



## MANAWATU MARINE BOATING CLUB

**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 28 August 2022 at 3.30pm**

### **PRESENT**

Executive members: Christina Brenton (Commodore), Bill Curtis (Vice Chairperson), Paula Bary (Patron), Peter Jamieson (Patron), Bruce Culley, Jo Davenport, Robin Hall, Ian Pedersen, Scott McIntosh, Jude Moxon, Sue McPhee (Treasurer), Sue Hoskin (Secretary) and 85 members.

### **WELCOME**

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

### **APOLOGIES**

Glen Harper, Susan Lemish, Ross Brannigan, Marge and Alan Salmond, Martin and Jo How, Bernard Cronin, Mike Kreegher, Bill Gratton, Tony Stella.

Moved that the apologies be accepted.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Bill Curtis/Carried

### **MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Moved that the minutes of the meeting held 26 September 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Bruce Culley/Carried

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM 2021 AGM**

Larry Ellison queried why the Executive chose not to proceed with the recommendations of the remits presented at the 2021 AGM and supported by the majority of members present, relating to Electronic Voting and Summer Membership,

Christina Brenton responded as follows.

Electronic voting: The Executive did not see a sufficient advantage in offering voting from outside the meeting and said that the Executive decided against both proxy and online voting. The Executive considered the cost involved set up a system that would ensure any individual could not submit multiple votes could not be justified. They also considered members voting online would be disadvantaged by not hearing any discussions around remits. Christina invited members to present a request for proxy or online voting to be reconsidered. Larry pointed out that any Executive Committee has the right to review the remit at any time over the next two years. It was suggested the Club could offer members the option of attending the AGM via Zoom.

Summer membership: This to remain on the table for the new Executive. At the time the Executive discussed summer membership as an option it was considered to be too difficult while staff and volunteers were finalising the installation of and learning the new Bepoz system. Christina agreed to take the Summer Membership Remit as presented at the 2021 AGM to the new Executive.

A recommendation was made that the results of all remits be recorded in the weekly newsletter allowing members to be kept informed.

### **REPORTS**

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

Christina Brenton (Commodore) presented the Commodore's Report.

Thanks everyone for coming and for everyone who has helped organise this today.

2021-2022 has been a tough year. COVID has been our major challenge, and now the flu has joined the party out there. My plan is to acknowledge our challenges and results with you today and applaud those who have helped to keep us going.

### Kitchen

- Covid has impacted a number of our people in the Club and our meal numbers this year. Restricted numbers (50 -100) and overall reluctance for people to be out and about has definitely changed our results this year. At one point we even needed to have people serving to tables. It was so challenging throughout that time.
- With that and other factors, our profitability has been impacted significantly this year.
- We took the time to look at this issue, and having discussed it as an executive, we asked a Hospitality-experienced Club member to cast his eye over the results and potential reasons why. His report identified 3 major things that we know for sure – less customers, increased staff wages and food prices.
- We have also identified that there is a Staffing risk to keeping the Club running for meals each weekend.
  - a) for Staff being unwell and it has challenged us on a couple of weekends this year.
  - b) Keeping good Staff as finding replacements is difficult in the current market
- We fully acknowledge the budget numbers around staff wages, low numbers and increased food prices. This coming year we will track our kitchen better. So, we have begun a week-by-week monitoring system with our Manager, Ann, and Chef Andrea, to ensure that we can identify our trends and results more clearly. That compiled report on customer numbers, staffing and costs will come to the Executive Committee each month to be discussed. We are optimistic that people keep coming - both new members and those who have stuck with us (thank you!) and others who will start coming back to support us.
- We temporarily opened on Sunday nights and monitored the benefits. When Winter kicked in and another wave of Covid came through, we decided to stop as numbers dwindled and have planned to look at it again at Labour weekend.
- Our social events and general functions have taken a hit with the restrictions too. It has been a real challenge for us, as with every hospitality business, this year. Good to see that these are starting to re-book with us now, and we hope to see that continue to grow as summer arrives.

### Weather

- The weather has been challenging this year with significant flooding affecting the Coastguard building and coming into our downstairs area. No significant damage in our building and thanks to the Emergency Response teams for helping with keeping the worst of it out and the clean-up afterwards.
- Rain, rain and more rain. It has made it a grey and unpleasant winter for sure. Roll on summer.
- Clean-up of our ramp seems to have been a huge job this year with the water events we have had. The recent big clean-up was undertaken by HDC, but the smaller ones are done by our team week after week. Thanks to Bill, John Bary and all the volunteers who help to keep that ramp clear.

