



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 23rd August 2023

7.30pm

Committee Members

Commodore – Steve Browne
Vice Commodore – Mark Maczkowiak
Rear Commodore – Troy Cawthan
Rear Commodore PA – Mark West

General Manager – Damien Gaspar
Treasurer – James Turnbull

Committee – Kim Sorrell
Committee – Graham Butler
Committee – Paul Davies
Committee – Johnathon Riley
Committee – Graham Dart

Past Commodore – Ian Harwood

Minutes – Cindy Harvey

1. David Philpot Maritime Safety Presentation -

Annelies - Shared Used Mooring System (SUMS)

DoT established for recreational vessels to increase access to recreational moorings and provide greater opportunity for people to safely enjoy the State's most popular boating areas.

Currently \$105 per year

Pamphlet attached.

David Philpot – Safety presentation

New safety equipment changes

- New definitions for "Protected and Unprotected Waters"
- Vessel length no longer restricts the distance a vessel can operate from shore.
- Everyone on board PWC must always wear lifejacket and in all waters.
- Skippers must carry a lifejacket for everyone on board when they are on the water.
- New rules for distress beacons
- New radio laws – must carry a VHF or HF marine radio when travelling more than four nautical miles from shore.
- Flares & EVDS

2. Declare meeting open 8.12pm



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Apologies

Ray Hill
Maurice Brittain
Brian Sinclair
Aaron barker
Peter Robinson
Michael Collin
Dennis Nankivell
Kim Sorrell
Graham Butler
Ian Harwood
Adrian Crook
Owain Evans
Garth Sorrell
Kelly Newbon

3. Confirmation of Minutes – ½ Yearly AGM held on February 2023

Moved: Paul Nicholls
Second: Peter Mitchell
Carried

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes – February 2023

NIL

5. Returning Officers Report

Adrian Greathead (Member 0610) presented the outcome of recent Management committee election.

There were 478 eligible members to vote, a total of 120 members voted, which were Postal Votes; fifty, Attendance at the club; seventy & invalid; four.

The results of the ballot for the three committee positions:

- Brad Jurovich 104
- Jonathon Riley 73
- Paul Davies 67
- Michael Collins 54
- Ray Hill 50



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Resulting in the new Management Committee being;

Flag Officers:

- Commodore (elected unopposed) Stephen Browne
- Vice Commodore (elected unopposed) Mark Maczkowiak
- Rear Commodore (elected unopposed) Troy Cawthan
- Rear Commodore Power and Angling (elected unopposed) Mark West
- Treasurer (elected unopposed) Andrew Siegert

Six Committee members:

- Graham Dart (sitting member)
- Graham Butler (sitting member)
- Wayne Jones (sitting member)
- Brad Jurovich
- Jonathon Riley
- Paul Davies

Moved: Adrian Greathead

Second: Garry Barker

Unanimous

Carried.

6. Election of Club Captain

Angling Club Captain Owain Evans nominated by Ian Hall

Moved: Ian Hall

Second: Caroline Stewart

Unanimous

Carried

Thank you to James Aps who has done a fantastic job.

7. To receive reports –

1.1. Commodore Report – Steve Browne

Despite adverse financial impact caused by the gradual reduction of pen availability on Jetty 5 we can report another outstanding surplus for the financial year. The surplus can be attributed to our team maintaining an environment of strict cost controls and spending constraints, supported by the strong patronage from our wonderful Members. Congratulations to Damien and his team for another successful year.



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This has been a difficult year for your committee, juggling the riverside greening mandates of Government, with desires and needs of our Members regarding the Club slipway's entanglement in the DBCA approval process. Enormous effort has been applied to the negotiation process by your committee, in dealing with Member's frustration and sometimes Government Department intransigence whilst always maintaining real focus on containing costs and achieving best design outcomes for the benefit of our Membership into the future.

Once costs for the Jetty 5 works are fully developed and the funds allocated, your committee is committed to developing a modern boat lifting and maintenance facility, designed to incorporate a safe and compliant environment for Members.

I take this opportunity to thank all Committee and staff members for their outstanding efforts over the past year and in particular our two committee members who are standing down this year. Firstly, Treasurer James Turnbull, James has excelled in the role as Treasurer for the past 8 years, delivering a professional assessment of our monthly and annual accounting outcomes, while maintaining a conservative approach to capital expenditure, always prioritising Members long term benefits when debating within the Committee room. Thank you, James and all the best with returning to work and family commitments. Secondly Kim Sorrell who has also served on Committee for the past 8 years. Kim has been a valuable Committee member, championing the aspirations of our long-term boating Members. Kim has spent many hours around the Club and his quirky sense of humour will be sorely missed at our meetings.

