



Volunteer Marine Rescue

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MINUTES

Forum Meeting

Date: 04 July 2017

Time: 1904

Venue: VMR400 Training Room

Attendance – As per signed register

Minute Taker	Glenn Norris
New Members	Nil
Apologies	Greg Turner, Martin Hood, John Wise
Chair	Martin Walsh (VP) filling in for Dave MacDonald as Chairman

Presentations

MAR Certificates – Various	Bruce Watson, Adam Watson
5 year service badge	Jo Schon

3.0 Previous Minutes

3.1	Nil Business Arising		
	PROPOSED – John Kaus	SECONDED - Helen Stanfield	MOTION
	CARRIED		

5.0 Crew Reports

5.1	Green Jo Schon	Only 1 crew this month 26/06/17. 12 in attendance. Welcomed new member Jordan. Relatively busy day. 4 jobs in total. Lots of training. Had a search for a missing vessel early on Friday evening. It eventually turned up. All jobs involved vessels in the 8-10M range, all being towed to Runaway Bay or Paradise Point. Greg Turner filled in as Duty Skipper, and took Steve Phillips and Terry Hunt to Jumpinpin for Skipper assessments. Conditions just made the cut for assessments to be undertaken. Good crew.
5.2	White Helen Stanfield	Only 1 crew this month 24/06/17. 10 crew in attendance. Also had 2 PNG visitors. Had a job waiting on arrival on Saturday evening. Just a tow of a tinny from Hole in the Wall to Runaway Bay. Mid morning had a tow from offshore of Surfers Paradise to the Broadwater Parklands boatramp. In the afternoon, had a tow from offshore of Broadbeach. This is what the co-ordinates we were given said, however, the boatie maintained he was east of Surfers Paradise. When found he was east of Broadbeach. Had a dispersal on the crew as well. People very grateful to VMR. Good crew
5.3	Red Al Curtis	1 crew this month 16/06/17. Greg Turner filled in. 9 other crew in attendance Started crew on Friday night with a tow of a 32ft yacht from Ephraim Island Marina to Hope Island Marina. Took 3.75 hours Did lots of training through day with Papua New Guinea visitors. Had a job late in the day for a White crew member, just a small tow.
5.4	Yellow Peter Barker	1 crew this month 17/06/17. 12 crew in attendance. Very quiet up until 1000 on Saturday morning. Lots of training undertaken up until then. After this 5 jobs. 2 jump starts, 2 tows to Paradise Point and Runaway Bay and a sunken jetski at Wavebreak Island. Got some very good donations for the day.

5.0	Crew Reports	
		Merv took Annie on a lengthy training run as she is approaching Inshore Skipper rank. On all accounts this was very well done. A good crew. Looking forward to the next one.
5.5	Black Guy Coubrough	2 crews this month, 1 st crew 09/06/2017. 11 on crew. Martin Hood attended to help out. Very windy day. In the evening had a call from QPS re a tinny that had broken loose from a yacht and was drifting towards the Seaway. After much searching, tinny was found with a female on board on the rocks at South Wavebreak. Long story, however female transported back to Grand boatramp. Circumstances were quite comical. Had a large houseboat drag anchor in the morning and almost collide with a beacon at Bayview Marina. The owner was notified, attended and secured the vessel. Had 3 jobs in the afternoon, all near Couran. All tows. Very good crew, despite it being cold and windy. 2 nd crew 30/06/2017. 11 on crew and also had a visitor from PNG – Terrence. Very nice guy. Started the evening with a tow of a vessel from Tipplers to the Spit boatramp. Owner bought vessel day before and it had major problems with the engine. Was the Saturday of the Gold Coast Marathon, so boat numbers were down due to roads being closed around the area. 2 jobs during the day. One job involved a Thundercat that lost its propeller. The 2 nd job was a speedboat from the Aldershots to the Jabiru Island boatramp. Another good crew.
5.6	Blue Scott Gregory	2 crews this month. 1 st crew 10/06/17. 11 on crew. Ken Gibbs filled in as Duty Skipper. Very quiet crew. Weather was terrible. Swell was big. Lots of night training in the Broadwater. On Sunday afternoon, the SWT reported a small sailing vessel in trouble, being swept out of the Seaway. Marine Rescue 1 attended with Terry Hunt at the helm. The vessel drifted over the top of Deadmans Bank and was only visible from the SWT due to the swell size. The vessel was taken in tow and it was later revealed that one of the crew members on the sailing vessel had been trapped underneath. A very serious job, well done. Rest of crew very uneventful. 2 nd crew 01/07/17. Scott was back in town as Duty Skipper. 9 on crew Again a very quiet crew. Lots of training up until 1330 when a vessel needed a tow from Runaway Bay to Paradise Point Around 1500 received a call to assist a jetski with a flat battery east of Jumpinpin Bar. VMR Jacobs Well didn't have a crew so asked Southport to assist. The vessel couldnt be started so was towed in through Jumpinpin. Got a good donation for doing this job. Another good crew.
5.7	Callouts Merv Handley	Callouts for the month were fairly average in numbers. 13 callouts for 15 jobs. Thanks again to those people who continually do the callout jobs. Peter Barker did 11 for the month.