### Property

- Thanks to Bill, our Property team leader, and the Monday team who come to help keep our Club in great shape. Little jobs and big jobs that crop up are done in good spirits and we are very grateful.
- The new glass balustrade was installed and the new iron railing downstairs. Looks fantastic.
- There is a repair of the Eastern wharf planned. After waiting for 2 years for a contractor who promised to do it, we have now asked Rodney Caldow who, once again, has said he will help us. Thanks Rodney.
- New lights down on the pathways were installed by Bill, Kelvin and the Property team. They look great.
- Our Property team have questioned the safety of our building overall, regarding earthquakes and have questioned our engineers who were involved with this building about what risks there may be. They have said that they believe our building to be compliant and sound. However, John Bary is going to investigate further for us and report his recommendations to the Executive.

- We recognise that there has been some discussion about extending our Club. Should that happen in the future, it will be essential to do a full engineers report to ensure that we can do that safely. This has not yet reached a 'go' stage.
- There has been some discussion with HDC on reducing the risk of flooding into our and the Coastguard building and these discussions will be ongoing.
- The recent fire that destroyed the Bowling Club triggered us to have all our electrical systems checked. Consequently, the kitchen switchbox was replaced. Thanks to Roger Duffy and his team for this work.

#### **Successes:**

The Fishing Committee, the Sailing team and the Pool Club have done really well this year well and you will hear from each of them in a moment.

#### **The Bar:**

- Another excellent year.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who man it and re-stock it. Also, thanks to Janine and Julie for their hard work. And to the Executive who do their duties each week.
- The Bar frontage has been replaced and 3 new tills installed – 2 on the Bar and one in the kitchen. All Staff have been trained to use these.
- Installation of the new till system; Thanks to Larry, Ann and Sue McPhee for all your work on this. This was mammoth task – including the training as just mentioned. There are so many advantages to this system that are quietly unfolding as we learn more about its capability.

#### **Membership:**

- A huge welcome to the 106 new members who have joined the Club this year. 86 left us for various reasons. We currently have 862 paid memberships. More than 500 of those people have boats/jet skis/yachts. The rest enjoy our Club for other reasons.
- One of the most important things that we can do to help the Radio Operators is to ensure that our boat owner's information is up to date. So, in June, 500 emails were sent out to get as much up to date information as possible. The responses are coming back slowly.
- Paula and Marg have updated all that information and have transferred all our membership into the new database. We have had 3 databases running side by side which is not ideal, so this is a way to get all our information into one place. Huge job and thanks to them.
- So, your subscription renewal communication will come out of this new system. That will be an exciting update for our team.
- We also moved to a new, renewable card system for membership. Thanks to Larry for this. This card has allowed us to offer discounts for members on drinks and may be able to offer other useful things in the future.
- We invited the Bowling Club members to join with us while their Club is being rebuilt. Many have been here and enjoyed our hospitality.

#### **Others:**

- A huge shout out and thanks to our Radio Operators again this year. Murray, Alma, Roger and Phil- you're an exceptional team and we are hugely grateful. We are very conscious that we need a couple more radio operators. If you have some time available, please consider this option to help our boaties stay safe out there.
- We needed to update our radio signal capability for safety this year so have installed a new pole and signal system on top of the Surf Club.
- Much of our continued success has been due to consistent communication. Ann sends a weekly 'what's on' email to our membership and that keeps everyone well informed. Our Facebook page is also updated regularly. 1786 people currently like the page and 1973 people follow the page. Top posts this year (the wild storm) reached 3.9K people. Even the post about dinner (12 Aug) at the Club reached 1131 people. This seems to be a way that many people access our information now.
- The Executive Committee held a brainstorming afternoon to develop some thinking about our 10 year plan. We have included a master list of our priorities with this AGM pack.

- Within that time, I asked the team to think about what they would write as a Mission Statement for the Club. While this as a bit of a cliché, it does help to essentialise ideas. After ideas came from the group, Jude wrote it like this for us:  
**To provide members with quality boating, sailing and hospitality services and events that celebrate community and the environment.**  
**Our values are: welcoming and respectful, family friendly, sustainable fishing, safe boating practices, care of the river, foreshore and marine environment.**  
 Please feel free to add to or comment on these to me if you would like to.

