

## MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Meeting Open:** 7:02 pm

**Chairman:** John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, J. Carr, T. Blackford, D. Wilson, K. Dalton, M. Pilgrim, J. LeLaen, McColloch, A. Whitbourne,
2. **Apologies:** J. Sivell, I. Carr, P. McGregor, N. Parker
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021)**

**Moved:** A. Whitborne

**Seconded:** K. Dalton

### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

**Item 2 Expanding the Club's Storage Facilities:** Andy (Whitbourne) advised the repairs to the roller door still needed to be undertaken now that the travel restrictions under the Covid-19 Health Orders to be lifted.

#### **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) – Submitted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Round. Grant decision in November 2021.
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 November 2021.
8. Skiff Sails and Vangs - \$4651.25 (Central Coast Council – Community Support), Submitted 31/7/2021. Results due November 2021.
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 NOR for the Dolphin Chaser regatta, scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November, had been completed and posted to the club's web site. So far, we had received 32 entries, with a week and a half to go.

5. **Reports**

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

**Moved:** T. Blackford                      **Second:** J. LeLaen                      **Carried**

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

**Regatta Committee Report:** No Report was tabled at the meeting. NOR for Big Cat & 14ft Cat Regattas for December 2021 have been finalized and are ready for posting.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Notice to submit Annual Liquor License Application

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Nil

8. **General Business.**

**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.

**Item 85 Servicing the Club's First Aid Kits and Defibrillator:** Janet (Carr) advised the Club's First Aid kits and defibrillator needed to be serviced. Approval given for Janet to have these items serviced.

**Action Item:** Janet (Carr) to arrange for the Club's First Aid Kits and Defibrillator to be serviced.

**Item 86 Lake Macquarie City Council Initiative to Promote Sailing on the Lake:** Australian Sailing (AS) along with Lake Macquarie City Council have asked for all sailing clubs on the lake to express their interest in participating in a promotion strategy to showcase sailing on Lake Macquarie. After some discussion the Meeting endorsed MPASC participation. Andy (Whitbourne) would provide a response to AS nominating the Commodore as the Club's point of contact.

**Action Item:** Andy (Whitbourne) to provide a response to AS.

**Item 87 Mannering Park Men's Shed Christmas Party:** Jim (McCulloch) sort approval for the Men's Shed to hold their Christmas Party at the Club House on 15<sup>th</sup> of December. The Meeting approved the request.

**Item 88 MPASC Christmas Function:** The meeting discussed holding a Christmas Function this year in view of the current Covid-19 restrictions on single and non-vaccinated members. The Commodore stated he was reluctant to turn away any members who would wish to attend but couldn't because of any restrictions. The Meeting decided to go ahead with a Christmas Function for the Club's juniors and their parents only, which would be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### **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: 8:32 pm**