



Volunteer Marine Rescue

Southport-Surfers Paradise Association Inc.

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MINUTES OF FORUM MEETING HELD 10 NOVEMBER 2009

1 MEETING OPENED

Chairperson, Steve Pomas, opened the meeting at 19.05 hours and welcomed all members.

2 ATTENDANCE

As per attendance book

3 APOLOGIES

As per attendance book plus Rob Mundel (Guest speaker) & Secretary, Kate O'Shea

4 PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED THAT Minutes of meeting of 6 October 2009 be accepted.

Proposed: Jacob Stenberg

Seconded: Dave Mac

Motion carried

5 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

6 NEW MEMBERS – Kirby Petterson

7 PRESENTATIONS by President

- a. Statement of attainment – Jeremie Dorr
- b. Dale Brink – Inshore skipper

8 CREW REPORTS

8.1 Black Crew – Ken Gibbs

1. 1 crew – 11 members on crew – 2 'ring-ins'.
2. only 1 job for whole crew – vessel taking in water – the skipper of the vessel drove it on to the beach
3. Lots of training

8.2 Blue Crew – Steve Pomas

1. 1st crew – offshore training; Col Street came in for a dispersal; and towed a yacht off bank at Duxes
2. Tow from Boykanbil, tow from Sanctuary Cove to Runaway Bay (Steve Modra)
3. 112L used - no money taken. MR2 not fuelled.
4. 2nd crew: lots of 'ring-in' crewies. Peter Barker and Chris Leech filled in to cover Adam and Steve for Sat night and Sunday morning
5. We are sending a letter to all houseboat companies to request placement of a cleat midships port and starboard in order to make towing easier and safer

8.3 Red Crew – Peter Barker

1. Great crew – 17 activations
2. 1 new member
3. Had a lot of helpers, so thank you.
4. Good training in testing conditions
5. 833L included some midweek job
6. Looking for helpers this weekend

8.4 Yellow Crew – Merv Handley

1. Highlight of crew – catering was excellent by Trevor
2. Indy weekend
3. Took some radio operators offshore as Safety Boat for flypast

8.5 Green Crew – Scott Gregory

1. 2 crews
2. 1st crew: 14 activation/6 jobs
 - 2.1. coxswains training Pete and Tim
 - 2.2. Inshore training Brad
 - 2.3. 2nd crew: 17 activations/4 offshore jobs
 - 2.4. 70 scouts moved to Hole in the Wall

8.6 White Crew – Steve Modra

1. 2 crews
2. 1st crew: no jobs – Fire on the Spit & Sail Past; slow crew
3. 2nd crew – Transported the Scouts back
4. 3 jobs. Chris Leech was in
5. New Recruit: Helen Stanfield
 - 5.1. Night run on Saturday was very wet due to the rain
 - 5.2. Jumpinpin training for Steve and Brett
 - 5.3. only 1 real job – tow from SYC to Dates Canal
 - 5.4. Search for pelican which had been injured
 - 5.5. Search for dog – found it, but it did not want to be rescued

8.7 Callouts – Steve Modra

1. Bit slow
2. Notable job: tow from Newport Marina to Redland Bay – 28ft Bayliner
3. Took MR3 for repairs to Manley Boat Harbour, which doubled as a run-in for MR1.

9 REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Search & Rescue Controller – Steve Pomas

1. SAREX cancelled this weekend
2. PR runs for Rotary to take place: 60-80 children who were affected by Vic Bushfires
3. Peter Cartwright and SRC are meeting with EMS regarding tsunamis
4. Sunday Runaway Bay Marina mini Boat Show for opening of new berths
5. Christmas and New Year – looking for people to help out with crew over the busy period for both crews and callouts.

2. President – Peter Cartwright

1. There was a proposal for crew room extensions in the September Forum. Management have decided to put off a decision until February at which time a building sub-committee will be convened.

3. Vice President – Adam Sexton

1. Emergency Contact Numbers – have been placed on computers upstairs. The decision to make the call will be by the most senior person on crew. If people don't want that information on the computer, please let management know.

4. Secretary – Kate O'Shea

1. Apology – unable to attend.

5. Treasurer – Bev Weldon

1. Apology – unable to attend.

6. Operations Controller – Glenn Norris

1. Sorry – left report at work!
2. New motors on MR1 – few issues will be rectified on Thursday
3. Few differences with new motors:
 - (a) Steering: handles differently
 - (b) Gauges on dash have buttons – DO NOT TOUCH – comes up with what gear the motors are in and where the tilt is. They are for the mechanics to use only.
 - (c) Full flow is about the same as speed ie, doing 4200 revs it uses 4.2L. Cruising is about 3800 revs
 - (d) They are very responsive
 - (e) Look at longer slowing space
 - (f) Small cavitation problem
 - (g) Still to get hour meter installed
 - (h) Push button start – only 1 key
 - (i) House battery needs to be on to start the motor
- (2) PODS – There has been a lot of water in them. Syd Richards is going to be the person to look after the inspection ports on both MR1 and MR2.
- (3) MR3: should be back Friday
- (4) High pressure water cleaner was just purchased, and SOP written. Please read SOP before use. Will be ready to use by the weekend.
- (5) Epaulette structure – has been finalised. Please bring in old clips for exchange with new ones.
- (6) Rat in kitchen and upstairs – we have problems but are looking into solutions
- (7) Boat cleaning roster – please make sure we all do our part.

b) Communications Controller – Jacob Stenberg

- i) Had complaints with MR1's 73 set – no further problems
- ii) We will be putting a radio mike holder on the external cabinet
- iii) MR1 aerials are to be replaced
- iv) Mobile phone for MR1 has been replaced

c) Radio Operations Coordinator – Diana Gibson

- i) Apology – unable to attend.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Guy

1. Training for the next month discussed – see note on boards
2. ESS needs to be done – course starts next week. Please give names to Scooter. They need to be in by Tuesday afternoon or not welcome to do the course.

2. Ken Gibbs (UTC)

1. We had a course at the weekend run by Mr Brock by VMRAQ
2. Not a lot of certificates issued of late – some will be re-issued due to RPL. Would expect this is to be completed by next month.

3. Merv Handley

1. There was a uniform sub committee meeting – there will be a report next Forum.

4. Peter Barker

1. Insurance as brought u p about 6 months ago
2. 2 main problems – we should get our own insurance still (income protection); our insurance needs to be updated.
3. PC responded – We received a certificate of insurance today which has now gone to Michael Kyle; after approval will be released publicly. The current recommendation is that we do not need to get our own income protection insurance.

10 NEXT MEETING – MEETING CLOSE

- 10.1 Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 1 December 2009 at 1900. Aiming for guest speaker. Notices will be up if guest speaker is to attend.
- 10.2 Raffle drawn. The meeting was declared closed at 2020

Signed: CHAIRPERSON:
Name: STEVE POMAS

SCRIBE:
JULIE ELKES/KATE O'SHEA