- Thanks to the Patrons, Secretary, Treasurer and all the Executive for your time and expertise this year.
- Thanks to Ann, our Manager, for her huge workload and contribution this year.
- Thanks to Andrea and the awesome kitchen team for all that they do and for keeping us going, despite all the challenges. New menus, great food and excellent feedback helps us bring customers back to the Club.
- Thanks to Jo Davenport for her service to the Executive Committee in the last few years. Jo has not stood this year due to a hugely busy workload.
- Thanks to those who have stepped up and will join the Executive for the next year. Leadership is not always easy and we are grateful to everyone who volunteers for the challenge each year.
- A big thanks to Sue Hoskin, our current Club Secretary, who has stepped away from the Executive at this AGM. We have all appreciated everything you have done for us, Sue. We welcome Leonie Haines to the team as our new Club Secretary.
- And to Paula Bary, who has decided to step down as the Social Committee team leader. Paula has been that person for so long and the work that has been done is huge. So, thanks Paula and all the team. We are looking for a new Social Committee team leader and we need more members to help the committee. These are volunteer roles. Please talk to me or to Paula if you can help us with this role.
- Paula and Marg have worked diligently on getting the membership data base transitioned into a new platform. What a huge job. And along the way, information has been updated into that system, so hopefully it is as current as it can be. Now Marg Bartlett is taking on the maintenance role for that data base, so if anything changes in your life – address, phone number, email or boat/jetski details, please let Marg know on [membership@mmbc.org.nz](mailto:membership@mmbc.org.nz)
- Thanks also to Marg for all our IT work this year. Very busy role and something that needs specialist skills to achieve. The website looks great and is well used. Marg has begun a project to update our IT hardware and systems as we start this year. Another huge task and essential to keep all our information safe.
- A huge thanks to Sue McPhee, our Treasurer, for all that she has done this year to keep our accounts in great shape. Looking forward, Sue is stepping away from the Treasurer role in December. We will be looking for a new team member to do our accounts. If you have the skills, and time to help, please let us know. Plenty of help and training available in the next few months.
- Thanks to our cleaners who keep this place so clean and tidy. Really appreciate your dedication.
- This Club works on volunteers. So many more that I just can't name them all. They work, for example, behind the bar, doing maintenance, on committees. Others just work quietly, and no one sees what they do. These are the people who help to ensure that our Club stays in the best possible shape for our members. THANKS to you all.
- And thanks again to all our members who have continued to support us throughout this year.

It has certainly been a tough one! We are still here and with your continued support it will be a great year ahead.

Moved that the Commodore's Report be accepted.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Robin Hall/Carried

## FINANCE REPORT

Sue McPhee (Treasurer) presented the Financial Report.

Financial reports are included in the AGM booklet which has been loaded on the Club's website. Link to the document has been emailed over the past few weeks in the weekly newsletter. We have a few hardcopies on hand for those who have not yet seen the booklet.

This has been a financially challenging year for areas the Club. Members have been hesitant in socialising because of Covid. Covid has had a negative impact on the availability and cost of goods and services, wage costs have increased, and the financial results reflect this.

### **Consolidated Accounts**

The Club had a small consolidated loss over all divisions of \$1,970 for the year, bringing Owners Equity to \$1,110,459.

**Revenue** was similar to the previous year with a small increase in subscriptions and revenue received from campers' donations and ramp fees.

**Expenses** were considerably less than the previous year when extensive repairs were carried out on the wharf. Now we are accepting payWave and credit card transactions over the bar and kitchen, bank fees will be higher than previous years. Monthly costs of the new till system will also see an increase in computer and eftpos expenses.

The Club has acquired several new assets over the year, which will be covered further in this report, resulting in greater depreciation costs.

The Club is not alone in suffering insurance and rates cost increases. Quotes sourced from alternative insurance providers resulted in no change.

Included in Repairs and Maintenance for equipment is the cost of servicing the cooler room and, prompted by the tragic Bowling Club fire, carrying out an assessment of the Club's electrics and wiring.

On the positive side, our new permanent membership cards and communicating with members electronically, have reduced printing and postage costs.

