



## MANAWATU MARINE BOATING CLUB

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**Minutes of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Inc 54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Held in the Clubrooms, 50 Hartley Street, Foxton Beach  
On Sunday 26 September 2021 at 2.00pm**

The meeting was originally scheduled to be held Sunday 29 August at 2.00pm but was postponed due to Covid 19 restrictions.

### **PRESENT**

Executive members: Christina Brenton (Commodore), Ian Pedersen (Vice Chairperson), Paula Bary (Patron), Blair Cottrill, Bill Curtis, Jo Davenport, Larry Ellison, Sue McPhee (Treasurer), Sue Hoskin (Secretary) and 58 members.

### **WELCOME**

Christina Brenton welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

### **APOLOGIES**

Matt Whiteman, Jude Moxon, Don McGregor, Jo How, Mike Hardman, David Hardman, Barry Parker, Julie McIntosh.

Moved that the apologies be accepted. Peter Jamieson/Seconded Janine Smart/Carried

Apologies were received via email from Katharine Wilkinson and Phil Gottlieb. The email was received but not read prior to the meeting therefore these two apologies were not presented at the meeting.

### **MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Moved that the minutes of the meeting held 25 August 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. John Story/Seconded Ian Pederson/Carried

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM 2020 AGM**

Nil

### **REPORTS**

#### **COMMODORE'S REPORT**

Christina Brenton presented her Commodore's Report.

This has been a very disrupted and difficult year and yet we can be very optimistic going forward from here.

Firstly, thank you to all the MMBC volunteers who make this busy Club the success that it is. We have dozens of people who help. The volunteer barmen who open the Club each day, rain hail or shine, Bill and his property team who meet each Monday to do all the little jobs around the place to keep it running and looking good, Paula and her Social Committee who provide food and service for many functions each month, the Radio Operators who keep our boaties safe, the Coastguard who work alongside us for rescue and support, Jude and the Fishing Committee who provide us with such great fishing days and competitions, Rob and the Sailing Club that have such great fun days for all

ages out in our estuary, and the Commodore, Vice Commodore and Executive Committee who volunteer to steer the Club forward.

Thanks are owed to our previous Commodore, Bernard Cronin and Vice Commodore, Martin Crowe who volunteered to lead the Club at the last AGM. Through circumstances, they resigned their positions in January. We thank them for their time in the Committee. Thanks too to Murray Lucas who also resigned from the Executive at that time. Ian Pedersen also resigned and was then re-elected.

A Special Meeting of the membership was called to re-establish the Executive Committee that was left without leadership. Christina Brenton was elected unopposed to the position of Commodore, and Ian Pedersen was elected to the Vice Commodore position. Matt Whiteman was elected to the Executive Committee at that same meeting. And the Club has moved forward since then. Could Ian Pedersen (VC), Paula Bary and Peter Jamieson (patrons), Rob Cox (Sailing), Jude Moxan (Fishing), Bill Curtis, Larry Ellison, Blair Cottrill, Jo Davenport, Matt Whiteman, Sue Hoskin (Secretary) and Sue McPhee (Treasurer) please stand and take a bow for their service this year. And to those people who have contributed in so many other ways, often behind the scenes, thanks so very much. Kevin, Kelvin, Roger and others who offer their expertise and knowledge to us free of charge, I will mention others a little later in this report.

In March we also farewelled our long serving Manager, Julie Flannagan after 13 years. Thank you, Julie, for all that you have done for the Club in that long time of dedicated service. Ann Darby was then appointed as Club Manager. Great to have you with us Ann. Thanks to our paid Staff for their hard work and dedication. Janine (Bar), Mick (Kitchen) and all the kitchen team. And we welcomed Arapera to the kitchen team this year too. Despite all the uncertainty with COVID we have had another successful and profitable year with our bar, kitchen and functions.

And thanks to our hardworking cleaners, Pauline and Rod, and Michael our kitchen cleaner for all that they do to keep our Club in tip-top condition.

