

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 11th June 2024

Meeting Open: 7.00 am

Chairperson: John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, T. Peters, B. Curran, K. Dalton, J. Lonsdale, E. Henderson.
2. **Apologies:** C. Tzaidas, J. LeLaen, M. Pilgrim, J. Carr, A. Whitbourne.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 14th May 2024)**

Moved: J. Lonsdale

Seconded: B. Curran

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

Item 1 (Previous Item 2) Grant Applications – Current Status:

1. Central Coast Council (Community Activities/Programs Grants) – \$5000 (Purchase of a Drone). Grant successful. \$3899 approved by Council and deposited to Club's account. Waiting on expenditure by Jim (LeLaen).

Item 2 (Previous Item 72) Water leak in the Storeroom: Andy (Whitbourne) had previously advised he would monitor the temporary line installed by Council.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne) to monitor Council's response to fixing the water leak.

Item 3 (Previous Item 75) Erosion issue along the foreshore and beneath the Club's Boat Ramp:

Andy (Whitborne) had previously advised he had not been able to meet up with Tyrone, who was going to organise the cement pump truck to deliver any leftover cement to the club and squirt it under the ramp to fill the gap. Andy stated we should look at an alternate solution to fix the issue, perhaps using bags filled with cement to fill the gap.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne) to look at alternative solutions to address the erosion issue.

Item 5 (Previous Item 86) Clubhouse 2nd Story Extension Project:

The Commodore had previously advised we were unsuccessful with our grant application through the State Government's "Level the Playing Field Program 2023/24 grant program", however, Nikki (Parker) was preparing another application through a Federal Government grant which has a bigger pool of funding available.

Item 11 (Previous Item 98) Sailing Rules Night: Mick (Pilgrim) had previously advised he would organise a “Sailing Rules” night prior to the start of the 2024 – 2025 season.

Action Item: Mick (Pilgrim) to organise a “Sailing Rules” night.

Item 14 Drone Grant - Central Coast Council (Community Activities/Programs Grants):

The Commodore had previously advised Council had provided \$3899 in funding for the club to purchase a drone. Jim (LeLaen) has been authorised to source a suitable drone to meet the club’s needs.

Action Item: Jim (LeLaen) to price a suitable drone for the club.

Item 16 Annual Presentation Function: The Commodore stated the Presentation function was considered a great success for those who attended. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 19 Sea Scout Group Sailing Day: Brenton (Curran) had previously advised that Sunday 8th September 2024 was the planned date for the local Sea Scout Group outing on a number of club yachts. Participants would need to register in the club’s TryBooking system and each participant must obtain a SailPass for the day from Australian Sailing.

Action Item: Bruce (McWhirter) to open an event in TryBooking for the 8th September.

Item 22 Hire of the Clubhouse and Club Boats/Vessels: The Commodore advised the new Club Policy for the hire of the clubhouse and the club’s boats had been incorporated into the Club’s Handbook. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 25 Membership for Twilight Races: At the Skippers/Crew meeting on the 21st April the meeting discussed what requirements the club should adopt for participation in the Twilight competition. The Commodore stated he would prefer the races to continue as a “social” competition but recognised the importance of ensuring all participants having insurance cover. To ensure all participants have insurance cover for the Twilight competition the Commodore proposed that one member of the boat must be a full financial member of the club, while all other crew must be a social member of the club. All the social members are required to obtain a “SailPass”, from Australian Sailing, for every race they participate in. The proposal was second by Jim (LeLaen) and passed by the Meeting.

Action Item: The Vice Commodore (Yachts) to write this requirement into the Sailing Instructions.

Item 26 Website Modernisation: Bruce (McWhirter) advised a draft of the re-developed and modernized website would be ready by the end of the month. Once available Bruce would circulate the draft for comments.

Action Item: Bruce (McWhirter) to circulate the draft website re-development for comments once available.

Item 27 ILCA (Laser) Coast Championship Regatta – October 2024: The regatta has been scheduled into the club’s sailing program for October 2024.

Item 28 Grant for a New Solar System: Andy (Whitbourne) had previously stated the club's solar system was now some 15 years old and would need replacing in the near future. The Meeting agreed with Andy's assessment and proposed we look into a suitable grant to fund the replacement.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne) and Nikki (Parker) to look into a suitable grant to fund the replacement of the club's solar system.

Item 29 Childsafe Commitment Statement: The Commodore stated the draft "Childsafe Commitment Statement" and supporting documents had been reviewed and accepted. These have now been added to the Club's website and SharePoint. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 31 Stolen Lights from the Jetty: The Commodore had previously advised that two of the lights along the jetty were stolen in the early hours of Monday (6th May). While our CCTV captured the incident the individual involved could not be identified. The Commodore stated he had reported the incident to Toukley police. We would need to have a look at how we can secure these lights from future attempts of theft.

Item 32 Dolphin Chaser Regatta: Ken (Dalton) had previously asked if we could duplicate the TryBooking registration from the last regatta and open for checking and testing.

Action Item: Bruce (McWhirter) to duplicate the last Dolphin Chaser registration in TryBooking for checking and testing.