6.0	Management Reports	Action/Outcome	Officer
6.1	TREASURER	Presented a Financial Report for the last month. Still doing very well. Raffle income is very good, thanks to the Sanctuary Cove Boatshow. Membership income doing well. Up on last year by about \$8000 Recently received the annual Optus rent payment. Repairs to the boats and base have been significantly less this year. Last year was a big spend year though. Oil and fuel expenses are only slightly up on 2016. V-Sheet expenses are considerably down. Very happy otherwise. Should be good figures for year end.	John Kaus
6.2	SECRETARY	Not present	Diana Gibson
6.3	VICE PRESIDENT	Gave a brief rundown on the status of the Papua New Guinea visitors who have been attending crews for the past few weeks. They are attempting to start up VMR type rescue Organisations in PNG and are using the experiences of VMR Southport to assist with this. Advised that for courtesy reasons can VMR vessels proceeding north of Couran Cove on training or activations contact VMR Jacobs Well. Advised that the Committee, Duty Skippers, Senior Skippers etc all have group emails. These are listed in the contacts book upstairs for ease of contacting people.	Martin Walsh

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		The 2G phone network has now ceased to operate so the mobile phones for the boats will be replaced.	
6.4	SEARCH & RESCUE COORDINATOR	<p>Very happy. Another relatively busy month. There has been minimal damage to the boats of late. Please keep up this good work.</p> <p>No incidents to report this month.</p> <p>Aust. Border Force used VMR for a couple of relocations of vessels this month. They were extremely happy with the service.</p> <p>Going away for 5 weeks from mid month. Glenn will be MWC for that time.</p> <p>All is good.</p>	Merv Handley
6.5	RADIO OPERATORS CONTROLLER	Absent	Bev Weldon
6.6	COMMUNICATIONS CONTROLLER	Absent	John MacDonald
6.7	OPERATIONS CONTROLLER	<p>Boats - MARINE RESCUE 1</p> <p>Running well.</p> <p>Pumped 400+ litres of water from port side rear compartments a couple of weeks ago. A crack was found in the fibreglass in the bottom of the anchor well. This was also causing water to run into the cabin. The fibreglass repair has fixed this. To cut a long story short, the fibreglass repairer believes it was also this crack that was causing the water in these compartments and also under the helm seat. He believes it is tracking down the conduit tubes on the inside of the boat. These cracks have been repaired. This happened 3 weeks ago and MR1 seems to be sitting flat again now, so we will monitor in the hope it is fixed.</p> <p>At this time we also had the 2 front seats repaired. They have completely new base mechanisms now. The 2 back seats were still working well, so have been moved to the front to keep the boat operational. The repaired seats are now the back seats. All appears good with all 4 seats now.</p> <p>MARINE RESCUE 2</p> <p>Running well.</p> <p>Had water leaking into the port rear compartment and the port engine pod. Pumped out about 100L. Pressure tested the pod and found the silicone around the outside was allowing water to enter. This was all cleaned out and re-sealed and everything appears normal again. Once again we will keep an eye on this.</p> <p>MARINE RESCUE 3</p> <p>Has major problems all around at the moment.</p> <p>The engine isn't going at present. Brisbane Marine will be here tomorrow to sort that.</p> <p>The hull was full of water. Let nearly 150L drain from it today. There are pin holes in the bottom of the boat from galvanic reaction. Rex is organising his welder mate to fix this asap. There is also a tear in the port pontoon bag. Hopefully everything will be fixed for the weekend.</p> <p>MARINE RESCUE 4</p> <p>Lots of complaints about the boat being stern heavy. Going to try some sandbags in the front compartments to try to level it out. Just an experiment. I don't have any trouble with getting it to drive flat, but I know others do. Just remember this boat is very speed and trim sensitive, if you want it to ride nice.</p> <p>All good otherwise</p>	Glenn Norris

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		<p>Boatramp sand will be cleaned off this Sunday. A lot of sand has now actually washed off, so it isn't as bad as it was a couple of weeks ago.</p> <p>Can we have massive improvement from the crews in doing the Skippers log. The details being entered are sometimes atrocious. Duty Skippers can you please check for clarity at end of crew. Some of the punctuation, spelling is about Grade 2 level.</p> <p>Spoke to the R/Os last week about monitoring the cameras upstairs and letting people into the Base. Unless you know who it is, or what the reason someone is here for, don't let them in. Had an incident a couple of weeks ago, that shouldn't have happened, all because the gates were opened unnecessarily.</p>	
6.8	COMMITTEE MEMBER 1	Absent	Alan Coy
6.9	COMMITTEE MEMBER 2	Gave a brief rundown on preparations for the VMR Southport 50 th Birthday event in 2018	Helen Stanfield
6.10	PRESIDENT	Absent.	Dave Macdonald
6.11	UNIT TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR	<p>Ken advised that the Skippers revalidation process will now happen in August. Andy Ross will most likely stay overnight on crew weekends to get as many Skippers through as possible.</p> <p>Please study up beforehand.</p>	Ken Gibbs

7.0	GENERAL BUSINESS	ACTION BY
	<p>Rex Scott – Advised that the Jetski Recovery Jacket is now able to be used again. Thanks to Sarah Race for her assistance with this. Some of the straps have been changed. Rex wants to amend the SOP for this, may not be suitable to use offshore.</p> <p>Rex also enquired re the Search and Rescue course being held by MRQ. Rex will be notified in due course if his application to attend was successful.</p> <p>Rex also advised that he has spoken to Surf Lifesaving Qld in relation to the construction of their building next to VMR. They advise that the process is now out to tender, however, they are having sewerage and electricity issues at present with both GCCC and Energex.</p> <p>Scott Gregory – Asked that everyone who uses the portable BBQ ensures the gas knobs are turned off after use. Do not just turn off the gas at the cylinder.</p>	

8.0	Lucky Door Prize – Linda McDermott
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Meeting Closed	2005 hours	Next Meeting 1900 hrs on Tuesday 01/08/17
Minutes Signed		
Next Forum Minutes Keeper is – Glenn Norris Next Forum BBQ – WHITE CREW		