

## MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Meeting Open:** 7.05 am

**Chairperson:** John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, T. Peters, B. Curran, J. Lonsdale, J. LeLaen, M. Pilgrim, A. Whitbourne, J. Carr, K. Dalton, E. Henderson, C. Tzaidas.
2. **Apologies:** None.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

**Moved:** B. Curran

**Seconded:** J. LeLaen

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

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

1. Office of Sport – Level the Playing Field Grant - \$973,731 (Accessible Upgrade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Story Clubhouse Extension) – submitted awaiting decision.
2. Office of Sport – Small Infrastructure, Refit, and Sporting Equipment Grant - \$ TBA (Solar System Upgrade, including a solar battery) – being drafted.

**Item 2 (Previous Item 72) Water leak in the Storeroom:** Andy (Whitbourne) stated he would chase up council to tidy up the temporary water line to the foreshore tap. Andy also stated we have had no more leakage into the storage shed since Council installed the temporary water line.

**Action Item:** Andy (Whitbourne) to chase up Council to tidy up the temporary water line.

**Item 3 (Previous Item 75) Erosion issue along the foreshore and beneath the Club's Boat Ramp:** Andy (Whitborne) stated he was still working on a solution to this issue.

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

**Item 5 (Previous Item 86) Clubhouse 2<sup>nd</sup> Story Extension Project:** A grant application for \$973,731 under the State Government's "Level the Playing Field grant program", has been submitted by Nikki (Parker).

**Item 14 Drone Grant - Central Coast Council (Community Activities/Programs Grants):** Jim (LeLaen) advised he had purchased the drone from Harvey Norman at a cost of \$3430. Both he and Bruce (McWhirter) had completed the mandatory on-line operator's course. Andy (Whitbourne) stated he too would also like to become a drone operator and would undertake the course. Jim (LeLaen), Bruce (McWhirter), and Andy (Whitbourne) will be the only three club members authorised to operate the drone.

**Item 19 Sea Scout Group Sailing Day – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024:** The Commodore stated he had established a third “SailPass” category called “Community Events” with Australian Sailing. Brenton (Curran) advised the event was ready to proceed on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**Item 26 Website Modernisation:** Bruce (McWhirter) was authorised to launch the new website with a few amendments.

**Action Item:** Bruce (McWhirter) to launch the new website.

**Item 27 ILCA (Laser) Coast Championship Regatta – October 2024:** The Commodore advised Kevin Phillips (ILCA Association) had accepted MPASC proposal to host this regatta on 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The Regatta Committee could now start the planning for this event.

**Action Item:** Regatta Committee to start planning for the ILCA (Laser) regatta on 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**Item 28 Grant for a New Solar System:** Jim (LeLaen) advised Nikki (Parker), the Club’s Grant Coordinator, was drafting a submission for a grant under the State Government’s (Office of Sport) Small Infrastructure, Refit, and Sporting Equipment Grant Program for an upgrade to our solar system, which would also include a solar battery storage.

**Item 31 Stolen Lights from the Jetty:** Andy (Whitbourne) advised he had moved one of the existing lights down to the pontoon ramp to replace one of the stolen lights and secured the screw fixtures to deter thieves. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 32 Dolphin Chaser Regatta:** Ken (Dalton) stated he would get together with Bruce (McWhirter) to work through changes to the Dolphin Chaser Regatta TryBooking registration format.

**Action Item:** Ken (Dalton) and Bruce (McWhirter) to work on the Dolphin Chaser Regatta TryBooking registration.

**Item 34 New Twilight Handicap System:** Mick (Pilgrim) tabled the new Twilight handicap system, which was accepted by the Meeting. Mick would incorporate this into the Sailing Instructions.

**Action Item:** Mick (Pilgrim) to incorporate the new Twilight handicap system into the Sailing Instructions.

**Item 36 Catamaran Regattas for 2025:** Emily (Henderson) advised the 14ft Cat Regatta has been scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024, with the Big Cat Regatta to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December. Both these events have been included in the club’s program calendar. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 37 Paper Tiger Catamaran 2026 Australian Championships Regatta 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** The Commodore advised he had sent an EOI to the Paper Tiger Association and was waiting on a response.

**Item 38 Red Rib Outboard:** Jim (Lonsdale) advised he was still waiting on a condition report for the Red Rib outboard to determine its life expectancy. Jim had previously advised he would obtain a few quotes so we could start looking for a suitable grant to fund a replacement outboard, if required.

