

General Meeting

1. **Date 4th March 2008 – Meeting Opened 7:35 PM**
2. **Attendance:** A. Whitbourne, J. Skewes, B. McWhirter, J. Lamb, M. Forbes
K. Douglas, T. Blackford, M. Carrol, B. Curren, K. Rixon, T. Walker, P. Sisson,
I. Henderson
3. **Apologies:** P. Macgregor
4. **Reports:** The Treasurers report was tabled and accepted. (Nominated B.
Curren, 2nd M. Forbes).
5. **Correspondence In:**
6. **Correspondence Out:**
7. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting be Accepted** (General Meeting held 5th
February 2008) Proposed J. Skewes, 2nd K. Douglas
8. **Matters arising from the previous Minutes:**

- **Item 50: R&L Championship Regatta – 30th December 2007:** Report from Race Committee next month. **ITEM CLOSED**
- **Item 66: MPYC's Future Directions and Goals.** Tony Walker tabled a proposed draft plan for submission to Council. The Committee was informed that four trees needed to be removed if the proposed plans were approved. The Committee decided to display the proposed plans in order to obtain comments from members. Ongoing.
- **Item 71: Club Sponsors** The Committee discussed ways to use donations from sponsors. The club purchased a BBQ with funds donated. The committee discussed the possibility of a Sponsors Day. **ITEM CLOSED**
- **Item 75: Fire Ball Regatta** Planned for Christmas 2009/20010. An email has been sent by the Regatta Committee suggesting race fees be set at \$100 - \$120. Ongoing.

Action: P. Macgregor

- **Item 86. Life Members.** Proposed changes to the constitution re Life Members have been approved by the committee. A proposed MPYC Constitution has been created, and distributed to committee members for discussion. Ongoing

Action: Bruce McWhirter

- **Item 90. Identification of Work Boats.** The committee was informed that sponsors stickers (Centennial Coal) for one work boat have been applied to the boat.
- **Item 93. Work/Rescue Boats.** The committee decided to abandon the idea of fitting battery isolators to the work boats. The committee was informed of the requirement for maintenance on both the work boats and the radios in the club house. **ITEM CLOSED**
- **Item 95: Heaven Can Wait Race.** The committee decided to send all funds, including a covering letter to the Cancer Council to finalise the funds relating to this event. **ITEM CLOSED**
- **Item 96: Membership Database.** A form for the membership database has been developed and has been distributed by the relevant Vice Commodores who have encouraged members to complete these forms so that the information obtained can be included in the database.
Ongoing

Action: J. Skewes / B. Curren

- **Item 97 BBQ.** The BBQ has been purchased and is in use. The committee was informed of the need for end tables to be added to the existing BBQ. Peter Sisson installed end tables at no cost to the club. Thank You Peter. **ITEM CLOSED**
- **Item 101: Club T Shirts.** The posters for the 'T' Shirt design competition has been posted on the Club Notice Board. It was recommended the poster also be displayed on the clubs web site. The committee further discussed patches for "T" shirts and the cost of the shirts was also discussed. Rob Blanch offered to get a 'T' shirt catalogue which would help the committee decided on design and prices. The prize for the final design should be awarded at the Clubs Presentation Night.

Action R. Blanch

- **Item 104: Twilight Starter.** The committee was informed that Ted is continuing to perform the duties of Twilight Starter with assistance from others. The committee recommends the attendance of assistants be monitored to ensure the task does not become too much of a burden on one person. **ITEM CLOSED**

- **Item 107: Interclub race with SLMASC (Sunshine).** The committee was advised that a further meeting between MPYC and SLMASC had been arranged for 10th February 2008. It is envisioned that sailing instructions for both clubs be exchanged and the Saturday event be held at MPYC, under our sailing instructions, and the Sunday event be held at Sunshine under their sailing instructions. A suggestion was made that a Sponsors Day could also be incorporated in the Saturday event.

Action: A Whitbourne / P. Macgregor

- **Item 112: Next Season's Sailing Instructions.** A draft set of Sailing Instructions was submitted to the Committee by John Skewes, who asked that any changes to the proposed instructions be discussed next meeting.
- **Item 113: Power Outlet.** The required power outlet has been installed and tested. **ITEM CLOSED**
- **Item 114: Open Cat Regatta.** Brenton Curren (VC Cats) thanked the members who volunteered their time and put in a huge effort make this event such a success. Due to the success of the event he would like to see the event held at MPYC again in future years. **ITEM CLOSED**
- **Item 115: Un-financial Twilight Sailors.** The committee was informed that there are some sailors/boats sailing in the Wednesday night twilights that are not financial members of MPYC. The committee emphasized that, for a twilight event, at minimum one sailor **must** be a financial member of MPYC, otherwise the boat will not be recognised as a participating vessel. **ITEM CLOSED**
- **Item 116: Impulse Nationals.** The committee was informed that the conditions it proposed re the Impulse National Titles being held at MPYC over the period 4-9th January 2009 were accepted by the organising body and that planning for the event is ongoing.
- **Item 117: VS Championships.** Approval was also requested and granted for the VS Championships to be held at MPYC over the same period (3-9th January 2009). Ongoing

New Business

- **Item 118: Sponsors details on our Web Site.** The Committee discussed advertising our sponsor's details on the MPYC website and removing details for any sponsors that are out of date.

Action Andy Whitbourne / David Riley

- **Item 119: RL24 Owners Association.** A request was received from the RL24 owners association asking if they could hold their National Titles at MPYC in January 2009. As we would be holding the Maricat Nationals and Nacra Super Series in January it was decided the Regatta Committee should write to the RL24 Owners Association and propose to host their event at the same time as the other events (24th – 26 January 2008)

Action: Regatta Committee

- **Item 120: Presentation Night.** Dates for the presentation night were discussed and the Committee agreed on the last Saturday in May, e.g. Saturday 24th May 2008 at the Mannering Park Community Hall, as per last year.
- **Item 121: Emergency Equipment for Work Boats.** The Committee was informed that Max Tunbridge had kindly offered to donate rescue/emergency equipment for the work boats. Thank you Max.
- **Item 122: Sports Grant.** The Committee was informed that its application for the Governments Sports Grant had been approved, and that only the final requests for the funds needed to be submitted prior to receiving any monies.

Action: John Skewes

- **Item 123: Donation of a Hobbie 16.** Brenton Curran informed the Committee of an offer to donate a Hobbie 16 to the Club. Ongoing.

Meeting Closed 8:59 PM