

MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

Date: 14th May 2024

Meeting Open: 7.00 am

Chairperson: John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, J. Carr, A. Whitbourne, T. Peters, B. Curran, K. Dalton, J. Lonsdale.
2. **Apologies:** V. Tzaidas, J. LeLaen, M. Pilgrim, E. Henderson.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 21st April 2024)**

Moved: T. Peters

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)
2. Federal Government – 2023 Volunteers Grant (Fuel Expenses - \$2129). Funding of \$1500 approved. Waiting for funds to be deposited.
3. Level the Playing Field Program 2023/2024 - \$875,000 – Clubhouse 2nd Story Extension Project. The grant application not successful.
4. NSW Community Volunteer Grants - \$1500 successful. Waiting for funds to be deposited. (Grant can be spent on a range of activities and/or items).

Item 2 (Previous Item 72) Water leak in the Storeroom: Andy (Whitbourne) 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) 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.

Item 4 (Previous Item 83) Flag Sets for Regattas: Andy and Jenny Brennan donated a full set of code flags to the club. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 5 (Previous Item 86) Clubhouse 2nd Story Extension Project: The Commodore 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 6 (Previous Item 87) Equitable Access and Usage Policy: The Commodore stated that since we were unsuccessful with the "Level the Playing Field Program" grant application we would not be continuing with this policy which was a condition of the grant. **ITEM CLOSED.**

Item 8 (Previous Item 91) Pontoon Cracking: Andy (Whitbourne) advised Mick Forbes has inspected the jetty and advised there was nothing we needed to be concerned about. **ITEM CLOSED.**

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 advised we had sold 88 tickets to the Club's annual Presentation function, to be held this coming Saturday, 18th May 2024.

Item 19 Sea Scout Group Sailing Day: Brenton (Curran) 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 stated he had drafted a Club Policy for the hire of the clubhouse and the club's boats and would circulate the policy for comments.

Action Item: The Commodore to circulate the draft policy for comments.

Item 25 Membership for Twilight Races: At the previous meeting (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) had previously advised he had been speaking with a Web developer, he uses with his IT business, who would re-develop and modernize the club’s website, specifically to make it more mobile friendly and responsive. The cost to modernize the website was discounted down to \$1600 (incl GST). Bruce’s proposal was second by Jim (LeLaen) and approved by the Meeting.

Action Item: Bruce (McWhirter) to organise the re-development and modernisation of the club’s website.

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: Jim (LeLaen) had previously tabled a draft “Childsafe Commitment Statement” for comment. The Commodore stated the Executive Committee would examine the document and provide comments.

Action Item: Executive Committee to examine the document and provide comments.

5. **Reports**

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

Moved: J. Skewes **Seconded:** A. Whitbourne **Report:** Accepted

Race Committee Report: NIL Report.

Regatta Committee Report: The ILCA (Laser) Coast Champion regatta been scheduled into the club's sailing program for October 2024.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Nil.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Nil.

8. **General Business.**

Item 31 Stolen Lights from the Jetty: The Commodore stated 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) 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: Brenton Curran asked if it was possible to be able to record qualifications and certificates e.g. Working with Children (WWC), RSA, Food Handling etc. in the Club's Membership Database. Bruce (McWhirter) stated it would not be a problem and would look at the database and modify it to be able to record and upload member's qualifications and certificates.

Action Item: Bruce (McWhirter) to modify the membership database to record member's qualifications and upload certificates.

Item 34 New Twilight Handicap System: Brenton (Curran) advised a new handicap system was being looked at following the Skippers meeting in April. Brenton briefed the meeting on the proposed system and stated he would discuss the system with a number of skippers before presenting to the Race Committee for endorsement.

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

Item 35 Up dated RSA List: Jim (Lonsdale) asked if an updated RSA list could be provided so that only those members holding an RAS qualification would be able to serve from the bar. Andy (Whitbourne) stated he would provide Jim with a revised list.

Action Item: Andy (Whitbourne) to provide a revised list of members who hold a current RSA.

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: 8.35 pm.