

MINUTES – RADIO OPERATORS’ MEETING – 30 JUNE, 2017

Meeting Opened : 0935hrs

1. ATTENDANCE

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

2. APOLOGIES

P Cartwright, J Bennett, R Sutton, D MacDonald, H Neuss, D Montgomery, J Piers, R Lee, D MacFarlane, K Wolfe, S Willis, B Harris, M Hill, J Purchase.

3. NEW MEMBERS: - Nil

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED THAT the Minutes of meeting held on 2 June, 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record. **Proposed:** Alan Coy **Seconded:** Tony Hillier **Motion Carried**

5. BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

6. PRESENTATIONS – Alan Coy (various Certificates of Attainment).

7. REPORTS

7.1 President – Dave MacDonald – Apology

7.2 Vice President – Martin Walsh – Absent

7.3 Secretary – Diana Gibson – Don’t forget the AGM coming up. All Management positions will become vacant and need to be refilled. Nominations will be open shortly.

7.4 Treasurer – John Kaus – It is the last day of the financial year and we are looking good. The surplus for the financial year will be between \$70,000 & \$75,000 which is up on last year. Membership income around \$190,000, donations \$94,000, fuel tax credits \$20,000, grants \$25,000, assists \$15,000 and profit on sale of assets \$12,000. Major expenses: insurance \$15,000, electricity \$9,000, fuel \$60,000. Overall, a great result.

7.5 Search & Rescue Controller – Merv Handley – Absent

7.6 Operations Controller – Glenn Norris – Base Radio Operators – please do not let the public through the gates unless there is a valid reason for that person to be on the Base. The Base is private property and we do not want undesirables wandering about.

Another busy month on the water.

7.7 Communications Controller – John MacDonald – Absent but reports that the MF/HF expert will be having a look at our MF/HF radio in the near future. Also, a free-standing 27meg radio will be installed to scan 27.88 and 91 in the radio room.

7.8 Committee Member – Alan Coy – Earlier this month I attended a breakfast with Optus on behalf of VMR. The reason for attending was to thank Optus for their assistance in providing VMR with fibre optic internet connection.

There is a Notice to Mariners Notice regarding the shoaling of the south side of the seaway. This notice is to be read out with the normal SWT local weather reports along with the whale watch notice.

When the SWT Manager places notices at SWT, do not remove or deface (unless under instruction from VMR President as a member of the SWT Management).

Channel 7 covered the PNG contingent who are currently training with the VMR Southport crews and have offered further assistance in promoting VMR.

7.9 Committee Member – Helen Stanfield – Absent.

7.10 Radio Operations Coordinator – Bev Weldon – Many thanks to all the Radio Operators who helped complete the July Roster.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS – Pauline Allingham – A very quiet Sunday 0900-1300 shift turned into excitement when two sailors aboard a small racing sailing boat who had been enjoying conditions in the seaway overturned and could not get it upright again. The outgoing tide took the boat out into some very heavy conditions and Marine Rescue 1 saved the day. The Duty Skipper on the day admits that it was a scary experience with a 4 metre swell.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Forum Meeting	Tuesday	4 July	1800 for 1900
Radio Operators' Meeting	Friday	28 July	0900 for 0930

Door prize: Pauline Allingham

Meeting closed: 1040hrs