Some of the achievements this year

- Our website has been redesigned and is a work of art! Thanks to Marg Bartlett for the extraordinary work that she has done to create this and she maintains it for us, ensuring that everything stays up to date. Brilliant!
- We replaced a big oven in the kitchen
- A new bar has been installed and looks amazing
- We contributed \$30,000 towards the right side of the wharf rebuild done by HDC and Rodney Caldow, a valued member and long time supporter of the Club. The cost of the redevelopment was supported by a \$7000 + contribution from Rodney. Thank you very much for that amazing generosity.
- The lights along the front of the walkway and on the gazebo have been fixed and look awesome thanks to Bill and his trusty helpers.
- We have just approved the installation of a glass balustrade around the front of the deck and to replace the wooden rail at the entrance walkway.
- Our new point of sale system has been installed. There has been an extraordinary amount of work to get this underway. Thanks to Larry Ellison who has led this project and to Ann who has picked up the stock entering part of the process. This system looks great and is easy to use for our front of house team. It also will help us lift our understanding of the business aspect of the Club e.g. profitability, stock control, and stock management. It's underway and going well.



Looking forward, there is always more to do. We will develop a new 10 year plan this year (our promised one from our last AGM was thwarted by the unsettled events of this year, sorry!), The left side of the damaged wharf is due to be fixed ASAP.

We have ideas for more stairs, a possible pool room extension to be planned and a rebuild in the kitchen in the next 10 years. Thus, staying busy and profitable is an essential part of our Executive Committee in this next year and ongoing from there. We would be grateful for any ideas and suggestions of what we could add to our 10 year plan.

Happy to lead the Club and Executive Committee as Commodore for the next year with that in mind, and hopefully have a bit of fun along the way. Thanks to all our membership for your loyalty and support. This is our Club and how we work together is a vital part of the success to we have now and will have in the future.

Moved that the Commodore's report be accepted.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Martin How/Carried

## **SOCIAL REPORT**

Paula Bary presented the Social Report.

It has been a very up and down year socially but through it all we have succeeded to have some special events. Our committee lost Ian during the year and I thank Ian for the time that he put in as Chair of the Social Committee.

Thanks to the people who support the social activities of the club and thanks also to that dedicated band of ladies who come up with the ideas and worked to get these events off the ground. Thank you Margaret, Elaine, Val, Susan, Joss, Katharine, Jacquy & Janine.

We have managed to get some very successful events underway

Melbourne Cup is always a fun afternoon, the Kids Christmas Party just keeps getting bigger (we are really going to miss our super shopper Julie who sussed out the Santa gifts and made sure that a different gift was given to each child each year) very important stuff. Julie did that for 11 years. We thank you Julie.

The Club Christmas party, music evening with Greg Christiansen, Midwinter Christmas, were all well supported.

Sunday afternoon with the Savage Club Swing Band and Campbell Street Boys was very popular and the Beat Girls proved so popular that they broke all records when tickets were sold out in 1 week.

Unfortunately, COVID 19 has struck and the planned Oktoberfest has had to be cancelled but we look to reschedule this in the future.

Looking to the future, a club this size needs a variety of social events to keep members interested and this is where the social committee comes in. Our membership is changing and we our social ideas need to change to accommodate these new members. We need new social committee members. It's not an onerous job and can be really enjoyable. So give it a go and join our Social Committee.

Moved that the Social Report be accepted.

Paula Bary/Seconded Janine Smart/Carried

## **POOL CLUB REPORT**

Gary Stratford, President of MMBC Pool Club, presented the Pool Club Report

At the start of the year the club had a healthy membership of 39 members on the books. Since that time membership has dropped to a now regular 29 members, we have put this down to some choosing not to return due uncertainty of Covid, others leaving the district and general attrition. At the present time attendances range from 23 to 26 at any one night. The internal club 2 by 12-week competitions continue to generate it with very good close games. Home and away visits continue to create interest with winning and losing taking second place to the fellowship between our clubs. But it is always good to come out on top.

Internal club trophy competitions have been, as always, hotly contested. We have just completed The Club Captains Trophy, the first of our internal competitions, with Martin How taking the prize. Coming up next month is the J & J Story pairs tournament, which is open to ALL members of the Club. Entry forms are available from the bar.

In closing, I like to thank all members for supporting the club and the sportsmanship of all members. Thanks to those members who took positions on our committee and assisted with all aspects to keep things running smooth. Special thanks to our resigning Club Captain, Les Welsh. Its a job that takes commitment in organising the weekly programme and the interclub nights Last but not least thanks to the club as a whole to allow us to continue under their umbrella.  
Onwards and Upwards.

Moved that the Pool Club report be accepted

Gary Stratford/Seconded John Bary/Carried

## **FISHING REPORT**

Lyal Brenton presented the Fishing Report on behalf of Jude Moxon.

