



MANAWATU MARINE BOATING CLUB

**Minutes of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Inc 57th Annual General Meeting
Held in the Clubrooms, 50 Hartley Street, Foxton Beach
On Sunday 27 August 2023 at 2pm**

PRESENT

Executive members: Christina Brenton (Commodore), Bill Curtis (Vice Commodore), Paula Bary (Patron), Peter Jamieson (Patron), David Collin, David Clapperton, Bruce Culley, Robin Hall, Scott McIntosh, Jo Roberts, Maria van der Schouw, Glenda McNeill (Treasurer), Leonie Haines (Secretary) and 85 members.

WELCOME

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

APOLOGIES

Susan Lemish, Glyn Harper, Jocelyn Urbahn, Sue Hoskin, Philip Wilson, Chris Brooks, Paddy Doyle, Brett Giles, Graeme Tanner, Marge and Alan Salmond, Brett and SueAnn Russell, Ross Brannigan, Julie Flannagan, Charlie Baker, Gary Stratford, John Bary, Geoff and Donna McBrydie
Moved that the apologies be accepted.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Roy van der Schouw/Carried

MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Moved that the minutes of the meeting held 28 August 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Bruce Culley/Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM 2022 AGM

Nil

REPORTS

COMMODORE'S REPORT

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

Thanks everyone for being here at this AGM. It's great to know that there is so much interest and support for MMBC.

Looking back to this time last year, it was very clear that we had been through a tough year. Our financial position showed clearly that we were feeling the aftereffects of COVID and I heard, very clearly, that it was unacceptable to not have made money, despite the external pressures of business at that time.

From our AGM, the Profitability Support Committee was formed and, once again, their evaluation of my performance as a Commodore, Ann's as Manager and of the Executive Committee was damning. It was clearly identified within that report, that it was our fault that the Kitchen was not operating functionally and that we needed to make changes, and now, to see profitability return.

Thankfully we had/have the expertise to help us do that. Poppy and David Clapperton stepped in and, with Ann, started to make the changes needed to move the Club into a better place.

After a period of careful planning, in January of this year, when the Kitchen was still very much behind its profit goals, the changes began. Bar prices rose for non- members, meal costs were carefully evaluated and menus and pricing changed accordingly. Staff came and went through this time, but each step was to train and develop the team. Enormous hours were clocked up by Poppy, David and Ann to make this work happen. Lots of resistance to the changes were voiced by some, and then, by others, lots of wonderful successes too.

And gradually the change in our finances has happened. We are back on track again and the Club is in a good space, making money. In our first month of this current year, our Kitchen profit is over \$5K and that is mid-winter. Good for our new Executive team coming in.

To Poppy, David and Ann, and to all those who have worked behind the scenes to support the changes that needed to happen, THANK YOU. Words are not enough. Just know that we made the difference to see the Club turn around and head off into a new and successful time.

Along the way, we have had other challenges to manage too. Our broken wharf is still the main issue that concerns us all. We have a quote of \$70K to fix the wharf. We have been promised \$50K from HDC. We have Rodney Caldwell onto the job now, so we will see the job done, no doubt. At last! I need to say, on behalf of the Executive Committee, sorry that this has taken so long to get sorted. It has been a complex process.

Good news in this last week or two is that we have applied for a lease for 25 years on the DOC land that we sit on. Again, a complex process, and thanks to Paula and Bruce for their work on this. Pending final signoff, this lease should be in place for 25 years as of 1st November.

We have focused on strong communication. Ann has a consistent weekly email to all our members that has kept them well informed. Alongside that, the Facebook profile has grown hugely. We have 2,200 followers of our page now. One of our top responses was to our post on the winners for our Fishing Competition jet ski. The photo of our Nod Nod winners reached 7,400 people. Social networks can be a powerful way of connecting people, and our page is doing that.

There are so many things to say and people to thank as I stand before you today.

Thanks to the Executive Committee for all that you do for the Club. Lots of volunteer hours happen behind the scenes that no-one has any idea of. This Club needs great people on the Executive to guide and coordinate all that happens.