### **Divisional Accounts**

#### **Bar**

Bar sales were on a par with last year at \$187.9k. Cost of sales was slightly higher than last year giving a gross profit of \$101k compared to \$103k last year.

Liquor licence fees paid to the Horowhenua District Council were higher than the previous year with new recruits behind the bar, a higher annual licence fee and special licence for Easter.

Repairs and maintenance included the installation of a new timer in the keg chiller and joinery enhancements in the bar area.

Bar surplus for the year was \$75.7k compared to \$85.4k last year.

#### **Meals**

Financial results for the Kitchen have been worrying. To give the issue some perspective, restrictions imposed because of Covid, and subsequent reduced numbers of members and guests dining, saw a reduction in sales from last year of \$16.6k. This was more than made up for in catering revenue of \$25k.

The main financial issues for the kitchen include the \$10.9k increase in cost of sales and \$16.3k increase in wages, after applying the Covid wage subsidy. We must appreciate that Ann has been extremely frustrated in securing supplies for the kitchen when items are frequently out of stock or excessively more expensive. The result is a gross deficit of \$3.4k and a net deficit, after other expenses, of \$10.5k. A review of kitchen operations has been carried out and steps are being instigated to monitor costs more closely. Hopefully, as we learn to live with Covid, and as summer approaches, we will see an upturn in patronage.

#### **Sailing**

Surplus from sailing activities was \$4,464 compared to \$1,152 last year, mainly due to increased sponsorship. Sponsors of this year's regattas were, Ocean Beach Eatery, The Village Wine Trader, Caldwell Builders, Isles Construction, McIntosh Cranes, Pedersen Builders and Compressed Air Central. Robertson Prestige very generously continued to sponsor the rescue boat. Many thanks to our Sailing sponsors.

### **Raffles**

General Club raffles showed a surplus of \$5,158 compared to \$4,872 last year. Once again, thanks to Jo for organising these, including the lovely gift baskets.

### **Social**

Social activities were a bit quieter this year compared to last. Events that did happen, in particular, the Beat Girls, a Sunday afternoon with the Swing Band, pre-Christmas Ladies Night, the Kids Christmas Party and the mid-winter Xmas party, were very successful and well attended. There was a deficit of \$916 at the end of the year for social activities compared to a \$268 loss last year. A huge thanks to our Social Committee.

### **Fishing**

Income from sponsorship and competition entry fees exceeded last year at \$30k and \$20.3k respectively. Overall, income was \$8,980 higher than last year. Increased costs included apparel and tournament expenses. The cost of prizes was \$4.7k higher than last year, made possible by increased sponsorship income. The Fishing division of the Club ended the year with a healthy profit of \$15.8k compared to \$16.3k last year. We sincerely thank our Fishing competition sponsors, who have been acknowledged and published in various communications from the Fishing Committee.

### **Pool**

Income was slightly lower than last year with expenses \$1k higher. Costs included recovering of the pool tables and supply and installation of the flash new lamps. As a result, Pool accounts show a surplus of \$693 compared to \$1,964 last year.

### **Assets**

The total sum of monies held in the Club's bank accounts at the end of the year was \$212k compared to \$292k at the end of the last financial year. The property team have been very proactive this year, organising aesthetically pleasing renovations to the venue resulting in the following capital additions:

- New bar - \$23k
- Glass balustrade - \$37k

Additional capital expenditure:

- Desktop computer, monitor & keyboard - \$1,271
- Membership card printer - \$4,373
- 3 x integrated tills, screens and scanners - \$8,260
- Radio aerial - \$8,359

Unlike other clubs and hospitality businesses who have folded or closed over the past year or so, and despite this year's small financial loss, this Club is in a strong financial position. As in previous years, we owe so much to our dedicated volunteers: the handymen who keep this place so well maintained, those who organise our fishing competitions and sailing regattas, the radio operators, our Social Committee and volunteer bar people. Special thanks to Paula Bary and Marg Bartlett who have spent hours integrating the membership database with the new point of sale system. A continuing work in progress. Finally, thanks to you, our members, for your continued support of this great Club.

In response to a query regarding the significant increase in wages from the previous year, Christina Brenton said the increase was a result of paying staff during Covid and while on sick leave, a shift from casual to permanent staff as a result of changes to employment law and pay increases. Systems have now been put in place to monitor all aspects of the kitchen, including staff hours.