Item 33 Recording Qualifications and Certificates in the Members Database: Bruce (McWhirter) advised member's qualifications and certificates could now be recorded and uploaded into the club's database. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 34 New Twilight Handicap System: Brenton (Curran) advised a new handicap system was being fine tuned by Warren Pfeffer and he would draft a brief to present to the Race Committee for endorsement.

Action Item: Warren (Pfeffer) to finalise the new Twilight handicap system and present to the Race Committee for endorsement.

Item 35 Up dated RSA List: Jim (Lonsdale) advised Andy (Whitbourne) had provided an updated RSA list. A copy of this would be displayed behind the bar area.

Action Item: Jim (Lonsdale) to display the revised list of members who hold a current RSA behind the bar area.

5. **Reports**

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

Moved: J. Skewes

Seconded: J. Lonsdale

Report: Accepted

Race Committee Report: NIL Report.

Regatta Committee Report: NIL Report.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Nil.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Nil.

8. **General Business.**

Item 36 Catamaran Regattas for 2025: Emily (Henderson), Vice Commodore Cats, advised the 14ft Cat Regatta's date was still to be decided but the Big Cat Regatta would be held 7th – 8th December.

Item 37 Paper Tiger Catamaran 2026 Australian Championships Regatta: Emily (Henderson) advised the Paper Tiger Association has invited MPASC to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to host their 2026 Australian Championships in January 2026 (2nd – 7th January). The Meeting discussed the proposal and decided to submit an EOI. The Meeting also agreed on a cost of \$1,800 per day to host the regatta.

Action Item: The Commodore to draft the EOI for the club and email to Neil Waterman (Secretary NSWPTCA).

Item 38 Red Rib Outboard: Jim (Lonsdale) advised the outboard for the Red Rib was on its way out and he was waiting on a condition report to determine its life expectancy. Jim further advised that we should start looking at replacing the outboard. Jim volunteered to get some quotes so we could look at a suitable grant to fund the replacement.

Action Item: Jim (Lonsdale) to get quotes for a replacement outboard.

Item 39 Mannering Park Fishing Club use of the Clubhouse: The Meeting discussed the use of the clubhouse, on a regular basis, by the Mannering Park Fishing Club and proposed a formal agreement be put in place to formalize this ongoing arrangement. The Commodore stated Jim (McCulloch) usually booked the clubhouse, on behalf of the Fishing Club, and that they made a regular donation to the club for the use of the facility. The Commodore further stated he would draft an agreement between MPASC and the Mannering Park Fishing Club to formalize their continued use of the clubhouse.

Action Item: The Commodore to draft an Agreement between MPASC and Mannering Park Fishing Club for their ongoing use of the clubhouse.

Item 40 Storage Racks for Sailability Boats: Ken (Dalton) proposed we have some storage racks made for the Sailability boats to free up space in the storage area. The Meeting accepted Ken's proposal and tasked Ken to arrange for the racks to be made.

Action Item: Ken (Dalton) to arrange for some storage racks to be constructed and installed for the Sailability boats.

Item 41 Recognition and Rewards for Volunteers: Ken (Dalton) proposed the club look at some way of recognizing and rewarding the volunteers who give their time to support specific activities of the club e.g. regattas and functions. One example would be to present a thankyou prize/reward and to send a personal “Thankyou” email to individuals supporting events. Ken also suggested a “ticket” system to award prizes/gifts. The Meeting agreed with Ken’s proposal.

Action Item: The Commodore to establish an email thank you for individuals and Ken (Dalton) to draft a “Ticket” system proposal.

Item 42 F18 World Championships in Spain: Jim (Lonsdale) informed the meeting that Emily and James Henderson were about to leave for Spain to compete in the World Championship for F18s in Spain. Both Emily and James would not only represent Australia at the regatta, but also MPASC, as they had registered under the club’s name. After some discussion the Meeting voted to support Emily and James with a \$1000 donation to help with the costs of getting their boat “Jamen” across to Spain and their own travel costs.

Action Item: The Commodore to arrange for a \$1000 donation to be made to Emily and James campaign for the F18 World Championship.

Item 43 Universal Key for the Disabled Toilets: Benton (Curren) advised that the universal lock on the disabled toilet/shower was not working as it is required to do. Brenton stated he would investigate the issue. The Commodore stated we may need to approach the builders of the facility if it’s discovered a universal lock has not been fitted.

Action Item: Brenton (Curren) to investigate the universal lock for the disabled toilet/shower.

Long Term Issues.

Disposal of the Club’s Flying Ants: The Club’s Flying Ants fleet will be sold off.

Action Item: Ken (Dalton) and Jim (LeLaen) to manage the sale of the Flying Ants.

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: Any club member undertaking the RSA training or renewing their RSA would be reimbursed the cost of the course by the Club.

Future NSW Youth Regattas: The Commodore advised he had written to Australian Sailing stating the club would be interested in hosting a future NSW Youth Regatta, but we needed to have a number of key infrastructure projects completed before we would be in a position to host this event.

Timing of future AGMs: Future AGMs be delayed to 12 (midday) instead of 11am to allow members to attend other commitments.

Meeting Closed: 8.08 pm.