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

**Item 39 Mannering Park Fishing Club use of the Clubhouse:** Previously the Meeting had 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 he had drafted an agreement however the Mannering Park Fishing Club was not a legal entity so a formal agreement would not be possible. The Commodore stated he would discuss the matter with Jim McCulloch when he returned from holidays.

**Action Item:** The Commodore to discuss the matter with Jim McCulloch.

**Item 41 Recognition for Volunteers:** Ken (Dalton) stated he and Sheere (Dalton) would draft a process proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

**Action Item:** Ken and Sheere (Dalton) to draft a process proposal. The Commodore to establish an email thank you for individuals.

**Item 44 Honor Board Update:** Jim (Lonsdale) said he would speak with Nicky (Henderson), a professional signwriter, to see if she would be interested in updating the club's Honor Board.

**Action Item:** Jim (Lonsdale) to speak with Nicky (Henderson).

**Item 45 Upgrade the Club's Point of Sale (POS) System:** Bruce (McWhirter) advised the new Point of Sale (POS) system, with Square, has been installed and operating successfully. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 46 Disposal of the Club's Flying Ants:** Ken (Dalton) advised a buyer from Newcastle was interested in purchasing two of the boats. Ken would follow up with the buyer.

**Action Item:** Ken (Dalton) to follow up with the Newcastle buyer.

## 5. **Reports**

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

**Moved:** C. Tzaidas                      **Seconded:** J. Carr      **Report:** Accepted

**Race Committee Report:** Mick (Pilgrim) advised the Sailing Instructions and Program Calendar have been finalised for the 2024 – 2025 Season.

**Regatta Committee Report:** Emily (Henderson) advised she has been approached to see if MPASC would be interested in hosting a regatta for the Taipans and the Hobbie Association's 2025 – 2026 Titles over 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. Emily would seek more details for the Committee to consider.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Nil.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Nil.

8. **General Business.**

**Item 47 First Aid Kits Audit and Defibrillator Battery Replacement:** Janet (Carr) advised the club's first aid kits were due for audit and the defibrillator battery needed replacing. The Meeting authorised Janet to arrange for the audit and replacement of the battery.

**Action Item:** Janet (Carr) to organise the audit of the club's first aid kits and replace the defibrillator battery.

**Item 48 Catamaran Program for 2024 - 2025:** Emily (Henderson) proposed a sailing program of just one event a month be trialed to see if we could encourage the cat sailors to return to the club following the extremely small numbers experienced over the years following Covid. The Meeting agreed with Emily's proposal.

**Item 49 Photo of our new World Champions to be displayed at the Club:** Janet (Carr) proposed a photo of our two new World Champions, James, and Emily Henderson, be displayed in the clubhouse. The Meeting agreed with Janet's proposal. Jim (Lonsdale) volunteered to provide a suitable photograph to be displayed.

**Action Item:** Jim (Lonsdale) to provide a suitable photo of our two new World Champions for display at the clubhouse.

**Item 50 Square Financial Reports:** Con (Tzaidas) asked if he could receive the Square Sales Reports following the introduction of the new POS System. Bruce (McWhirter) stated he would arrange that.

**Action Item:** Bruce (McWhirter) to arrange for Con to receive the Square Sales Reports.

**Item 51 Canteen and Bar Price Review:** The Commodore stated he had commenced a price review of the canteen and bar prices following the Government's Excise increase on the 5<sup>th</sup> August for all alcoholic drinks. Jim (Lonsdale) and Janet (Carr) would also be involved in the review.

**Action Item:** The Commodore, Jim (Lonsdale), and Janet (Carr) to finalise the price review prior to the start of the 2024 – 2025 season in September.

**Item 52 EOI for a Foil Clinic on Lake Macquarie:** Andy (Whitbourne) advised he had been approached to gauge the interest for a Foil clinic to be held on Lake Macquarie, particularly amongst juniors, follow Australia's success at the recent Olympics. Andy stated he would need to have more details, particularly costs, before the club could make a decision.

**Action Item:** Andy (Whitbourne) to get more details on the Foil clinic proposal.

**Item 53 Pricing for Hosting Regattas at MPASC:** The Commodore stated we needed to consider a pricing formula for hosting regattas at MPASC in the future. The Meeting discussed the pros and cons of a \$ per boat vs \$ per day arrangement and decided a mixture of both would be required. As a guideline we would use \$1200 - \$1500 for a daily fee formula and \$100 per boat for a two-man boat/catamaran, and \$70 per boat for a single crewed boat/catamaran. As a way to validate the value of the \$ per boat arrangements we would use our 14ft Cat and Big Cat regattas to analyze our costs/income over the regattas.

**Long Term Issues.**

**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 by Council 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: 8.55 pm.**