Moved that the Financial Report be accepted.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Peter Jamieson/Carried

### **FISHING REPORT**

Jude Moxon (Fishing Co-ordinator) presented the Fishing Report.

It has been another well supported year for the Fishing Section of the boat club with the Super Quad Series being able to be held despite the Covid health requirements. Each of the competitions had different adaptations and rules that had to be followed but despite this the numbers remained high and we were delighted.

January 196 individuals and 60 boats

February 172 individuals and 52 boats

March 206 individuals and 66 boats

April 242 individuals and 74 boats

The traditional 6 months of summer competition with end-of-month meal voucher prizes was held alongside the SuperQuad Series again this year. This is a free competition and provides a bit of fun and friendly competition among members. Many thanks to Chris Jaynes for co-ordinating this and Murray Lucas for weigh-ins.

The 2021 Women's Competition attracted 78 entries and was a great success. Again an amazing prize pool from our sponsors, and we thank Best Care Whakapai Hauora for initiating this competition and also for supplying approximately 5000 RAT tests that were distributed in skippers packs and given out on the wharf to anyone who wanted them. We are scheduled to run another women's competition again this year starting on September 10<sup>th</sup> with 5 other save days if required.

Unfortunately the Kids Fishing scheduled for Waitangi Day was cancelled due to the requirement to restrict numbers. All prizes have been bought and will be used in the 2023 Waitangi Day Kids Fishing event.

This year's Spiny Dog Winter Competition was also cancelled due to unsuitable conditions.

A bottles and Boat stuff Auction was held recently and over \$3,500.00 was raised. The profit will be shared 50/50 with the Coastguard.

In total, Funds Raised in 2022 were over \$15,000 (excluding GST).

As planned we purchased 100 Fish Measuring mats that were distributed in each skipper's pack of the SuperQuad Series, and also the collapsible tables that we used for the Grande Finale at Easter. The cups in the shark bar cabinet were engraved to reflect winners in certain sections and we hosted a thank you to sponsors event this year.

A floating pontoon system was being contemplated to be installed on the Eastern wall of the boat ramp to enable more boats to launch and retrieve more quickly. A sample was purchased and after further research and discussion was returned and the cost refunded.

Two further solutions have been put forward for consideration to ease the bottle neck on a busy day at the ramp. The 2 options are drawn as concept plans on the notice board and you can provide feedback or further suggestions using the sticky labels or the paper below.

Another project the fishing committee would like to support is the installation of a Filleting Station utilizing the outside wall of the Coastguard Building. The concept would provide filleting facilities for members and a chiller where snapper heads and frames could be placed to be given away as food and fish waste could be ground into berley or given away as fertilizer. For those who would choose to fillet their catch on site it ensures all parts of fish caught are used with zero waste which would be better for the marine and shore environment. Again a draft concept plan has been drawn up on the notice board for your feedback or suggestions.

In conclusion it has been a challenging and rewarding year of fishing events with fantastic support from members and plenty of fish being caught. Huge thanks to the committee, the executive, sponsors, club helpers, carpark staff, Coastguard, Radio Operators and MMBC staff for working as a team and making these events so successful.

The club provides amazing facilities for fishing in this area and as a committee we continue to support the development of these and the club as a whole.

Finally special thanks to our current committee: Myself, Lyal & Christina Brenton, Carol & Pete Rankin, Chris Jaynes, Stu Kidby, Brendan O'Brien, Phil Burt and Jo Roberts. I would like to thank Carol Rankin for a wonderful job well done as secretary and to thank Jo Roberts for putting her hand up to take on this important role. If you are interested in joining the committee let us know. We meet at 6pm on Tuesdays at the boat club as required, and we have lots of fun new ideas coming up. Thanks for your support.

Moved that the Fishing Report be accepted.

Jude Moxon/Seconded Bill Curtis/Carried

## **SAILING REPORT**

Scott McIntosh (Sailing Co-ordinator) presented the Sailing Report.

The 2021-2022 season saw some great sailing from the Saturday learn to sail program to the Sunday Championship series. The championship series saw a total of 22 competitors in the laser class and 6 juniors in the Open BIC class competing in 19 races over 7 weekends, with only a small number cancelled due to too much or not enough wind.