A new fishing committee was formed at the end of September 2020. The committee, which included some previous members, worked well together to formulate the new model of a series of 4 one day competitions replacing the 3 day Easter fishing tournament. The Super Quad Series was well-supported by sponsors, who again donated generously to create a fantastic prize pool. The competition was able to run each scheduled day due to suitable weather and bar conditions. The number of entrants per month were: January 137; February 133; March 149; April 220  
Over \$16,000.00 (exc GST) was raised in the Super Quad series.

Fishing funds will be used to support several projects:

- The provision of fish measuring mats in each skipper's pack for the 2022 competitions. This will enable snapper over 600mm to be photographed against the official mats supplied and released back into the ocean in line with our values of sustainability of fishing stock.
- Collapsible tables that can be used to support large number events and prize giving.
- Narrow Floating pontoons against the walls of the boat ramp to enable more boats to launch and retrieve at the same time. – quotes are currently being sought for this.

The traditional free summer competition with end-of-month prizes of meal vouchers continued alongside the Super Quad series. Many thanks to Chris Jaynes for co-ordinating this and Murray Lucas for doing the weigh-ins.

The Kids' Fishing competition on Waitangi Day was a huge success with over 100 children and their whanau participating. The prize pool was extensive and every child was given a gift at registration. Free icecreams, fruit, sausages and a coffee cart made it a festival occasion, thankfully with the sun shining. Thank you to Lyal and Christina Brenton for co-ordinating this and all our wonderful helpers.



The winter fishing tournament this year was named the Great Spiny Hunt to acknowledge the large numbers of spiny dog fish that frequent our waters in the winter. Again, this was well supported with 89 anglers taking part and 16 rod and reel sets as prizes. Registrations were taken on the day for this competition and I would like to acknowledge the work of Carol Rankin (Fishing Secretary) for this work. Her attention to detail and accurate data entry, in all our competitions, means we can be sure of the computer-generated results and prize allocation.

The Kapiti convoy of 14 boats was very successful with a beautiful day and some different varieties of fish caught. Thank you to Chris Janes and the Coastguard for making it a safe and enjoyable adventure.

The Women's Fishing Competition is scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> October/ save day Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. Entries are due by this coming Wednesday – forms are at the top of the stairs so get your female crew organized.

In conclusion, it has been a busy and exciting year of fishing and we are extremely grateful to our committee, sponsors, fisher people, club helpers, Coastguard, Radio Operators and MMBC staff for working as a team and making these events possible – we can't do it without them! Huge thanks to our current committee consisting of myself, Carol and Pete Rankin, Lyal and Christine Brenton, Brendan O'Brien, Chris Jaynes and Stu Kidby. We are all standing again this year and we would love it if you would like to join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.00pm here in the club rooms. So come along and be part of the fun.

Moved that the Fishing Report be accepted. Lyal Brenton/Seconded Peter Jamieson/Carried

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Sue McPhee presented the Financial Report.

I have much pleasure in presenting financial reports of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club for the year ended 30 June 2021. Financial reports are included in the AGM booklet which has been loaded on the Club's website and posted to those without email addresses on hand. Unfortunately, I inadvertently omitted the Statement of Financial Position and notes 4 and 5, detailing capital commitments and the insurance valuation. These have since been inserted into the booklet on the website and printed copies are also available to attendees of this meeting. I apologise for this oversight. This commentary addresses material differences in the accounts from prior years.

### **Consolidated Accounts**

The Club had a consolidated surplus over all divisions of \$26k for the year, bringing Owners Equity to \$1,112,429. This is down on last year's surplus of \$72.8k, however, favourably comparable when we take out \$59k in donations received last year.

### **Operating Revenue**

We had a \$6k increase in subscriptions and joining fees revenue. There were 843 financial members at the end of the year compared to 772 at the end of last year. Family memberships (657) are counted as one member for the purpose of this report. There was also an increase in revenue received from campers' donations and ramp fees, which we charge to non-members.

### **Expenses**

Hopefully you have all had a scroll through the Club's updated website. Many thanks to Marg Bartlett who championed this project. Of the \$5k in advertising costs, \$3k went towards the website and the remainder was spent on advertising for staff.

There was an increase in Eftpos costs with the new terminal in the kitchen.

Radio operators' honorarium is paid annually after the 31<sup>st</sup> of August. This financial year, two radio operators left during the year and were paid their share of honorarium, for the time they worked. Many thanks to Max Vertogen and the Waitare Beach Fishing Club for their donations to our radio operators.