Thanks to our new Secretary, Leonie, and Glenda our new Treasurer, for joining our team and making it work so seamlessly.

Bill, for your support and VC and for coordinating all the maintenance of this place. Your wisdom has been such a help for me as Commodore.

Ann, thank you for being resilient, kind, hard-working and feisty enough to cope with all that you have had to deal with in the last couple of years. I KNOW what that has been like for you and you have stood up to the challenge with us. Thanks!

Our Patrons, Paula and PJ. Again, your support has been valued and very much appreciated.

Our Kitchen team, mentored by Poppy and David. Thanks for all your hard work, staff training, cost control, waste control and for the great meals that we are having now. Lovely to hear the compliments.

Our Functions team, led by Paula. This is an almost unseen part of what we do here. Thanks to this team for their consistent work making functions work well and adding to our profitability.

Our Bar Staff and Volunteers. Thanks everyone, including those Executive members who help and support our weekends. Our Bar has been a phenomenal success this year. HUGE thanks for all that you do.

Our Club Leaders – Sailing (Scott), Fishing (Jude), Pool (Gary), Social (Robin). Thanks so much to you and your Committees for all your fun and activity that you have given us this year.

We have excellent new outdoor furniture thanks to the Fishing Committee. Excellent!

We have replaced the ancient fridge and freezer in our Kitchen. Hopefully no more concerns about spoiled food.

Our spending this year has been careful and controlled. Strong governance from our Finance team has ensured that money is well spent.

And thanks to our Radio Operators for their work this year. Some interesting times and great work done. Thanks to Murray. We have Philip leading that team, and a new member joined, so our boaties will continue to be monitored well.

And to every other person who comes in quietly and just helps us like Marg, our IT guru; John, laundry; the maintenance team; the team who clear the ramp; the people who helped us at the Fishing Comps and Kid's Fishing Day – I could go on and on with this great group of volunteers who support the Club. We simply couldn't function without your help. Thanks.

And to our members. We continue to grow our membership and people continue to discover that it's a fun place to come to eat, drink and experience our services.

As I finish my term as Commodore, it's almost hard to remember the state the Club was in when I chose to step in and help. It's been a tough two and a half years and certainly not easy. It's always a risk to step up to a role like this and to those who supported me, I cannot thank you enough. To those who decided to make it tough in any way possible, thanks for the lessons I learned. The role of Commodore means that you take the risk of standing tall and having to make hard decisions. Not always liked or understood. Despite all of this, I have enjoyed my time and will have many happy memories to take with me as I step away. Still on the Committee, so still happy to help.

A huge thanks to Lyal and my special friends who have supported me through some pretty tough times as I have done this role. Hopefully I will have more time to spend with each of you now.

Two final thoughts.

The first.

We are a Club of about 900 members.

So, where are you? We have only just enough people to form a committee. For those who have the skills of leadership, business, finance, marketing and so on..... where are you to help this Club provide your boats' safe passage, your drinking mates' good prices and your families, a wonderful venue for food and entertainment. Your Executive Committee needed you and now there is not enough of us. The load gets bigger. Please think about it over this year and offer at the next AGM.

And secondly.

No matter who you are, how much you have done for the Club, how well you are known and so on. No ONE person is bigger than the good of the Club as a whole. Every member has the right to come here and enjoy a safe, family friendly environment where people are treated with kindness and respect. Our Clubroom should be a safe place to visit without foul language, sexism and racism.

From the Patrons to the newest member – every MMBC member should be thought of as important and valued for their contribution. That is how we will continue to grow and strengthen in our future.

Thanks all of those with good hearts and kindness that remember the start to my tenure and have understood the challenges since. Thanks to those who have understood the courage that it has taken to stay through the toughest times and the very personal toll this has had on me as I stepped in as an interim Commodore initially, and then re-stood as COVID impacted us and continued to work through so many challenges until the Club is in a good space

today. I simply couldn't have done it without my support crew. I am hugely grateful to those people. Now it's time to let go and rest a little.

