

## MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Meeting Open:** 7.00 am

**Chairperson:** John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, T. Peters, B. Curran, J. Lonsdale, J. LeLaen, M. Pilgrim, A. Whitbourne.
2. **Apologies:** K. Dalton, C. Tzaidas, E. Henderson, J. Carr, A. Whitbourne.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024)**

**Moved:** J. Lonsdale

**Seconded:** T. Peters

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. A grant application has been submitted.

**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):** Jim (LeLaen) advised he had selected a suitable drone from Harvey Norman at a cost of \$3430. The drone was 1 Kg in weight, had avoidance technology, three (3) batteries, and a 2 Yr insurance policy for damage. The Meeting authorised Jim to proceed with the purchase. Jim went on to state we should have up to 5 operators who would need to complete the on-line drone operator’s training.

**Action Item:** Jim (LeLaen) to proceed with the purchase of the drone from Harvey Norman. The Committee to consider which club members are to be authorised to operate the drone.

**Item 19 Sea Scout Group Sailing Day – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024:** Bruce (McWhirter) advised that he had opened an event in TryBooking for the Scout Group Sailing Day on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The Commodore stated he would speak with Australian Sailing to have a third SailPass category established for MPASC for “community events. This SailPass would be free of charge to all members of the public who participated in community events e.g. Try Sailing Days etc.

**Action Item:** The Commodore to arrange with AS for a third SailPass category to be called “Community Events”.

**Item 25 Membership for Twilight Races:** The Commodore advised a “Twilight Crew Sailing Membership” has been set up in TryBooking. All Twilight crew are required to become Social/Affiliate members of the Club after three (3) races, if not full Sailing Members of the Club, and must obtain a SailPass from Australian Sailing for every race they participate in.

**Action Item:** The Vice Commodore (Yachts) to write this requirement into the Sailing Instructions. Bruce (McWhirter) to add a link to RevSPORT (SailPass) in the club’s website for Twilight crews to obtain a SailPass before each race.

**Item 26 Website Modernisation:** Bruce (McWhirter) advised a draft of the re-developed and modernized website has been circulated the draft for comments.

**Item 27 ILCA (Laser) Coast Championship Regatta – October 2024:** The regatta has been scheduled into the club’s sailing program for October 2024. The Commodore stated he has not heard back from the ILCA (Laser) Association about our EOI and would follow this up.

**Action Item:** The Commodore to follow up with the ILCA (Laser) Association on our EOI.

**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 31 Stolen Lights from the Jetty:** A number of ideas were discussed on how we could secure the jetty lights so they would be difficult to be removed/stolen. Mick (Pilgrim) and Andy (Whitbourne) said they would have a look and come up with a practical solution. Once we had a solution, we would look into replacing the two stolen lights.

**Action Item:** Mick (Pilgrim) and Andy (Whitbourne) to look into solutions to secure the jetty lights.

**Item 32 Dolphin Chaser Regatta:** Bruce (McWhirter) advised he had duplicated the Dolphin Chaser Regatta TryBooking registration, from the last regatta, for Ken (Dalton) to check and test.

**Action Item:** Ken (Dalton) to check and test the Dolphin Chaser Regatta TryBooking registration.

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

**Item 37 Paper Tiger Catamaran 2026 Australian Championships Regatta:** Emily (Henderson) had previously advised the Paper Tiger Association has invited MPASC to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to host their 2026 Australian Championships in January 2026 (2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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 40 Storage Racks for Sailability Boats:** The Meeting discussed having special built racks made for the Sailability boats and decided to just stand them on their ends. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 41 Recognition and Rewards for Volunteers:** Ken (Dalton) had previously 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) stated Emily and James (Henderson) won the Youth Championship, were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Mixed Crews, and 35<sup>th</sup> overall in the F18 World Championships in Spain, an outstanding effort by two of the clubs junior members. **ITEM CLOSED.**

5. **Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Commodore tabled the financial report for June.

**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 44 Honor Board Update:** The club’s Honor Board needed to be updated.

**Action Item:** The Secretary (Bruce McWhirter) to organise for the honor board to be updated.

**Item 45 Upgrade the Club’s Point of Sale (POS) System:** Bruce (McWhirter) advised he club’s Point of Sale (POS) system would need to be upgraded along with the Tyro credit card payment system, which was reliant on 3G (soon to be switched off). Bruce stated he would look into options the Committee could consider, with the view to have a new system in place before the start of the new season in September.

**Action Item:** Bruce (McWhirter) to investigate POS system options.

**Item 46 Disposal of the Club's Flying Ants:** Jim (LeLaen) advised we had a possible buyer for one of the Flying Ants. Each of the boats would be sold individually rather than trying to sell the boats as a fleet.

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

**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 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: 8.40 pm.**