Included in Repairs and Maintenance costs for grounds is the cost of repairs to the carpark lighting as well as the regular lawn mowing costs. The Club contributed \$30k to the recent wharf repairs. Many thanks to Caldow Builders who donated a further \$7k toward the wharf repair project. Wage costs increased this year when the minimum wage increased, and all staff wages were reviewed as a result.

### **Bar**

It is difficult to make annual comparisons when our trading operations are so impacted by lockdowns. Nevertheless, we can report a very good year for the bar with sales of \$187k, a gross profit of \$103k, giving a margin from trading of 55%, and a net profit of \$85,390.

### **Meals**

The kitchen recorded sales of \$184k, a gross profit of \$86.5k, being a margin of 47%, and a net profit of \$27,482.

### **Sailing**

Surplus from sailing activities was \$1,152 compared to \$1,753 last year. Sponsors of this year's regatta were, Isles Construction, McIntosh Cranes, Pedersen Builders, Compressed Air Central, Compair Central and Vert-x Ltd. Robertson Prestige, formerly Robertson Holden, is continuing to sponsor the rescue boat, however, we neglected to follow this up by year end so their sponsorship will appear in next financial year's income. Many thanks to our Sailing sponsors.

### **Raffles**

General Club raffles showed a surplus of \$4,872 compared to \$4,702 last year. Thanks to Jo for organising these, including the lovely gift baskets.

### **Fishing**

It was very exciting to see such interest in the new format Quad Series Fishing Competition. There seemed to be some initial hesitancy from competitors which waned as the series progressed. As a result, competition entry fees of \$18,771, including those for the Spiny Dog Competition, were down slightly on those received for the Easter fishing competitions in 2018 and 2019. On the other hand, \$25,283 in sponsorship secured by Jude and her band of happy helpers, was in excess of that received in 2018 and 2019, allowing the team to distribute generous prizes. We sincerely thank our Fishing competition sponsors, who have been acknowledged and published in various communications from the Fishing Committee. The Fishing division of the Club ended the year with a healthy profit of \$16,299.

### **Social**

What a lot of work our Social Committee puts in to entertain members. Events like the Bubbly Breakfast, the Kids Christmas Party, Pudding Club evenings that featured most interesting speakers, Dr Dave, Jukebox Gypsies, Country night and the mid-winter Xmas party with the Passengers Band, to name some. There was a small deficit of \$268 at the end of the year for social activities compared to a \$192 loss last year.



## **Pool**

The Pool Club continues to be a popular Thursday night out for its members. Pool accounts show a surplus of \$1,964 compared to \$1,184 last year.

## **Assets**

The total sum of monies held in the Club's bank accounts at the end of the year was \$292k compared to \$224k at the end of the last financial year.

Major Capital Expenditure:

- Glass dishwasher - \$4,313
- Oven - \$4,064
- TV for the lounge - \$3,474

Moving forward into the new financial year, the Executive committed to renovating the bar, which looks amazing, and installing a new point of sale system which staff and bar volunteers are currently trialing. In addition, and hopefully before the end of the year, we will have a flash new glass balustrade, providing a wind break and uninterrupted views of the beautiful Manawatu river mouth and estuary.

In conclusion, I would like to thank a few people. Julie, who left the role as Club Manager at the beginning of April, was such an asset to me in my role as Treasurer. Thank you so much for your many years of hard work and dedication, Julie. And to Paula who took up the reigns until our new enthusiastic Manager, Ann Darby, started in June. Thanks to Bill and his team of handymen who keep this place so well maintained, to those who organize our fishing competitions and sailing regattas, and to our Social Committee and volunteer bar people. This Club would not be the success it is without our generous donors, sponsors and volunteers.

Moved that the Financial Report be accepted. Sue McPhee/Seconded Susan Lemish/Carried

## **SAILING REPORT**

Scott McIntosh presented the Sailing Report on behalf of Rob Cox.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the committee for their input and support, particularly our secretary (JP) who has been efficient at keeping us all updated and amused with his witty jokes.

I am sure we all realize junior training is an essential part of any club to ensure it generates the sailors of the future. This season we have been fortunate to have Robert Elder and Ian Pederson on the team who have done a great job of maintaining the students' interests and giving up their valuable time to assist the youth. The juniors enjoyed a successful training program during the first half of the season where often all of the clubs BIC's were seen on the water. After Christmas those who were up to it attended the second half of the race series to further improve their skills.

The senior Laser racing season has been well supported by our sailors regularly seeing at least 14 boats on the water. It was also good to see some adults learning to sail who will hopefully be back this year.

