

## **MINUTES – RADIO OPERATORS’ MEETING – 25 AUGUST, 2017**

**Meeting Opened:** 0935 hours

### **1. ATTENDANCE**

B Weldon - ROC (Chair), D Gibson (Secretary), J Kaus (Treasurer), D MacDonald (President), A Carter, P Allingham, B Harris, J Gray, T Hillier, R Patterson, J Stanfield, S Paterson, G Kay, L French, W Peters, D Leslie, L Prasad, G John, M Keith, P Bell, M Hill, J Purchase, A Coy, A McMurray, H Neuss, W Sticher. (26)

### **2. APOLOGIES**

P Cartwright, D MacDonald, J Piers, D MacFarlane, S Willis, T Fairburn, G Paschedag, B Howie, J Crane, A Harzer, R Lee, M Handley.

### **3. NEW MEMBERS: - Nil**

### **4. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

### **5. BUSINESS ARISING – Nil**

**6. PRESENTATIONS** – Various certificates of attainment presented to: P Allingham, M Keith, L French, G Kay, W Peters, J Purchase, W Sticher, G John. Congratulations to all.

### **7. REPORTS**

**7.1 President – Dave MacDonald** – Apologies for missing some RO meetings but workload has not permitted attendance at all meetings. Thank you for your assistance during the year making my life a little easier. Committee members in the past year have exceeded in all their tasks. I will not be standing for the next Management Committee but can assure you that the incoming President and Vice President will do an excellent job.

**7.2 Vice President – Martin Walsh** – Apology

**7.3 Secretary – Diana Gibson** – Nominations for the new Management Committee are about to close so consider standing for one of the vacant positions.

Check out the latest VMRAQ quarterly magazine “Rescue” (there are copies around the Base). There is an article “Through The Portholes” which explains how to browse around the State’s website.

**7.4 Treasurer – John Kaus** – The final audited accounts for the financial year ended 30 June, 2017 will be available at the AGM. Operating Profit Year to date so far (1<sup>st</sup> July to date) running line ball for the same period last year (with the exception of a \$17,000 bequest received last year) and is around \$24,000.

**7.5 Search & Rescue Controller – Merv Handley** – Apology

## **7.6 Operations Controller – Glenn Norris – Apology due to MR Queensland meeting**

## **7.7 Communications Controller – John MacDonald – Apology due to traffic**

**7.8 Committee Member – Alan Coy** – Computer at SWT has finally died. One of VMR's laptops has been installed temporarily at the SWT so that the weathers can be printed out and Seahawk can be monitored. A quote of \$100 has been received to repair the old computer to be used as a back-up and this has to go to both Management Committees for approval. VMR Management approved expenditure (50% of total) to purchase a new computer some 6 months ago so it is up to AVCG to approve the other 50%.

Seaway Tower project is progressing very well. There are regular meeting between VMR, AVCG and Waterways to ensure that all is on track. The new upgrade of the car park near the Kiosk will be commencing early September and a temporary access road to SWT will be in place prior to those works starting. The next meeting is next Friday and as I will be in Noosa, I need someone to represent VMR at that meeting at 0830. Thanks to Phil Bell for standing in for me.

As far as the SWT renovations are concerned, the Tower will have to close for the time that these renovations are taking place but we will worry about that when it is decided what renovations (scope of works) will be happening and when it will happen.

## **7.9 Committee Member – Helen Stanfield – Absent**

**7.10 Radio Operations Coordinator – Bev Weldon** – Thank you to all my radio operators who have helped me so much over the past three years. I have enjoyed being ROC but it is time to let someone else have a go.

The latest V Sheets have been delivered and Kelly Jones would like to have an “envelope stuffing” morning on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 0730 to get them ready for posting. If you can spare an hour or two on that day then please just turn up anytime between 0730 and, say, midday to help out. Kelly prepares a great morning tea.

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS – Tony Hillier** – I would like, on behalf of everyone here, to thank Beverley for her effort over the last three years. Thank you.

Ken Gibbs (Unit Training Coordinator) – Radio Operators have criteria to follow just as the crew members do. The first one being the Induction/SOP, the second one is LROCP, the third one is Base Communications Assessment and the fourth one is the Local Knowledge component. It is necessary to have completed all 4 to be a certified Radio Operator. VMR Southport is subject to random audits by VMR Queensland, which includes Radio Operators, to ensure paper work is up to date so that is why the certificates of attainment are being presented as we bring all paper work up to date. More certificates will be forthcoming in the near future.

Diana Gibson – There is an article in the current V Sheet about Jeff Crane's “other life”. As well as VMR most operators have other interests, so let us, and all our Associate Members hear about it

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

V Sheet Stuffing	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> September	0730 to finish
Forum Meeting	Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> September	1800 for 1900
AGM	Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> September	1400
Radio Operators' Meeting	Friday	29 September	0900 for 0930

**Door prize:** Gail John

**Meeting closed:** 1015 hours – Adjourn to outdoors for the group RO photo.