The learn to sail program held on Saturdays and run by our junior coach Robert Elder had great numbers attend the programme during term 4 of the school year. 19 learners from 12 schools contacted the club and we are starting to establish contacts from Feilding to Levin. We also hosted Levin Scouts and Cubs. Covid became a real barrier in the middle of the season and this was a significant obstacle for many continuing beyond Christmas. Learn to sail is very dependent on adult help where parents were always helpful, but Trevor Montgomery and Dave Hislop always shared their considerable sailing knowledge which we thank them for.

Over the last 6 months we have been in contact with Yachting New Zealand to discuss joining again after we were forced to give up our affiliation several years ago due to rule changes. Unfortunately, we have just been informed that due to the Sailing section not being our own incorporated society with our own constitution we are unable to reapply.

We are in the early stages of applying for funding to help with the purchase of a new Feva, which is a 2-person boat. Once purchased it will give us a second boat of this class allowing our juniors the chance to race each other in a different format than they are used to help further improve their skills.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who has helped on sailing days, our regatta and the committee you're your continued support.

Moved that the Sailing Report be accepted.

Scott McIntosh/Seconded Ian Pedersen/Carried

## **POOL CLUB REPORT**

Gary Stratford (Pool Club President) presented the Pool Club Report.

The year began in August with a change of Club Captain. Mark Johnston took over this roll from Les Welch and we welcomed Martin How on to the committee. A big thank you to Les for his dedication to the role of Club Captain for the last 3 years.

During the first half of the year through to December 2021 we completed the second twelve-week competition and held the Hermies and the Memorial Trophy competitions. We were also able to enjoy 2 interclub visits.

December brings us our Xmas dinner and prize giving function which as always was a well attended and enjoyable evening.

For the rest of December and January the club has a recess.



February was soon upon us and pool club was back in business with members competing in the Rum month competition.

March was the beginning of the first twelve-week competition . Other competitions held were the The Captains Trophy and the J & J Story competition

Club visits were held with both Levin and PN Cossie Clubs.

Several weeks ago we hosted an interclub competition with our own Coast Guard players.

It hasn't been all plain sailing with Covid still hovering around, forcing us to adjust the yearly programme several times putting extra pressure on Mark to reorganise visits.

Many thanks from me to all the members for their participation in all club events. A special thanks to Mark and the rest of the committee members for their efforts over the last year

Moved that the Pool Club Report be accepted.

Gary Stratford/Seconded John Bary/Carried

## **SOCIAL REPORT**

Paula Bary (Social Committee Convenor) presented the Social Report.

The 21-22 year started off with enthusiasm and high expectations, events were well supported, until the dreaded Covid malaise took over.

In November the Melbourne Cup was a fun day and well patronised.

Ladies Night at the end of November was very successful with everyone enjoying the various stalls and a fantastic turnout of women happy to have a night out.

50 kids and their families attended the Kids Christmas Party and thanks go to the social committee for doing it a little different so that the kids could have a Christmas party whilst still regarding the rules of the time.

After this things went pear shaped. We cancelled the Club Christmas Party and our band for New Years Eve pulled out because of Covid restrictions and vaccination requirements. We hired a Juke Box for patrons who did want to celebrate the New Year, but this was a complete disaster and lesson learnt don't go near Juke boxes unless you know what you are doing.

In early February, March the Savage Club were booked to come but Covid ravaged them also and in the end this event along with another band struck with illness, have both been postponed until summer.

After a break in June we decided to hold a mid winter Christmas which we sold out before the event and my thanks go to Lani van der Made, who supplied a fabulous Christmas tree and Christmas fireplace, our resident man in red Lyl Brenton, Greg Christiansen for the music, and of course our fabulous staff who made the evening great.

As you can see 2022 has been a very difficult year to achieve anything socially and I sincerely hope that a new social committee can find the spark and enthusiasm that this club so needs to get social events back up and running.

Moved that the Social Report be accepted.

Paula Bary/Seconded Joss Urban/Carried

## **REMITTS**

### **Remit 1**

Sue McPhee spoke to Remit 1. This Remit was supported by the Executive.

Banks no longer use or acknowledge cheque transactions. The Manager has signing authority and is ultimately responsible for operations, including financial performance, of the Club. It is important that an Executive member authorises all payments but there is no reason why this should be a Flag Officer.

A member present pointed out that the Executive is responsible for the financial performance of the Club and not the Manager.

