

## MINUTES – RADIO OPERATORS’ MEETING – 1 JUNE 2018

**Meeting Opened:** 0934 hours

### 1. ATTENDANCE

A Coy (Chair), M Walsh (President), D Gibson, J Kaus, G Norris, G Kay, H Neuss, G Paschedag, M Hill, J Crane, E Hawke, W Peters, P Allingham, R Paterson, T Hillier, B Harris, B Bird, C Tudge. (18)

### 2. APOLOGIES

P Cartwright (SWT RO), J Bennet (SWT RO), B Weldon, R Patterson (Base RO), K Jones, J MacDonald, H Stanfield, S Willis, M Keith, A Guildford, M Bender, G John (LOA)

### 3. NEW MEMBERS

**Bob Bird:** ex AVCG - 15 years SWT, 10 years Crew until health problems, Air Force, Engineer, Project Manager in Public Service. Photography is major hobby. Impressed with VMR facilities and just wishes to serve SWT despite the present situation.

**Clive Tudge:** ex VMR Jacobs Well Crew and 18 months Whitsundays whilst living on board boat. Moved to Paradise Point. Ex UK , 30 years in Military Defences (PLANES!)

### 4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED THAT the Minutes of meeting held on 27 April 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Proposed:** Ron Paterson

**Seconded:** Hunter Neuss

**Motion Carried**

### 5. BUSINESS ARISING

### 6. REPORTS

#### 6.1 President – Martin Walsh

6.1.1 Boat Show went fantastic, despite few positioning problems on Thursday. Thanks to Glenn and all who rallied around and put in the effort.

6.1.2 Meeting (3.5 hours) 31 May: MSQ State Manager and SEQ Regional Manager, GC Water Police, AVCG (Ian Radcliffe, Ken Stanley), SWT Manager, Tony Jamieson, GC Waterways Authority’s Hal Morris and host of others and VMR Keith Williams and Martin Walsh.

a. MSQ and GCWP have absolutely no problem with SWT operations.

b. GCWA has vision of 3 entities with them merely being the landlord with no decision making in daily role.

c. AVCG does not wish to participate under draft document and not returning until finalization of agreement

d. VMR is operating under draft agreement, so far to satisfaction of all

e. If SWT “fell over” VTS would take over the Maritime Safety Listening Watch.

f. LTO to be re-presented on 8 June

- g. Dept of Transport will be calling for tenders for repairs to SWT.
  - h. Point of interest: Recent Broadwater speeds survey had 850 responders, the SWT survey had over 1000, 53% who were VMR/AVCG members, who want SWT to stay
  - i. President is on all three forums involving The Spit and all simply acknowledge that the SWT is there with no major concerns for a different future
  - j. No news is good news, so let's just keep doing what we are doing so well.
- 6.1.3 President demonstrated VMR Southport website for accessing RO (password 'radio') and Forum (password 'forum') Minutes and Membership application, renewal and information updating. Will be automatic annual renewal after email advice of anniversary. Incumbent on member to advise of cancellation of membership rather than VMR calling them. There is a free one year membership "STUDENT" membership with a \$15 administration fee for boating course graduates.
- 6.1.4 GCWP phoned on Thursday to thank SWT ROs (Glenys Paschedag & Alan Coy) for their assistance on Wednesday 30 May (May Day).

## **6.2 Vice President – Alan Coy**

SWT called and speaking with 4 men in sinking vessel. Lots of radio and phone calls with offers to assist from commercial and private vessels hearing the Mayday call. Disappointed that no advice from GCWP that were safely retrieved, the media advised SWT RO. Keep logging and rewrite a MAYDAY log sheet with relevant entries after the matter has been finalized.

## **6.3 Secretary – Diana Gibson**

### **6.4 Treasurer – John Kaus**

At this stage of year all looking good:

Income \$411 000 Last year \$ 402 000 and previous year \$393 000

Sales of assists, ie "commercial jobs" is up

Expenses down on previous years also.

Accruals, grants, write downs all to be done at year end.

\$800 000 in the bank, but new vessel and motors to be covered.

## **6.5 Search & Rescue Controller – Merv Handley**

### **6.6 Operations Controller – Glenn Norris**

- 6.6.1 Sanctuary Cove Boat Show: Very successful outcome, on par with previous years despite the change of position on lack of boat space. Weather held up and effort put in by all because of the drama really appreciated.
- 6.6.2 Have done boat show for 20 years, and despite saying it previously – this is my last year in charge. Time for change. Funds raised have been similar over the past few years, so maybe new head with new ideas has potential for different results.
- 6.6.3 Busy days with medivacs: Skipper fell off mast when pivot point on his harness gave way, but held 3' from deck but he had hit his face on way down and landed on his legs, so in a pretty bad way.
- 6.6.4 Vessel moored on SNOO is result of owner being told to remove vessel, so did it at night with a 6hp motor on side of his 39' ferro concrete vessel, crossing the seaway on outgoing tide and ending 2 km offshore when dropped his anchor when it was suggested to him and it fell off! GCWP happy with VMR response.

- 6.6.5 Whenever there is a situation reported by the media, only GCWP get credit for the action despite often not their action to finalise the matter. This matter being raised with GCWP hierarchy.
- 6.6.6 MR3 Replacement Committee have really put in an effort and visited numerous builders and suppliers, talked to other Bases and boat users and will be giving final recommendation to Management Committee at next meeting. Likely to be inflatable, number of motors being researched.
- 6.6.7 VMR Southport had two functions, radio and boats. Now have three with the SWT operation. We are smashing it – we know what to do and we are doing it.

- 6.7 **Communications Controller – John MacDonald**
- 6.8 **Committee Member – Annie Erichsen**
- 6.9 **Committee Member – Helen Stanfield**

6.10 **Radio Operations Coordinator – Bev Weldon**

ALL RO working at the Base should really check equipment. Found recently that Ch 67 had not been operational for a couple of weeks, which had been missed by RO and Crew alike!

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 7.1 **Sole RO at SWT:** If only one name on roster, please feel free to offer your services via ROC as is preferable to have 2 RO in the SWT if possible.
- 7.2 **Vsheet:** Next issue is at the printers.
- 7.3 **SWT Fax out of service.** M Hill to check with spare and report if machine or line.
- 7.4 **SWT Boom Lock:** Spare keys for other locks to be obtained due to cases of locks being incorrectly applied and SWT RO caught inside. If your key not working correctly advise ROC asap.
- 7.5 **Medi-alert** being obtained this week. Will be taken up by opening shift and returned to sit on the sign in register by the closing shift. Will be programmed to call a number of people/services if activated, whether by a sole or a pair of RO.
- 7.6 **Vale: Baron Gunter von Hommel,** AVCG Monday evening RO for many, many years. A true gentleman who gave and gave in his SWT service.

**8. LUCKY ATTENDANCE DRAW #C64** Pauline Allingham (drawn by Laurence Prasad)

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Forum Meeting	Tuesday	5 June	1800 for 1900
Management Committee	Monday	11 June	1800
Radio Operators' Meeting	Friday	29 June	0900 for 0930

**Meeting closed:** 1040 hours