14th January 2021 was not attended by Statewide Logistics QLD, the transport company and would now go to trial in June. On advice from the Registrar we have engaged David Zammit of David Zammit and Associates (Solicitors) to help us prepare for the court case in June. The Meeting discussed in detail what the likelihood of success would be, based on the advice provided by David Zammit, and resolved to proceed with the case. Part of the evidence we would need to present to the court would be details of the driver, which we currently don't have. There is an opportunity to get these details from the Lake Munmorah Motel were the driver stayed on Tuesday 2/9/2020.

Action Item: Bruce (McWhirter) to talk with the owner of the Lake Munmorah Motel to obtain the drivers details (Tuesday 2/9/2020, approx. 4pm, truck Rego B28QVS).

Item 58 Disposal of the Club's Coffee Machine: Jim (LeLaen) advised there had been little interest to purchase the coffee machine so the Meeting decided to donate the machine to the Mannering Park CWA.

Action Item: Janet (Carr) will speak to Lyn Douglas about donating the coffee machine.

Item 59 Grant Applications – Current Status:

1. Boat Shed Extension - \$197,800 (Regional NSW Industry and Trade – Stronger Country Community Grant) – Successful (Project in progress)
2. Safety Rib - \$17,237 (Lake Coal – Smartygrants) – Successful (Delivered but damaged – claim for compensation against transport company)
3. Sailability Crane - \$4,697 (NSW Office of Sport – Access Grant) – Successful (Delivered, awaiting acquittal)
4. Youth and Volunteer Training - \$1,795 (NSW Office of Sport – Sport Development Grant) – Successful (Remaining funds to spend - \$320)
5. Sailability Boats x 2 - \$26,405 (Chain Valley Colliery Grants) – Not successful
6. Boatshed Storage - \$3,300 (Chain Valley Colliery Grants) – Successful (\$2,123.64 approved through Council)
7. Sails, Harness, Hoodies - \$8,362 (Australian Sports Foundation – Active Kids Grant) – Awaiting Decision
8. 2022 Skiff Nationals Regatta - \$5,000 (NSW Office of Sport – Community Events Grants) – Awaiting Decision

Item 60 Official Opening for the Clubhouse Extensions: The Commodore stated we would need to start thinking about an official opening for the clubhouse extensions about to be completed. A condition of the grant funding was that we would need to hold some sort of opening ceremony so a representative of the Government could officially open the facility. The Commodore further stated he would form a small sub-committee to look into this.

Action Item: The Commodore to form a small sub-committee to look into holding an official opening for the club's extensions project.

Item 61 Concreting the Area beside the Clubhouse: DACH provided a quote which was accepted by the Club. Work will be completed by Friday 12/2/2021. **ITEM CLOSED.**

5. **Reports**

Treasurer's Report: The Commodore presented the Financial reports for January.

Moved: J. Sivell

Second: J. LeLaen

Race Committee Report: No report.

Regatta Committee Report: No Report.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Email – David Zammit (Solicitor) – legal advice on claim for damages to new rib.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- NIL

8. **General Business.**

Item 62 Club Account with Thompson Pies: Janet (Carr) asked if she could have approval for her to set up an account with Thompson Pies to make it easier and cheaper for her when ordering stock for the canteen. The Meeting approved Janet's request.

Action Item: Janet (Carr) to set up a Club account with Thompson Pies.

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: 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.

Meeting Closed: 7.50 pm