Please support Ann, our hardworking Manager, our new Kitchen and Bar team, our new Commodore and the Executive Committee for 2023/24. They are here to help you all have a place to enjoy and want to come back to. Your behaviour, kindness and respect will help them to do that. Take care how you speak of them in the Club. Be supportive and kind. That will help!

Thanks to Maria, Jude, Scott and Gary. Welcome the two Bretts, Paddy all coming on to the committee

Thank you everyone for a great experience as your Commodore. I look forward to helping on the Committee for this next year.

KIA KAHA MMBC

Moved that the Commodore's Report be accepted.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Bruce Culley/Carried

Paula presented flowers from the Executive and the members.

FINANCE REPORT

Glenda McNeill (Treasurer) presented the Financial Report.

It is my privilege to present the financial reports for the 2023 AGM. Financial reports are included in the AGM information which has been loaded on the Club's website. A link to the documents has been emailed over the past few weeks in the weekly newsletter. There are hardcopies available today for those people who have not been able to access this information.

Consolidated Accounts

The Club had a net surplus over all divisions of \$46,207.00 for this financial year, bringing Owners Equity to \$1,156,666.00.

Other Revenue was higher than last year. Subscriptions were up \$6.7k from the previous year and the financial donation from the fishing club was intended for the purchase of new outdoor tables & chairs and the grant from the Pelorus Trust was used to purchase the Feva Sail Craft.

Expenses were higher than last year with the minimum wage rises, electricity costs, rates and maintenance in and around the main building area.

The Club has acquired new assets over the year resulting in greater depreciation costs.

As mentioned, insurance and rates costs have increased. Insurance providers are going to be taking a hard look at any areas closer to the water so we can expect and need to be mindful of much higher costs again for our insurance for the forthcoming year.

Divisional Accounts

Bar

Bar sales were up 37% on last year's figures at \$258,124. Cost of sales was higher than last year giving a gross profit of \$137,327 compared to \$101,429 last year.

Bar surplus for the year was \$103,408 compared to \$75,711 last year.

Meals

Financial results for the Kitchen have improved dramatically from last year and our grateful thanks must go to Poppy, David, Ann and all the kitchen staff who have worked tirelessly and achieved this turnaround. Members and guests have enjoyed the dining experience at the club and this is evident with sales this year of \$229,799 compared to last years \$159,675. Catering revenue dropped off this year compared to the results from last year.

Our end of year result is a net surplus of \$12,862 and as summer approaches I am sure we will see the patronage and enjoyment of the dining room increase.

Sailing

Surplus from sailing activities was \$15,734 compared to \$4,464 last year – this was due to a grant from the Pelorus Trust and increased sponsorship from our wonderful sponsors.

Raffles

General Club raffles showed a surplus of \$6,571 compared to \$5,158 last year and have been well supported by patrons in the Clubrooms.

Social

Social activities over the year were very successful and well attended. There was a deficit of \$36 at the end of the year for social activities compared to a \$916 loss last year. A huge thanks to our Social Committee for all the hard work put into running events for us all to enjoy.

Fishing

The Fishing division of the Club ended the financial year with a profit of \$9,536 compared to \$15,843 last year. Overall, income was down on last year but thanks must go to the Fishing Division for their generous financial donation to purchase the new tables and chairs for the outside upper deck – I'm sure they will be well used in the coming months.

Pool

Pool accounts show a surplus of \$1,788 compared to \$693 last year. The travelling expense of \$660 should not have been coded to Pool and unfortunately this was not picked up until after the accounts were sent to the Auditor – a journal has been done to rectify this but had to be done in the new financial year.

Assets

The total sum of monies held in the Club's bank accounts at the end of the year was \$279k compared to \$212k at the end of the last financial year.

Capital expenditure for the financial year consisted of:

- Digital Pagers
- Polar Upright Display Cooler
- Polar Upright Display Freezer
- Feva Sail Craft, Trolley & Cover
- Outdoor tables & chairs
- Asus Mini Desktop Computer – Bepoz
- Laptop HP Probook

The Club remains in a strong financial position and, as in previous years, we owe our gratitude to our dedicated volunteers, the handymen who keep this place so well maintained and looking top notch, the organisers of our fishing competitions and sailing regattas, the radio operators, our Social Committee and volunteer bar people. Special thanks from me to Sue McPhee for all your hard work in the mammoth task of getting the accounts to the Accountant and Auditor on time and to Sue and Pete for their patience and guidance in settling me into this new role as Treasurer. Finally, a huge thanks to you, all our members, for your continued support of this great local Club.