Moved that payments made from the Club's bank accounts shall be authorised by two (2) signatories (including one member of the Executive).

Christina Brenton/Seconded Sue McPhee/Carried

## Remit 2

Christina Brenton spoke to Remit 2.

Christina proposed an amendment to the Remit saying it should read "boats and jet skis". Following discussion the wording was changed to "water craft".

A member sought clarification as to who was responsible for the accuracy of the information entered into the database and if it is the Club, the Executive or an individual. This was not clarified. The information held in the database and given to radio operators is used as a tool to help the Coastguard.

The importance of all boats and jet skis having a call signal was highlighted and the point raised that names are much easier for radio operators to record than registration numbers.

Moved that the Club keep a register of water craft owned by members of the Club.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Paddy Doyle/Carried

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Executive recommended that the annual membership fee be raised from \$80.00 to \$100.00 per year.

Moved that we increase the membership fee to \$100 per year starting from 2022/2023 year.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Robin Hall

The majority present voted against the motion - Not Carried

A \$20 increase would be the biggest increase the Club will have made and the suggestion was made that the Club could find other ways to increase revenue, such as increasing the bar prices for non-members. This to be investigated. The reasons for needing to raise the subscription fee were queried.

The merits of having differing rates for single versus family membership and boat owners versus non boat owners was raised.

Moved that we increase the membership fee to \$90.00 per year starting from 2022/2023 year.

John Bary/Seconded John Haverkamp/Carried

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Commodore:** Christina Brenton

Nominated: Jude Moxon

Seconded: John Haverkamp

**Vice Commodore:** Bill Curtis

Nominated: Robin Hall

Seconded: Kevin Giles

**Fishing Co-ordinator:** Jude Moxon

Nominated: Christina Brenton

Seconded: John Haverkamp

## **Committee**

David Clapperton	Nominated:	Charlie Baker
	Seconded:	Stephanie Brown
Bruce Culley	Nominated:	Alistair Culley
	Seconded:	Pat Bergin
Robin Hall	Nominated:	Sue Hoskin
	Seconded:	Marge Salmund
Ian Pedersen	Nominated:	Charlie Baker
	Seconded:	Sam Brown
David Collin	Nominated:	Bruce Culley
	Seconded:	Ian Pedersen
Maria van der Schouw	Nominated:	Christina Brenton
	Seconded:	Ian Pedersen

As there was the same number of nominations as positions no election was necessary.

Moved that the meeting accept the nominations as read

Paula Bary/Janine Smart/Carried

The three new Executive members, David Clapperton, Maria van der Schouw and David Collin introduced themselves to the meeting.

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

Moved that Burns Savage and Associates be appointed auditors for 2022/2023 year.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Sue McPhee/Carried

## **CONFIRMATION OF PATRONS**

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

Christine Brenton/Seconded Roy /Carried

## **Life Membership**

Bill Curtis presented a nomination for Life Membership for Rodney and Brenda Caldow.

Moved that Brenda Caldow and Rodney Caldow be made Life Members of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Inc.

Bill Curtis/Seconded Peter Jamieson/Carried

Rodney Caldow thanked the Club on behalf of himself and Brenda for the Life Membership.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Increasing Bar Prices**

John Bary recommended we raise the bar prices for non-members and that the Executive monitor MMBC charges in relation to those of similar clubs.

### **Financial Aims and Objectives of the Club**

Larry Ellison acknowledged and thanked Sue McPhee for the excellent work she has done as treasurer.

Larry expressed concerns about the direction the Club has taken over the past 12 months, in particular the financial losses, and asked how the Executive planned to get the Club back on track and making a financial profit.

The recommendation was made that the Executive set up a financial committee made up of non-Executive members with the right skills and experience. The committee's role to include forward planning and vision for the Club. Appropriate financial reports would be made available to the committee. Christina invited members to put their names forward to help form a financial committee. This recommendation to be followed up.

The recommendation was made that the Club should set annual financial budgets.

It was pointed out that employment law in regard to casual employment contracts versus permanent contracts has not changed in recent times and that the changes that have been made to casual contracts was to bring them in line with existing law.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.32pm.

The next meeting of the Manawatu Marine Boating Inc will be Sunday 27 August 2023 at 3.00pm in the MMBC Clubrooms.

Signed:  .....  
Christina Brenton (Commodore)

Dated: 27.08.2023