



Volunteer Marine Rescue

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MINUTES OF FORUM MEETING HELD 1 JUNE 2010

1 MEETING OPENED

Chairperson, Steve Pomas, opened the meeting at 19.01 hours and welcomed all members.

2 ATTENDANCE

As per attendance book

3 APOLOGIES

As per attendance book plus Bev Weldon, Jake Stenberg.

4 PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED THAT Minutes of meeting of 4 May 2010 be accepted.

Proposed: Peter Holliday

Seconded: Dave Mac

Motion carried

BUSINESS ARISING

5 NEW MEMBERS

6 PRESENTATIONS by President

a. Peter Holliday – Coxswain

1. Thanks to Greg Turner, Bruce Anderson and Chris Leech for their training and efforts put into VMR

7 CREW REPORTS

Black Crew – Ken Gibbs

1. 1 crew since last Forum – 11 of 12 members in. Thanks to Leechy for not coming in this crew ☺
2. Fairly quiet
3. Quiet tow jobs Seaway to Howasrds street
4. Night nav work up to Whalley's gutter in mr3
5. Old army hospital ship was shifted up to gold coast city marina, not in good condition. Had to be in very careful. Guy skippered the job. No steering, no motors, unstable and rotten. The job was well done. The GCCC is funding the restoration job.
6. Then a couple of tows Currigee, and mermaid reef.
7. 2 memberships \$100 donations and 300L used.

Blue Crew – Adam Sexton

1. Bruce came in thank you. 4 crews missing due to
2. Steve Hipkiss and Bruce topped up – Steve came in and Bruce had had everyone under control. Mr2 was off the water. Mr1 did jump start in
3. 43footer to hope harbour
4. more donations than fuel used.

Red Crew – Peter Barker

1. 1 crew
2. Boat Show weekend, so not a lot of jobs. Was a great amount of teamwork – 20 people were on for my crew.
3. Did training on the Friday night, then the broadcast in the morning, then the Boatshow.
4. One job during the day – couldn't do the job unless the owner was on board. Then assisted them as the vessel was dragging anchor.

Yellow Crew – Merv Handley

1. 1 crew – we were also on Boat show weekend. No boats, no jobs, went to the Boat Show and then came home.

Green Crew – Scott Gregory

1. 2 crews
2. 1st crew would like to thank Chris Leech for coming in, as well as Kate and Craig McCarthy filling in
3. One jumpstart at SYC. 4.20 pm had job 26 foot bayliner to Benowa from Sorrento - \$50 donation
4. That crew we had 2 new recruits – Duncan and Steve
5. Did offshore training for Tim and Pete for coxswains
6. Thanks to Bruce and ? for filling in
7. Mr1 offshore in am to do offshore cross
8. Mr3 did pump out at hole in the wall. Ranger sculldragged it up to pump it out
9. Pete came back to base then GT and Bruce did the coxswains runs through jumpinpin and seaway
10. Highlight was a lady walking into the cabin of Mr1 while the guys were doing the boatcheck. She then turned up again near the first aid cabinets next morning, so we called the police who escorted her to a shelter.

White Crew – Dave Mac

1. 2 crews
2. 1st crew 4 tows. 1 yach to GC marina
3. one speed boat to sovereign islands. Wanted to show the girls on crew around his house, which had a pole in his main bedroom. Kept wanting to give us money for some reason
4. 383L and \$707 donations!
5. 2nd crew was dead – one job at 5.30 – Currigee to Howard's street ramp
6. call early in the am from police comms about a lunatic woman from Cavil ave running to the ocean. Eventually were stood down.
- 7.

Callouts – Steve Pomas

1. has been quiet. Please let me know if you can help

8 REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Search & Rescue Controller – Steve Pomas

1. Couran cove 3 boats to Suzuki day – drove in line while photos taken by helicopter, then had lunch with them. Scored some hats out of the day.

2. Boat Show Draw – Glenn Norris

1. **Mark Graham**
2. **Bob Johnson**
3. **? Hurt**

3. President – Peter Cartwright

1. Not

3. Vice President – Adam Sexton

1. With functions – room for improvement is indicated, therefore wish to have functions team to run it, in order to have it running really well for summer. Call for expressions of interest from Forum.

