

QUEENSLAND SPORTING HOVERCRAFT CLUB

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Agenda for the Monthly Meeting of the Queensland Sporting Hovercraft Club held on Tuesday, 18 September 2018 at Coopers Plains Library, 107 Orange Grove Road, COOPERS PLAINS, Qld 4108 at 7.30pm

Welcome to visitors Apologies

MAIL INWARDS & OUTWARDS

Invoice for \$182.70 received from BIA for power at the boat show.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD AT COOPERS PLAINS LIBRARY ON 21 AUGUST 2018 - 338TH MEETING

ATTENDANCE

Ben Woodhead (President), Kim Craig (Vice President), Cle Sheck (Secretary), Phil Audsley (Treasurer), Steve Stephens (Publicity Officer), Arthur Stead (Web-Master), Dwayne Morgan (Safety Officer), Les Taylor (Craft Scrutineer), Michael Stephenson, Dieter Renisch, James King, Neil Budworth, Fraser Austin, Angus Kerr, Peter Venn, Larry Franks, Steven Odgaard. 17 attendees.

Apologies: Greg Feitz, Gunter Prischl.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that there was \$3,148.61 in the account, plus \$50.00 from Ian Lind.

Phil Audsley paid the power bill and needs to be reimbursed.

Loss for financial year was \$765.69, but was offset by \$1,442.00 in unsold Club shirts.

RESOLVED that the Treasurer's report as tabled be accepted.

Moved - Steve Stephens **Seconded** - Cle Sheck.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The President read the minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes are an accurate account of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved - Kim Craig **Seconded** - Angus Kerr

CRUISE REPORT

The cruise report was read by Kim Craig. Took a trip up the Logan River to take a good look at the proposed club site at Riedel Rd.

RESOLVED that the report is an accurate account of the cruise held on 12 August 2018.

Moved - Kim Craig **Seconded** Ben Woodhead.

BOATSHOW 1. Power Bill

RESOLVED that the power bill for boat show be paid.

Moved - Larry Franks **Seconded** - Kim Craig

2. James King

Steve Stephens suggested we donate \$100.00 to James King for bringing two craft to the boat show to display at the QSH club stand.

RESOLVED that \$100.00 from the club funds be donated to James King

Moved - Steve Stephens **Seconded** - Dwayne Morgan

3. Pro Code of Practice

There was discussion regarding Pro Code of Practice at the Boat Show. Permits were also discussed. The Ombudsman is working on resolving the permit issue. They have not yet responded to James's question, "Why do we not have a code of practice?"

Proposed petition for public awareness. Majority of club is for the petition. Suggestion by Steve Stephens for business cards to hand out at the Boat Show.

4. Boat Show Schedule

Boat Show stand number 301.

Display to consist of 3 craft, 1 small table, 2 chairs and 2 laptops.

Participants:

Wednesday 21/08/18 setup: Peter, James, Angus, & Steve

Friday 23/08/18: Michael & Dieter, Dwayne & Steven.
Saturday 24/08/18: Peter, Les, Kim, Ben, James, & Neil.
Sunday 25/08/18: Steven, Peter, & half the club turned up.
Monday 26/08/18 packup: Peter, Neil, & Steve.

POSITION OF SECRETARY

Cle Sheck nominated for the position of Secretary and was duly appointed to the position.

AHF MEETING

Meeting to be held via Skype at the Ben Woodhead's residence on 29th August 2018.

ABN NUMBER

RESOLVED that the club apply for an **ABN** number.

Moved - Ben Woodhead **Seconded** - James King

CRUISE REPORT FROM SUNDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2018

The run was held at Peter and Elaine's place on Sunday. It was a gorgeous morning with a fantastic turnout of 36 people and 14 ACV's.

The club's presence at the Boat Show enticed 7 visitors to the run. Guests that heard about the run at the boat show display were Rose Siva and Lyn Warland, Mark Goomes and Ingrid Oman, Rob Wakefield, Sue Wakefield and Shane Sutton. They seemed to enjoy looking at the craft and talking with our members.

The rest of the attendees and craft were as follows:

Larry, Kay, Luka, & Finn Franks - The Norm UH18-SPW

Neil, & Libby Budworth - Turbo 265

Michael and Sue Stephenson

Dieter Renisch

Kim Craig and James Geordie James King - Viper 5XC

Karl Bowman and Judy Bowman - Yellow Viper 4X

Ben Woodhead - Turbo XP 960

Les Taylor - Turbo 235 Superwedge "Phoenix"

Cle Sheck and Caroline Hunter - Viper 4 Cruiser "Seaspray 2.0"

Elaine Venn and Peter Venn - TP6 / Expo Turbo Superwedge 240/ Revtech Renegade / Hoverjet