This year's annual regatta was well supported by both the juniors and seniors of our club. The fleet of 16 lasers was a great turnout and would be envied by most clubs. It was however disappointing that we only had one entry from outside our club. Wanganui have in the past supported us but most of their sailors sail a paper tiger, a boat that does not sail well in our estuary due to the lack of space. The wind was light but we did manage to sail both days and complete all races.

In conclusion thanks for all the support and hope next year will be as productive

Moved that the Sailing Report be accepted. Scott McIntosh/Seconded David Collin/Carried

#### **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Moved that there be no change to the amount of the annual subscription for the 2021/2022 year.  
Christina Brenton/Seconded John Story/Carried

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Commodore:** Christina Brenton

Nominated: Jude Moxon  
Seconded: John Haverkamp

**Vice Commodore:** Bill Curtis

Nominated: Christina Brenton  
Seconded: Ann Darby

**Fishing Co-ordinator:** Jude Moxon

Nominated: Lyal Brenton  
Seconded: John Haverkamp

An election was held to elect six executive members from the following seven nominations.

Ricky Anderson

Nominated: Roger Manderson  
Seconded: John Haverkamp

Blair Cottrill

Nominated: Philip Wilson  
Seconded: John Haverkamp

Bruce Culley

Nominated: Alistair Culley  
Seconded: Ian Pedersen

Jo Davenport

Nominated: Bernard Cronin  
Seconded: Martin How

Robin Hall

Nominated: Philip Wilson  
Seconded: Bill Curtis

Ian Pedersen

Nominated: Bruce Culley  
Seconded: Ted Davies

Matt Whiteman

Nominated: John Haverkamp  
Seconded: Jude Moxon

The following were elected to Executive Committee:

Ricky Anderson  
Bruce Culley  
Jo Davenport  
Robin Hall  
Ian Pedersen  
Matt Whiteman

Christina Brenton thanked Blair Cottrill for the work he has done during his time on the Executive Committee.

Moved that the voting papers be destroyed Bill Curtis/Seconded Janine Smart/Carried

Christina Brenton highlighted the importance of the Club having radio operators and suggested that anyone interested or who wanted to know more about what is involved should talk to Murray Lucas.



A request for volunteers to the Social and Fishing Committees was made with Marilyn Stratford, Val Hurst and Susan Lemish volunteering for the Social Committee and Rik Anderson for the Fishing Committee.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR**

Moved that Burns Savage and Associates be appointed auditors for 2021/2022 year.

Sue McPhee/Seconded Christina Brenton/Carried

#### **CONFIRMATION OF PATRONS**

Moved that Paula Bary and Peter Jamieson be re-appointed patrons of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Inc.

Christine Brenton/Clarence Price/Carried

#### **REMITTS**

##### **Remit 1**

Blair Cottrill spoke to Remit 1.

Moved that the Executive Committee shall have the authority to investigate and if deemed appropriate implement an electronic and/or postal voting system for the Manawatu Marine Boating Club (MMBC).

Blair Cottrill/Jane Ellison/Carried

##### **Remit 2**

Larry Ellison spoke to Remit 2.

Moved that the Executive Committee has the authority to instigate a summer membership structure on trial for one year should they elect to do so.

Larry Ellison/Seconded Rik Anderson/Carried

##### **Remit 3**

Sue McPhee spoke to Remit 3 and asked that the original remit be reworded as per the following motion.

Moved that seven (7) members of the Executive who have voting rights shall form a quorum.

Martin How/John Story/Carried

#### **Life Membership**

Moved that Paul Bary and John Bary be made Life Members of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Inc.

Bill Curtis/Seconded Christina Brenton/Carried

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **Opening Sunday nights of long weekends**

John Bary made a recommendation to open the Club kitchen and have meals available on the Sunday nights of long weekends. This to be discussed at Executive level.

##### **Plans for capital expenditure**

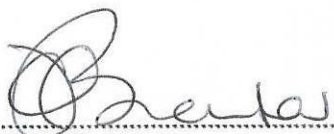
The Club has committed to the installation of a glass balustrade around the deck area of the Club. Other capital works and purchases are also being considered, including extending the interior of the building, an additional external stairway, a floating jetty and an upgrade to the kitchen.

A recommendation was made to purchase a salt ice machine.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.47pm

The next meeting of the Manawatu Marine Boating Inc will be Sunday 28 August 2022 at 3.00pm

Signed:



Christina Brenton (Chairperson)

Dated:

28/8/2022