4. Secretary – Kate O'Shea

1. Overalls – please advise your duty skipper

5. Treasurer – via Peter

- 1 Boatshow net \$15 646 plus donation of \$1000 from Ashmore Rotary Club
- 2 John Wise's son passed away last week, funeral is tomorrow at 11am at Allambe Gardens. Please wear your blues if you wish to attend on behalf of VMR.
- 3 Thanks to all who helped at the Boatshow – especially to Glenn Norris, Tony Hillier and John Lang.
- 4 Helen and I attended Zone Meeting recently. Quarterly statistics reports haven't been done correctly in the past, therefore H and I have worked out hours – it appears 20 000 hours put in outside of boat crews/radio operators, including maintenance, meetings, etc.
- 5 MSQ discussions re: Seaway Tower has led to receipt of letters of 'promise' etc. Aiming to improve conditions,
- 6 Seaway Tower Coordinator has requested 12/12 leave of absence
- 7 Warlock – back in court tomorrow – 3rd time to be submitted. Hopefully this will be the final
- 8 \$16 000 legal fees to date.
- 9 Insurance memo with AON summary circulated

6. Operations Controller – Glenn Norris

1. Boats all running well as of this weekend
2. MR1 – starboard seat now out to be repaired
 - i. Compass light was too bright – please do not disconnect it
 - ii. Dimming of gauges – cannot be done – 2 opinions
 - iii. MSQ audit – a couple of problems – emergency steering is too far from the motors – therefore now in battery boxes in the stern. Sheets to be changed.
3. Peter Barker – appears to be listing to starboard
4. MR2 – electrical problems with
5. MSQ – port nav light displays too much red – will get it replaced for free
6. All vessels to have compass guards
7. Steve is to get mr2 antifouled on 15/6/2010
8. All switches labelled now
9. MR2 engine cutting out – was carrying extra weight therefore water got into the wiring in the pod. Now fixed
10. MR3 – appeared to be 'missing' every so often
11. Over the Boatshow – used 6L/hour when working for
12. New compass to be wired
13. Has no sacrificial anode therefore paint was bubbling – now rectified
14. MR2 winch – backlashes with no weight on it – don't know if much can be done
 - i. If mr2 not on trailer – backspools – don't let it loose while not on the trailer.
 - ii. Keep it in the water for the next 2 weeks prior to antifouling please (from SRC).
15. Oxygen course to be organised in due course
16. Sid has put big light on boatramp – increased visibility
17. Boatshow – exceptionally good result – good site x 2 good weather for most days, thank you to everyone who turned up – everyone worked very hard. 30 new members and good raffle.
18. State meeting next weekend – anything you wish me to take? – nil.

19. Please check lost property.
20. Motivational speaker has approached us – wants to present to us to inspire us and provide training. Duty skippers to nominate members to attend. 1-2 hours.
21. Computer Logs – hours and fuel appear to be quite out – one crew in particular did no VMRAQ logs this weekend. (Green Crew Duty Skipper stated no internet over weekend).

7. Communications Controller – Jacob Stenberg

1. Radios to be fixed before the weekend (report via Glenn)

8. Radio Operations Controller – Diana Gibson

1. nil

9. Committee Member 1 – Syd Richards

1. nil

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Guy Coubrough

1. See whiteboard for this month's training. Please let know the trainers prior to the day the numbers required.
2. The last Tuesday night is going to be a Trainer's night only.

2. Dave Mac

1. Heard rumour that not taking active members. SRC reported that that is not true.

Ken – reminder of training meeting tonight after Forum Meeting tonight.

2. Merv – last Wed had State of Origin event – was a great night but unsatisfactory result. The refereeing results were not good overall. Next one is second State of Origin – aiming for more Blues Supporters to attend next one.
3. 20/11 is Christmas Party – we will keep you posted for the details at a later date.
4. John Lang – wish to thank Merv for the work he put in to the State of Origin.
5. Peter Barker – query about the insurance – to look at later with President.
6. Smoking policy update – Adam addressed – Smoking Policy is quite reasonable – however we are not following it. Cannot smoke near enclosed areas – further than 4 metres from doors/windows/undercover area/toilets or any other “enclosed area”, and 10m from fuel bowsters. Vessels are meant to be smoke free. Our smoking area is near the side gate. Our policy is based on the laws, so we need to work with it and make it happen. Will be addressed further next Forum.

10 NEXT MEETING – MEETING CLOSE

10.1 Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 6 July 2010 at 1700.

10.2 Raffle drawn. The meeting was declared closed at 2002.

Signed: CHAIRPERSON:
Name: STEVE POMAS

SCRIBE:
KATE O'SHEA