Moved that the Financial Report be accepted.

Glenda McNeill/Seconded Robin Hall /Carried

Kevin asked if he could move that we shift funds from finances from main account into sub adjunct account (otherwise it will still stay in the main account).

It does get done every year automatically (Sue McPHee)

Motion – moved on

FISHING REPORT

Jo Roberts (Fishing Co-ordinator) presented the Fishing Report.

This year I took on the role of Secretary for the SuperQuad Series, from Carol Rankin, and more recently the role of Fishing Coordinator from Jude Moxon. It has been a great year for the Fishing Section of the boat club with the Super Quad Series continuing to attract increasing entries. We were lucky enough to get out fishing on 3 of the 4 competition days.

In January there were 218 entries and 62 boats

February 194 entries and 59 boats

March 189 entries and 60 boats

April 234 (242) entries and 83 boats

We owe a huge thank you to all our sponsors who have continued to support this model and enable us to provide a quality prize pool for each of the 4 competitions. This year a helicopter ride, donated by Roberts Contracting (Keven Roberts), was auctioned and \$3,000.00 raised and donated to our local Coastguard in recognition of the contribution they make to the safety of all who go out to sea.

Other new ideas we tried as part of the SuperQuad Series was the provision of an early morning cooked breakfast for our anglers and a nautical 'money or the bag' for many of the spot prizes, with multiple raffles adding to the excitement on the night.

The traditional 6 months of summer free competition with end-of-month meal voucher prizes was held alongside the SuperQuad Series again this year. Many thanks to Murray Lucas for coordinating this and to Murray and Alma Lucas for the weigh-ins.

The 2022 Women's Competition was down on numbers from last year possibly because it was scheduled too close to winter. 45 entries were received and the women who took part had a great chance with the prize pool and were very happy with their winnings. Thank you again to our sponsors Best Care Whakapai Hauora for supporting this event.

The kids fishing event on Waitangi weekend was a great success with over 200 kids entering and their families who came along to support. Thank you to all our sponsors and to Lyal Brenton for taking the lead in organizing this. It was a wonderful family event on the wharf.

This year instead of a winter fishing event, Brendan O'Brien organized a fish pie competition. A good number of our local would-be chefs entered this competition, and the results were all very tasty. It was a lot of fun and everyone who came got to sample the offerings when judging was complete.

From the fishing funds raised this year, over \$13,000.00 was used to purchase new outdoor furniture to ensure there are enough tables and chairs for larger scale events such as the fishing competitions. Also approved by the committee and the executive is the purchase and installation of ladders on both sides of the walls of the boat ramp. This will make for faster launching and retrieving of boats and will be completed once the repairs to the wharf have been made.

In conclusion, it has been a rewarding year for the fishing committee with new ideas being tried and new committee members joining the group taking the place of those who have left. 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.

Finally, special thanks to our current committee:

Lyal & Christina Brenton, Chris Jane, Brendan O'Brien, Phil Burt, Jo Roberts, Gaylene Brown, Brendon Gabbott and Murray Lucas. If you are interested in joining the committee let us know. We have great fun and work well together as a team, and many thanks to the many volunteers who help us out on the day. You are all amazing. Thank you for your support.

Moved that the Fishing Report be accepted.

Jo Roberts/Seconded Peter Jamieson/Carried

SAILING REPORT

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

The 2022-2023 season saw great sailing, from the Saturday Learn to Sail program to the Sunday Championship series. The championship series saw 19 competitors in the laser class, 8 juniors in the Open BIC class, and 2 in Optis competing in 36 races over 10 weekends.

The Learn to Sail program, held on Saturdays, was run by junior coach Robert Elder and had great numbers attend the programme every Saturday between October and Christmas. The program saw 18 juniors registered and several parents also got out on the water to give it a go.

