

MINUTES – RADIO OPERATORS’ MEETING – 2 JUNE, 2017

Meeting Opened : 0936hrs

1. ATTENDANCE

B Weldon - ROC (Chair), D Gibson (Secretary), J Kaus (Treasurer), G Norris (OpsCon), A Carter, P Allingham, J Gray, B Harris, G Paschedag, T Hillier, L Prasad, R Patterson, J Stanfield, S Paterson, S Shnukal, G Kay, G John, M Keith, A Coy. (19)

2. APOLOGIES

P Cartwright (Base Duty), J Bennett (SWT Duty), D MacDonald, H Neuss, D Montgomery, J Piers, R Lee, D MacFarlane, K Wolfe, S Willis, E Hawke.

3. NEW MEMBERS: - Gail John & Marnie Keith. Welcome to VMR.

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED THAT the Minutes of meeting held on 28 April, 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record. **Proposed:** John Kaus **Seconded:** Alan Coy **Motion Carried**

5. BUSINESS ARISING – The laying of the VMR wreath at the Southport RSL Anzac Day service will be attended to by John MacDonald.

6. PRESENTATIONS – Nil.

7. REPORTS

7.1 President – Dave MacDonald – Apology

7.2 Vice President – Martin Walsh – Absent

7.3 Secretary – Diana Gibson – AGM coming up in September. It’s time to start thinking about Management Committee positions and which position you should stand for.

7.4 Treasurer – John Kaus – With only one month to go to EFY, VMR surplus for year to date is around \$20,000 better than last year. Membership income is up on last year’s figures but all membership has been set at \$66 (no more \$55 membership) which accounts for the increase. The number of members is not increasing so we need to be looking for more new members. Total donations received to date is around \$86,000 and total income is just over \$410,000. Expenses include electricity of \$7,000, fuel \$57,000, repairs & maintenance of vessels \$38,000

7.5 Search & Rescue Controller – Merv Handley – Absent

7.6 Operations Controller – Glenn Norris – VMR has busy with callouts over the last few weeks but the highlight job was a 24’ yacht drifting out through the Seaway activated by the Water Police. On arriving at the yacht, it turns out that their motor was not big enough to beat the outgoing tide. They had just purchased the yacht at the Waterways Authority auction of seized boats for \$1,700 and were driving it to Runaway Bay Marina but had no idea how to sail it.

Last Saturday night, VMR crew attended to the fatal accident at Couran. Annie Erichsen and I were the first responders with Chris Hargreaves and Rob Sinclair in attendance. All the crew members involved did an outstanding job.

The Sanctuary Cove Boat Show was a great success for VMR, the first time ever we have sold out of raffle tickets. I'm really proud of the members who attended, everyone looked good in their uniforms. It could not have gone better. The Paradise Point pick up for our members was also successful.

We have been successful in receiving a grant of \$35,000 towards the replacement of our boat ramp which will cost about \$80,000. The engineers are currently looking at the sand build up to see how best to overcoming the problem.

If anyone wants a boat ride for a familiarization of the Broadwater, send me an email opscon@vmrsouthport.com.au and I will organize something for say, next Wednesday or Thursday around 10am for an hour or so, or whatever suits.

7.7 Communications Controller – John MacDonald – Absent

7.8 Committee Member – Alan Coy – Martin Walsh (VP) has been working with Optus to finalise the optic cable internet connection to the Base. Optus has provided, free of charge, a Cisco router and it has been installed providing VMR with a stable platform for our computer network.

7.9 Committee Member – Helen Stanfield – Absent.

7.10 Radio Operations Coordinator – Bev Weldon – When RO's at the Base get phone calls about new members not yet receiving their cards please check them in the Membership Database. If they are showing as 'Associate – Pending' that means the new member will be approved at the next Management Committee Meeting which is the 2nd Monday of the month. The new member will receive their receipt and card towards the end of that week.

Sam Shnukal has resigned as a Radio Operator after 15 years service effective 30 June. All the best for the future Sam.

I will not be re-standing for the Radio Operations Coordinator position at the next AGM, so if you know of any member who may be interested, let me know. The new ROC will get all the help and assistance from me as needed.

Please wash and dry your dishes and put them away when working at the Base. Do not expect the fairies to clean up after you. It is the next RO coming in to relieve you that has to do that.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS – Nil

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Forum Meeting | Tuesday | 6 June | 1800 for 1900 |
| Radio Operators' Meeting | Friday | 30 June | 0900 for 0930 |

Door prize: Graeme Kay

Meeting closed: 1012hrs