

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 11th January 2022

Meeting Open: 7:07 pm

Chairman: John Skewes

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

Moved: J. LeLaen

Seconded: A. Whitbourne

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Item 1 (previously Item 2) Expanding the Club's Storage Facilities: Andy (Whitbourne) had previously advised the roller door needed to be realigned, under warranty, and this would be carried out soon.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne) to follow up on the repair to the door.

Item 2 (previously 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. Grant has been acquitted. Official Opening to be organised.
2. Youth and Volunteer Training - \$1,795 (NSW Office of Sport – Sport Development Grant) – Successful (Remaining funds to spend - \$320). Andy (Whitbourne) to look at expending the remaining funding on training.
3. 2022 Skiff Nationals Regatta - \$5,000 (NSW Office of Sport – Community Events Grants) – successful (equipment ordered)
4. Hansa Boat (Sailability) - \$12,898 (Stronger Communities Grant – Pat Conroy MP) – successful (boat ordered from supplier, awaiting delivery).
5. Youth and Volunteer Training - \$2,660 (NSW Dept. Social Services – 2021 Volunteers Grant) – Grant successful.
6. Dolphin Chaser t-shirts - \$3492.50 (Central Coast Council – Community Events), Submitted 31/7/2021. Grant application unsuccessful.
7. Shade Sails - \$13,750 (Central Coast Council – Community Development), Submitted 31/7/2021. Grant application unsuccessful.
8. Skiff Sails and Vangs - \$4651.25 (Central Coast Council – Community Support), Submitted 31/7/2021. Referred to Lake Coal and re-submitted to Council for further consideration in January 2022.
9. Solar Replacement Project - \$11,780 (Chain Valley Colliery Community Grants), submitted 31/10/2021, decision in January/February 2022.

Item 3 (previously Item 60) Official Opening for the Clubhouse Extensions: The Commodore stated that due to the current Covid infections the function for the opening of the Clubhouse Extension and the welcome to Sailability would be deferred until it was safe to do so.

Item 4 (previously Item 69) Concept Plan to extend the Clubhouse: Andy (Whitbourne) had previously advised John Edwards was in the process of drawing up new plans for the proposed 2nd story clubhouse extensions and expects to hear from John in the next few weeks.

Item 5 (previously Item 76) NS14s State Titles Regatta – Easter 2022 (15th to 18th April 2022): The Commodore stated he had still not heard back from John Forrester re the NS14s State Titles over Easter 2022 (15th to 18th April 2022) period. After some discussion the Meeting decided to withdraw our offer to host this event. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 6 (previously Item 78) Introduction of SailPass: The Commodore advised Australian Sailing's SailPass has commenced, as of 1st January 2022. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 7 (previously Item 84) Trial of New Handicap System for Saturday Yacht Racing: Mick (Pilgrim) advised he was going to a trial a new handicap system for Saturdays Yacht Racing to allow the smaller yachts the opportunity to finish races within the allocated time limits. The trial was still to commence.

Item 8 (previously Item 86) Lake Macquarie City Council Initiative to Promote Sailing on the Lake: Andy (Whitbourne) advised Lake Macquarie City Council had provided a \$1000 grant, to each club on Lake Macquarie, to promote sailing and sailing events on the lake.

Item 9 (previously Item 88) MPASC Christmas Function: Jim (LeLaen) advised the Club's Christmas party for the juniors was a great success. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 10 (previously Item 89) Equipment Maintenance Schedule/Check List: Ken (Dalton) advised he had circulated a revised draft Equipment Maintenance Schedule/Check List for comments and would establish a maintenance schedule process at the club once the draft was finalised.

Action Item: Ken (Dalton) to establish a maintenance schedule process at the club once the draft was finalised.

Item 11 (previously Item 90) Discover Sailing Centre Approval: Andy (Whitbourne) advised he was investigating opportunities to conduct training courses at the club. He had identified a local instructor who could run an Assistant Trainers course, which would allow us to have some of our own members trained as well as offering the training to other clubs around the lake on a pay per individual basis.

Item 12 (previously Item 91) Catamaran Facebook Participation: Darcy (Wilson) had previously asked if the catamarans could have a greater presence on the Club's Facebook to promote cat sailing at the club. Bruce (McWhirter) suggested a suitable person be nominated to organise Facebook posts for the cats and posting rights could be granted by either himself or Jim LeLaen, as the club's Facebook Administrators. Ryan Duncan was suggested as a suitable candidate as he was tech savvy and supportive of cat sailing at the club.

Action Item: Darcy (Wilson) to approach Ryan to see if he would be interested in the role of Facebook Administrator for the cats.

Item 13 (previously Item 92) Awarding "Average Points" for Absences due to Regattas: Jim (McCulloch) had previously raised concerns about the fairness of "Average Points", under paragraph 1.12 "Boats Attending Regattas" of the Sailing Instructions for boats absent supporting club run regattas. After some discussion the Commodore asked Jim if he could draft a suitable amendment for the Sailing Instructions so it could be considered by the Race Committee.

Action Item: Jim (McCulloch) to draft an amendment to the Sailing Instructions, addressing para 1.12 "Boats Attending Regattas", for boats absent supporting club run regattas.

5. **Reports**

Treasurer's Report: The Commodore tabled the Treasurer's financial report for December.

Moved: J. Skewes

Second: A. Whitbourne

Carried

Race Committee Report: No Report was tabled at the meeting.

Regatta Committee Report: Jim (LeLaen) advised planning and organisation for the Open Skiff Nationals, to be hosted by the Club (15th to 18th January 2022) was nearing finalization. Jim was still seeking volunteers to assist, particularly on the Monday and Tuesday, and the Emergency Management Plan had been finalised by Andy Whitbourne. A volunteer's briefing for the Emergency Management Plan would be held this coming Friday, 14th December, at 5pm.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Notification from the NSW Dept. Social Services advising our \$2,660 grant application for Youth and Volunteer training had been successful.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Nil

8. **General Business.**

There was no General Business raised at the meeting.

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.

Meeting Closed: 7:32 pm