Not long after last year's AGM, we received a grant of \$7,400 to help with the purchase of a new Feva which arrived before the start of the season. The 2-person boat has expanded the Feva fleet to two boats and has proven great with Junior sailors.

This afternoon at the Sailing AGM I stood down as Sailing Co-Ordinator. Alex Chisom will be taking over the role into the new season which starts next month.

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

Robert Elder is getting really strong numbers from the juniors. From advertising at the club, we have 15 enrolled for next season. We're looking for helpers – we have two rescue boats and need drivers to help out on one or two Saturdays during October, November and into December.

Moved that the Sailing Report be accepted.

Scott McIntosh/Seconded David Collin /Carried

POOL CLUB REPORT

Philip Brown (new President of Pool Club) on behalf of Gary Stratford (Pool Club President) presented the Pool Club Report.

I wish to first thank Club Captain, Mark Johnson, for the efficient way the Club's competitions and inter-clubs were organised and run, along with the assistance of our very capable and resourceful committee members.

With half the calendar year's programme completed we are now looking forward to another successful year. We have already completed several inter-club competitions with home and away games including Palmerston North Cossie Club and being hosted by our own local Coast Guard.

The J&J Story cup, a competition open to all MMBC members, was held with a full field of players over a Saturday with Martin How and Bernard Cronin winning the final with a 2-1 best of three final.

Looking forward to the rest of the year, we have to complete the 2nd twelve week competition, The "Hermies" and the Memorial Trophy, then winding up the year with our Christmas Dinner and Prizegiving

We currently have a registered membership of 28 members with 3 recently joining.

Last, but not least, I wish to thank all members for their attendance, camaraderie and the way all games have been played in good spirit.

Moved that the Pool Club Report be accepted.

Philip Brown/Seconded Bill Curtis/Carried

SOCIAL REPORT

Robin Hall (Social Committee Convenor) presented the Social Report.

With the retirement of Paula Bary as Convenor, time was lost as we were unable to get someone to put their hand up to take over the role. We thank Paula and her team for their long commitment over the many years. Commodore Christina stepped up to the mark on a temporary basis and successfully kept the team together until I took over the role early January after organising the Kids Christmas Party.

We also had Jo Davenport retire owing to work commitments as she stepped up her role to Branch manager. Jo was the "Raffle" lady and was the maker of the fabulous hampers that were raffled from time to time. I personally thank the ladies who came in behind Sandra and I to give support when events were happening.

Several Sunday afternoon music events have taken place with another next weekend, on Father's Day. These events were very well supported with numbers exceeding expectations. Average of 110 attendees over the three events which on the first occasion put the kitchen under pressure, but it was a great learning curve for us all for future events. These events, if to continue, are a prime target to be held on Sundays of long weekends when we have an influx of patrons to the beach.

All events have run at no cost to the club by the simple process of a minimal cover charge and running raffles.

The Bar and Kitchen takings have certainly been a positive for the club on these occasions. My personal thanks must go to Poppy and David Clapperton and Ann Darby for the food produced at these functions. A lot of thought goes behind the process to arrange the right food for such events.

I have also resigned this position from today and if re-elected I will continue my roles as Welfare Officer, Sub-Finance Committee and Property and Maintenance. Commodore Christina has put forward a replacement, Brett Russell, to continue as Social Convenor - we wish him well. Brett has already arranged an event for Saturday Dec 2nd, so watch this space.

Coming events are next Saturday with Andrew and Kerston London - these two are very professional singers with an outstanding reputation, Melbourne Cup afternoon, Kids Christmas Party and hopefully a New Year's gathering. Brett certainly has his hands full moving forward. Craig Loader will sing at Labour Weekend, Beer fest on October 14th 8pm-midnight.

Please put your hands together to thank those people who have supported me over these past months.

Moved that the Social Report be accepted.

Robin Hall/Seconded Clarrie Price/Carried

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Executive recommended that the annual membership fee remain at \$90.00 per year.

