

Minutes GM 17 July 2023, LVRSL and Zoom, 7.30pm

Zoom GM

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Meeting ID: 830 1299 5447 Passcode: 007

Present: Andrew Reed, Stephen Butler, Tony Abel, David Travalia, Elliott Blackwood, Mark Aspinall, John O'Halloran, John Spencer, Doug Miller, Chris Hilton, Tony Dell, Rob Dineen, Dave Tarbath, Dave Long, Tim Urbanc, Ian Stokes, Lyndon Cubbins, Paul McCosh, Glenn Becher, Denis Abbott

Zoom: Malcolm Crosse, Peter Rasmussen, Tim Lewis

Apologies: Ashley Artis, Andrew Blackwood, Paul Markey, Wayne Bellette, Glenn Cannell, Jason Garret, Andrew Hood, Jim Jones, James Mackay, Brian McCullagh, Peter Murphy, Chris Roberts, Chris Berndt, John Smith, Stuart Spotswood, Noel Wilson

Welcome to guests: Robert Phillips, Angus Williams, Max Malheron, speaker Ian Ross, MAST

Minutes GM 19 June 2023: Tony Dell, Elliott Blackwood

Corro In:

- Lots re account signature mechanism
- Tony D re Graeme Howard gear
- Some responses re the Annual Lunch issue – arising, see below

Corro Out:

- Re signatures
- Tony re Graeme's gear

Financial as at 16 July 2023:

- Access account: \$8763.30; Principal expenditures: Rates both shacks, \$1738 total; Zoom fees \$231; Defibrillator battery \$427.
- Term 1: \$7249.06
- Term 2: \$6457.86

Arising

Induction material: new induction templates and policy changes will be uploaded to the website shortly.

Web Cams: considerable discussion and concern. Malcolm Crosse and others met with the Minister, Jo Palmer, and were told no additional funding will be forthcoming. He suggests the AAT be left to devise business and action plans in the face of the funding and sponsorship shortfalls. Funding options include camera pay for play access. The Committee will approach the AAT and other clubs on this issue.

Defib battery: David T has ordered the new battery, due shortly.

Miena Shack pump: Tim U has ordered this, also due shortly

Pre-season lunch: considerable discussion as to the reduced interest, without any clear explanations. Demographics – age and geographic – and venue fatigue perhaps the most likely factors.

Dinner @ AGM: the Committee will seek to organise a pre-meeting dinner prior to the AGM and reschedule presentations to that date.

Insurance: concerted groans, loudest from the Secretary, but the Committee considers it very important to be secure as to the protections of members for example wrt shack working bees. Particularly the case given the projected work on Sorell, forthcoming.

Activities reports and updates

Bream Day: was abandoned for this year, with regret.

Shack reports

Miena: pump, as above

Sorell: no costings yet and the mild-mannered Vice President is getting annoyed. Incident where the water tank and taps have been tampered with - no water, campers again. The Committee will fit lockable taps.

General business

Hard drive quote (Steve's recommendation):

Synology DS220+ with 2* 4TB Hard drives \$778 + postage.

This will allow us to backup Office 365 and zoom sessions moving forward. It will need a reasonable Internet connection. Steve is happy to provide that at present.

Steve Butler: has been talking with IFS about their Inapp v 2, which many already use. They are keen to promote it's use to enable close capture of catch data, which they may be able to extrapolate to club level. The Committee will follow up.

Bryn Carman: has donated two very good salt water rods. The Committee has yet to consider how to use them, but there was discussion of some sort of loan system, availability as needed. John Spencer was volunteered as interim keeper of the rods, to acclaim.

Malcolm Crosse: has donated his Square Reader card reader to the Club.

Banking signatures, multiple signatories: the Committee is clarifying the Business Internet requirements re signatories. Future-proofing – there are no immediate problems.

Communications and related issues: the Committee has on-going discussions as to our potential to cater for Junior members and such matters as generating more external awareness of our existence and objectives, events and activities and so forth for potential members. One suggestion is a much-improved web presence. This raises the enduring difficulties with managing any demands we might stimulate within the constraints of the Constitution and our administrative resources. We are doing many more activities and events, some more complex, all requiring timely and effective management and communications. There was general agreement that the recent tying day was excellent and something we need to consider building upon – many thanks to Steve Butler. Brian West is, again, to be heartily congratulated on his training events. The involvement of so many juniors in both events was extremely encouraging, especially given the Club's principal objective is the cultivation and encouragement of fly-tying and fly-fishing. We appear to be developing some very good fertilizer.

Meeting closed 8.15 pm

Guest speaker: Ian Ross from MAST re Wader safety, PFD maintenance and cold water safety

Ian covered a lot of ground and we'll attempt to get it up on the website. One comprehensive document he referred to was a MAST report on rec fatalities, Peter Hopkins 2021 and another is their website re maintenance of life jackets. Some key takeaways were:

- We have remarkable compliance wrt legal compliance – estimated 96% of users;
- Nonetheless, the majority of fatalities studied were wearing inflatable jackets;
- The majority of those were jackets that didn't or couldn't work – cylinders not fitted or not properly fitted, etc.
- Get your jackets checked;
- Wear them properly – secure, tight;
- Dress for the conditions. Up to 60% of cold water fatalities occur in the first 15 minutes – cold water shock, heart, hyperventilation. Warm clothing will reduce these dangers. Relax as best you can and float. But:
- The best advice is:
- Don't fall in.