Frazer & Lynden Austin - RevTech Razor

Angus, Danielle, & Cameron Kerr - Viper 4 Cruiser

Steve Odgaard - Quatro Ventura (static display - designed by John Rapley)

Plus Arthur & Judy Stead, & Steve Stephens

After a driver briefing by the President, Ben Woodhead, seven craft left at 9,45am for a cruise to Fitzy's at Waterford. The convoy stopped briefly at the Wake Park Boat Ramp where The Norm was waiting to join the run. They continued on but stopped again at the Eagleby Boat ramp while Neil fixed his skirt. A few bystanders were very curious of all the hovercraft in the car park and on the ramp. They had a lot of questions which were answered by various club members and an invitation extended to one particularly interested fellow to attend the upcoming meeting.

Once Neil's craft had been sorted, everyone hit the water again. Trouble occurred for Ben approximately 2 kilometres up the river when, while passing Cle and Caroline, his drive belt snapped. As Cle and Caroline were the only craft in sight and the last craft in the convoy, they stopped to help by attempting to tow him to shore. They were successful, however, whilst coming ashore themselves up the nearest available boat ramp, their fan let go. And in Ben's words, it was spectacular. So with two craft now stranded, the call for help was made. Steve Odgaard and Peter Venn brought two trailers to the stranded craft and without too much difficulty, brought them back to Peter and Elaine's.

Meanwhile, the rest of the craft had an uneventful run to Fitzy's. Out of the seven craft that left, only 5 successfully made it to Fitzy's. The Norm continued on a couple more kilometres before turning around. There was also an issue in the Phoenix after running out of fuel. But when refuelled, still had trouble starting. This problem was also resolved and they returned safely.

While the run was in progress, Frazer Austin successfully ran his Revtech Razor for the first time in three years doing a couple of laps around the paddock.

After the return of the two damaged craft, we all sat down for a lunch and discussed the afternoon's activities. The afternoon run was abandoned as the wind had picked up considerably.

Old Parks & Wildlife Service (QPWS) permits:

The club's ongoing negotiations with the Department of Environment & Science (ex NPSR but now renamed DES) have been ably continued by James. He has a keen eye for detail & an unbelievable appetite for dredging through their rules & regulations. He has followed this up with meetings, internal reviews, various Right to Information (RTI or Freedom of Information) requests, as well as approaches to QCAT (Civil Administration Tribunal) & eventually the Ombudsman. A large volume of e-mails have been exchanged behind the scenes, as well as many phone discussions.

The department is still being unreasonable with their lack of willingness to use their discretion, as well as virtually ignoring the large amount of scientific evidence which proves that their treatment of small recreational hovercraft is unjustified.

The saga is ongoing & many club members have also done their bit by approaching their local MP to enlighten them about the department's inefficient performance & discriminatory treatment of recreational hovercraft within Queensland's Marine Parks.

Their only concessions have been to reduce their compulsory Public Liability Insurance requirement from \$20M to \$10M, & recommencing the issue of 3 year permits instead of the more usual annual permit renewals. Their processing time is still exceeding 5 months. This is clearly unacceptable!

Another development is QBE Insurance company's apparent move out of underwriting hovercraft insurance policies. Dwayne Morgan was told this very recently by BJS Insurance Brokers, & this is currently being followed up. We will keep you informed.

Photo: Club President Ben Woodhead in his Turbo XP960 with his snapped belt. Makes a change from exploding fans.



NEXT CRUISE

October Run - Proposed 13th/14th October - Maroochy River and camping @ Rivershore Resort 99 David Lowe Way, Diddillibah, via Maroochydore. (www.rivershore.com.au) Please see www.qhover.com for map & details.

Our next meeting will be the 16/10/18 (the third tuesday of each month), at the usual venue: Coopers Plains library, corner of Orange Grove Rd & Bosworth St., Coopers Plains.

Doors open from 7pm. All welcome, especially if you have pix, & videos to show on the big screen, or other interesting bits.

The President declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.



Michael & Dieter answering questions from one of the many interested people who attended the recent BIA Brisbane Boat Show.



QSH club stand setup at the Brisbane Boat Show by Peter, Angus, James, & Steve on wednesday 23/08/18. Craft were Peter's Expo Turbo (which broke Guinness Book records during Peter's business running hovercraft joyrides at Expo 88) as well as Elisha's Renegade & James Viper.



Delegates from the Qld Recreational Boating Council (QRBC): Mandy Brown (Jetski Association), & Roger Priest from the Department of Transport & Main Roads (TMR), who also attend the monthly QRBC meetings where QSH is represented by Steve. The opportunity for us to display at the boat show was through Michael Date who is the Boating Industry Association (BIA) delegate at QRBC.

That's it for now. See you on the water,
Steve.
QSH publicity.