Moved that the annual subscriptions remain at \$90.00 per year for the 2023/24 year.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Kim Durham /carried

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Robin Hall presented a nomination and a Certificate for Life Membership for Bill Curtis. Robin explained the meaning behind why Life Membership is granted to a member. It is the highest award available and only awarded in exceptional circumstances. Christina presented a certificate and a plant.

Moved that Bill Curtis be made a Life Member of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Inc.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Roy van der Schouw/Carried

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Executive Committee recommends that Burns Savage and Associates be appointed auditors for 2023/2024 year

Moved that Burns Savage and Associates be appointed auditors for 2023/2024 year.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Robin Hall/Carried

CONFIRMATION OF PATRONS

The Executive committee unanimously recommended that Peter Jamieson and Paula Bary be re-appointed patrons of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Inc.

Christina Brenton/Seconded Murray Perreau /Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commodore: Brett Giles	Nominated Seconded	Brendan O'Brien Clarence Price
Vice Commodore: Bill Curtis	Nominated Seconded	David Clapperton Paddy Doyle
Fishing Co-ordinator: Jo Roberts	Nominated Seconded	Jude Moxon Leonie Haines
Yachting Co-ordinator	Elected at the Sailing AGM	Alex Chisholm

Committee:

David Clapperton	Nominated Seconded	Robin Hall Bill Curtis
David Collin	Nominated Seconded	Scott McIntosh Russell Crawford
Bruce Culley	Nominated Seconded	Alistair Culley Scott McIntosh
Paddy Doyle	Nominated Seconded	Bill Curtis Rex Rapson

Robin Hall	Nominated	Sue Hoskin
	Seconded	Marge Salmond
Brett Russell	Nominated	Maria van der Schouw
	Seconded	Leonie Haines
Patrons	Paula Bary and Peter Jamieson	
Past Commodore	Christina Brenton	

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

Moved that the meeting accept the nominations as read

Christina Brenton/Seconded Keith Everleigh /Carried

Jo Roberts read a brief introduction from Brett Giles who is absent in Rarotonga.

The new fishing co-ordinator, Jo Roberts, introduced herself to the meeting. Brett Russell and Paddy Doyle who are unable to be here, also had their introductions read out to the meeting by Christina.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1) Martin How - Thankyou to Mr Kevin Roberts for donating a helicopter ride which was auctioned raising \$3000 which was donated to our Coastguard.
- 2) Gary Peters – concerned about river users and hazards they face. When somebody pays their \$10 ramp fee – what is legality if they hit a snag upriver. Where does the club stand? Noticed the river was blocked off by huge tree upriver. His concern the general public won't know what's upriver when they travel at high speed – safety of people hitting an underwater snag. There was a buoy which has now disappeared, which marked a tree in the water. Could something be posted on the notice board at the boat ramp or newsletter to let people know of any hazards that may be prominent going out to sea or upriver to help prevent accidents. We do have a harbour master – he should be responsible. It was suggested that the obstructions could be blown up by the Army. Bruce Culley responded, as the Club's rivers committee run by Horizons. Voluntary group of river users, sped boats, jet boats, fishermen etc. Yes there is a harbour master and if there are hazards in the river they should be reported to Horizons. There are a number of us who are river wardens and any problems with other river users can be reported to us. There is a new schedule of fines coming out. The rules have been tightened, because of accidents which have happened, especially with jetskis. Horizons are the best people to contact and ask to speak to the Harbour Master or Acting Harbour Master.
- 3) Robert Elder – how long as a club are we going to tolerate jet skis which are unregistered? Does anybody know? We don't have the authority to do anything. Go back to the harbourmaster or Ross Brannigan. Bruce Culley - the Harbourmaster did spend a lot of time here in the summer and it will happen again next summer. The regulations have just come in more on teaching training situation and advising people what the regulations are now.
- 4) Robin Hall – Asked that members show their appreciation with a round of applause to Christina for how she has turned the club around this year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05pm

The next meeting of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Inc will be held on Sunday 25 August 2024 at 2.00pm in the MMBC Clubrooms.

Signed:
(Commodore)

Dated: 25-8-2024