I also congratulate and welcome our new Treasurer, Andrew Siegert and new Committee member Brad Jurovich to Committee and look forward to working with them over the next year.

Congratulations to Paul Davies and Jonothan Riley who have been re-elected to their roles on Committee.

A big thank you, also to the nominees who just missed out at the election, all nominees attracted over fifty votes, indicating solid support from the Members for each nominee.

On a personal note, I look forward to moving into my second year as Commodore with aspirations to not only complete the Jetty 5 project and to develop further new and exciting projects incorporated in Our Club's 20-year



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plan, but to also foster enhancement in Member's overall experience when using our Club's marina and clubhouse facilities.

Moved: Caroline Stewart

Second: Paul Nicholls

Carried

1.2. Vice Commodore Report – Mark Maczkowiak

SFM Marine is our main on water sponsor. We can get substantial discounts from SFM Marine.

Jetty 5 - application to replace Jetty 5 is with DBCA and we have put the plans out to tender. Some of the tenders will be for the complete build, some will be for parts of it. Part of the Jetty 5 approval will be dependent on having green space installed over the front part of the old slipway at the same time. We will need to clear up that whole area and realign the carparking before we can do any work on the Eastern side of the Clubhouse.

Snubbers - Weights and Chains on the jetty side of pens must be replaced with Club Approved Snubbers by the end of September. Approved snubbers are available from the office.

Pile Rings – new “test” rings will reduce the sideways pull on the piles and make it easier to tie up air berths and docky dock type installations as well as boats. We will be trialling them in the next few weeks. If successful, they will be used on Jetty 5 and potentially introduced across the whole of the Marina over time to get rid of weights and chains entirely.

Rope Hanger Mounts - test will commence on Rope Hanger Mounts. These ones attach to the piles via composite polymer bands.

Dave Birchenough - the bow of the Birchenough has been modified so we can drive up to piles and tie the Birchenough in place. This will make it easier to work on weights and chains, pile covers etc as well as make it easier to do some pile testing.



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Boat Ramp - please continue to be careful around the boat ramp. We are looking at how we can add some additional fibreglass mesh to make it less slippery.

Moved: Ian Hall
Second: Paul Nichols
Carried

1.3. Rear Commodore Report – Troy Cawthan

The main aim for the year was to continue to provide maximum surplus from our operations to be injected back into major capital projects which we have achieved in an extremely challenging environment.

On top of this we also had the following achievements for the year:
Commodores Ball – 170 + people largest in recent history
Opening of the Season – 45 boats largest in recent history - incorporated an opening of season party.
Melbourne Cup – 700 + people which produced a large surplus event.

Moved: Garry Baker
Second: Ian Hall
Carried

1.4. Rear Commodore PA Report – Mark West

Report tabled.

Moved: Peter Marshall
Second: Adrian Greathead
Carried

8. Treasurer's Report – James Turnbull

Please see attached document.

Bar is showing continuing stability whilst the Club works hard at keeping beer prices down.

Galley is still a work in progress trying to balance the team, cost, and revenue.

No financial questions were received.



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Motion: Annual accounts be accepted

Moved: James Turnbull

Second: Richard Jarman

Unanimous

Carried

9. Presentation of Awards

Nomination of Life Membership Ian Harwood (1574)

Proposed: Paul Nicholls

Second: Adrian Greathead

Unanimous

Carried

10. General Business

Richard Jarman 957

Very few people have attended tonight. Acknowledged the good work of the Committee. Encouraged the return of a points system or something that will encourage members to return to these meetings.

Response: Steve Browne advised this would be discussed as the next Committee meeting.

Adrian Greathead 0610

Following on from Richard, Adrian mentioned the significant drop of eligible voting members who voted was a significant drop from previous years.

Response: Steve Browne advised this would be discussed as the next Committee meeting.

Adrian Greathead 0610

Why was Great Northern removed from the bar?

Response: Steve Browne explained the current major beer supplier is Lion (as negotiated two years ago) requiring beer sales to meet predetermined targets.

Adrian Greathead 0610

Thank you, Richard Jarman, for the upgrading of the two lecterns.

Caroline (Ra) Stewart 14675

Thank you to all Management Committee for their efforts and echoed Richard's disappointment with the lack of turn out for tonight's meeting.

Employee entitlements increasing



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Decline in memberships revenue and split between full and social.

Steve Browne advised we would respond prior to next meeting.

11. Close 9.32pm

Signed: 

Commodore Steve Browne 22nd February 2024

Next meeting Thursday 22nd February 2024