

## MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Meeting Open:** 7:00 pm

**Chairman:** John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, J. Carr, T. Blackford, D. Wilson, K. Dalton, M. Pilgrim, J. LeLaen, J. McColloch, A. Whitbourne, B. Curran.
2. **Apologies:** J. Sivell, I. Carr, P. McGregor, N. Parker
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021)**

**Moved:** J. LeLaen

**Seconded:** K. Dalton

### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

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

#### **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 (ready to order)
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. Still waiting on announcement from Lake Coal.
7. Shade Sails - \$13,750 (Central Coast Council – Community Development), Submitted 31/7/2021. Results due shortly from Council.
8. Skiff Sails and Vangs - \$4651.25 (Central Coast Council – Community Support), Submitted 31/7/2021. Results due shortly from Council.
9. Solar Replacement Project - \$11,780 (Chain Valley Colliery Community Grants), submitted 31/10/2021, decision in January 2022.

**Item 60 Official Opening for the Clubhouse Extensions:** The Commodore stated the official function, for the opening of the Clubhouse Extension and the welcome to Sailability would be postponed January or February 2022.

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

**Item 76 NS14s State Titles Regatta – Easter 2022 (15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022):** The Commodore stated he had advised the NS14s Association (John Forrester) that the Club would host their State Titles over Easter 2022 (15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022) but was still waiting to hear back from John.

**Action Item:** The Commodore to follow up with the NS14 Association (John Forrester).

**Item 78 Introduction of SailPass:** The Commodore advised the club's SailPass has been set up with the assistance of Australian Sailing. A link to SailPass Application will be put on the Club's website.

**Action Item:** Bruce (McWhirter) to put a link to SailPass on the Club's website.

**Item 82 Planning for the Dolphin Chaser Regatta:** Andy (Whitbourne) advised the Dolphin Chaser regatta, held 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November, was a great success with 55 boats competing. The Commodore passed on his thanks to all those members who volunteered their time to make this event the success it was. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**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 85 Servicing the Club's First Aid Kits and Defibrillator:** Janet (Carr) advised the Club's First Aid kits and defibrillator had been serviced. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 86 Lake Macquarie City Council Initiative to Promote Sailing on the Lake:** Andy (Whitbourne) advised he had passed on information to Australian Sailing and Lake Macquarie City Council on the Club's planned activities. .

**Item 87 Mannering Park Men's Shed Christmas Party:** Jim (McCulloch) advised he had passed on the Club's approval for the Mannering Park Men's Shed to hold their Christmas Party at the Club House on 15<sup>th</sup> of December. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 88 MPASC Christmas Function:** Jim (LeLaen) advised the Club's Christmas party for the juniors and their parents would go ahead this coming Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

5. **Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented the financial report for November.

**Moved:** T. Blackford

**Second:** A. Whitbourne

**Carried**

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

**Regatta Committee Report:** Darcy (Wilson) stated the turnout for the 14ft Cat Regatta was very disappointing, however the turnout for the Big Cat Regatta was better attended with the F18 holding their State Titles.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Nil

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Annual Liquor License Application

8. **General Business.**

**Item 89 Equipment Maintenance Schedule/Check List:** Ken (Dalton) submitted a draft Equipment Maintenance Schedule/Check List for consideration by the Committee. After some discussion some additions to Ken's draft was recommended.

**Action Item: Ken (Dalton) to incorporate recommendations into his draft.**

**Item 90 Discover Sailing Centre Approval:** Andy (Whitbourne) advised Australian Sailing had approved the Club as a Discover Sailing Centre. Opportunities were now available for the Club to conduct its own training courses, Andy was now looking into arranging an Assistant Trainers course, to be run by the club, in the new year. Andy further advised the next Learn to Sail course for juniors would be run in late January 2022.

**Item 91 Catamaran Facebook Participation:** Darcy (Wilson) 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 92 Awarding "Average Points" for Absences due to Regattas:** Jim (McCulloch) 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.**

### **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: 7:58 pm**