

## MPASC- General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Meeting Open:** 7.00 pm

**Chairperson:** John Skewes

1. **Present:** J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, B. Curran, J. Lonsdale, M. Pilgrim, A. Whitbourne, T. Peters, J. LeLaen, J. Carr.
2. **Apologies:** K. Dalton, E. Henderson, C. Tzaidas, J. Elwes (Sailability).
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (General Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024)**

**Moved:** A. Whitbourne

**Seconded:** J. Lonsdale

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 - \$37,180 (Solar System Upgrade, including a solar battery) – being drafted.

### **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 27 ILCA (Laser) Coast Championship Regatta – October 2024:** Andy (Whitbourne) advised planning for the regatta has been completed but he was chasing up a few more volunteers to help on the support boats. The regatta will be held this coming weekend, 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**Item 32 Dolphin Chaser Regatta:** Bruce (McWhirter) advised he and Ken (Dalton) had got together to review the TryBooking registration format.

**Item 37 Paper Tiger Catamaran 2026 Australian Championships Regatta 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** The Commodore advised he had not had any correspondence from the Paper Tiger Association accepting our EOI. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**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:** The Commodore advised he had sent a draft to Jim (McCulloch) for consideration on behalf of the Mannering Park Fishing Club

**Action Item:** Jim (McCulloch) to consider the proposal for the use of the clubhouse by the Mannering Park Fishing Club.

**Item 44 Honor Board Update:** Jim (Lonsdale) advised Nicky (Henderson), a professional signwriter, would be able to update the club's Honor Board. The Secretary to provide Jim (Lonsdale) with details of what needs to be updated.

**Action Item:** Bruce (McWhirter) to provide Jim (Lonsdale) details for updating the Club's Honor Board.

**Item 46 Disposal of the Club's Flying Ants:** One of the Flying Ants has been sold for \$2,000. Ken (Dalton) will continue to work on selling the remaining three (3) boats.

**Action Item:** Ken (Dalton) to continue working on selling the remaining boats.

**Item 47 First Aid Kits Audit and Defibrillator Pad Replacements:** Janet (Carr) advised the First Aid Kit's audit had been completed and the Defibrillator pads replaced. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 49 Photo of our new World Champions (Emily and James Henderson) to be displayed at the Club:** Jim (Lonsdale) stated some suitable pictures of Emily and James (Henderson) had been selected and would be displayed in the clubhouse in the near future. Bruce (McWhirter) stated if Jim could provide these photos in digital format, we could also upload them to the club's website and FaceBook sites.

**Action Item:** Jim (Lonsdale) to provide digital photos to Bruce (McWhirter).

**Item 52 EOI for a Foil Clinic on Lake Macquarie:** Andy (Whitbourne) advised he was waiting on a response from Tom Squires (Australian Sailing) to confirm the date for the Foil clinic.

**Item 53 Taipan and Hobbie Regatta 2025 – 2026 Titles Regatta:** Emily (Henderson) had previously 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.

**Action Item:** Emily (Henderson) to seek more details for the regatta.

**Item 54 Renewal of Membership for Past Members:** Bruce (McWhirter) advised he has established an emailing list function in SharePoint to allow us to contact past members who have not renewed their memberships. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 55 Sailability:** Jason (Elwes) advised, via email, that the planned Sailability day on the 24<sup>th</sup> October has been cancelled, but he was hopeful Sailability operations would be able to start around the 7<sup>th</sup> November would canvas the members.

**Item 56 Loss of Grassed Rigging Area:** Andy (Whitbourne) advised Council had restored the grassed rigging area. **ITEM CLOSED.**

**Item 57 Learn to Sail Program:** Andy (Whitbourne) advised five students have registered for the first of the Learn to Sail class in October. **ITEM CLOSED.**

5. **Reports**

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

**Moved:** J. Skewes                      **Seconded:** B. Curran                      **Report:** Accepted

**Race Committee Report:** Nil Report.

**Regatta Committee Report:** Nil Report.

6. **Correspondence In:**

- Yasmin Catley (Letter) re Loss of Grassed Rigging Area.

7. **Correspondence Out:**

- Nil.

8. **General Business.**

**Item 60 Renewed Sponsorships:** Ken (Dalton) advised, via email, that the Doylo had come on board with \$2,000 in sponsorship and Trinity Point Marina with \$1,000. Vaikobi has also signed up for sponsoring the Dolphin Chaser regatta.

## **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.

**Recognition for Volunteers:** Ken (Dalton) and Sheere (Dalton) would draft a process proposal for the recognition of volunteers for implementation in season 2025 – 2026.

**Pricing for Hosting Regattas at MPASC:** At our August monthly meeting 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 2024 14ft Cat and Big Cat regattas to analyze our costs/income over the regattas.

**Meeting Closed: 7.47 pm.**