

Kerikeri Cruising Club Inc (KCC)

Minutes

Meeting of the General Committee Tuesday 23 January 2024

The meeting commenced at 7pm in the Club office 346 Opito Bay Road, RD1, Kerikeri & some members joined the meeting via Zoom.

1 Attending

In-person attendees: T Bingham (Vice-Commodore & meeting Chair), D Smith (Treasurer), S Cain (Keelboat), B Carter, R Dempster (House/Social/Launch/Cruise), M Lucas (Marina), P Woods (Deputy-Chair Marina)

Zoom attendees: M Turner (Commodore), A Wells (Rear Commodore), M Reid,
M MacDiarmid (attending)

2 Apologies

D Brock

3 Pile Extraction at Northport, Ruakaka & Transportation of Gifted Marine Structures Proposal

T Bingham had circulated the following proposal to all members of the General Committee prior to the meeting.

In 2022/23, the Club was gifted floating linkable plastic roll moulded pontoons, a gangway, a concrete walkway landing pontoon, all the pile guides and 11 PE sleeved steel piles currently installed in the seabed in Whangarei. The piles were installed by Total Marine Services in 2018/19 and the entire Superior Docks assembly was bought new in 2018.

The Club has an opportunity to retrieve the 11 steel PE coated piles, 12 and 14mts in length. The conservative value of these is around \$5,500 each for a total of \$60,500. Total Marine Services have offered to extract the piles in approximately 2 weeks from now when they will be in the area. This would save the Club a substantial establishment fee. There is no long-term option to store the extracted piles at North Port, they must be removed quickly.

A transport option has been arranged with Mark Klinac, a Club member, Mark has offered to transport the entire assembly to his yard in Waipapa for the cost of hiring a transport trailer.

Our Club uses several hundred piles and whilst some members of the committee would like the whole assembly to be used to replace the ageing fuel jetty, that decision has not yet been made. It was anticipated this would be decided in the first quarter of this year. The decision may require extensive Club consultation and exploration of alternative funding. The decision of where & how to use the gifted items is not the issue today.

The decision to be made is, should the Club take this opportunity to retrieve these piles which have good value in and of themselves to our Club's facility now when there is an opportunity to save a substantial amount of money when the price of new piles is compared to what has been offered to us? Not to mention the far greater value of the Superior Docks assembly which we have been gifted for no cost or contract.

This opportunity does not fit our procurement policy and requires a decision by the General Committee. A budget of \$50,000 is proposed, in case the extraction does not go smoothly. The Club will take ownership of the assembly when it is either landed at Whangarei or when they are loaded to the transport, those details have not been made clear yet. The Club does not want to be responsible for broken piles left embedded or piles that couldn't be extracted.

Total Marine Services installed the piles when new and had no trouble embedding them and they have no expectations that they will cause trouble extracting them either. They have allowed 2 x 10hr days for the removal and relocation to the shore. Their hourly rate for this work is \$1,200/hr for an estimated total of \$25,200.

The proposal:

To accept Total Marine Services offer to extract the 11 piles located at Northport, Ruakaka as per their schedule of costs for such work without a tug and barge establishment fee.

To also accept Mark Klinac's offer of arranging transport and storage at his yard of all the pontoons, the gangway, piles, guides, and connectors for the costs of hiring the transport trailer & diesel.

Allow a budget of up to \$50,000 from the Club's refurbishment fund.

3.1 Questions

At what point does the Club own the piles?	Now
What is the cost of the trailer?	To be confirmed
How will loading occur?	Northport have promised forklift assistance
How will unloading occur?	To be determined, transportation company will organise. M Turner to confirm.
Whose responsibility are any problematic piles e.g. piles that can't be removed from current location?	Will be left & laser cut at the seabed at a later date. M Turner will be onsite supervisor of pile removal, able to make the Club call on any pile removal that is becoming too costly.
Why is there a contingency of \$25,000? This is large.	There are other costs in addition to the pile removal barge e.g. transportation, insurance. And, if the pile removal takes longer than anticipated another day with the barge is an additional \$12,500. Hence a large contingency. At \$50,000 (worst case expenditure), the piles alone represent good value.
Where will the items be stored?	Suggestion they could be stored in the clubhouse carpark or at the transport companies storage facility. To be determined.
Is a General Meeting of the Club required to approve this expenditure?	The approval by members at a General Meeting is a required for "Major Financial Transaction (Club)". The threshold for a "Major Financial Transaction (Club)" is \$59,000 being 50% of the income derived from subscriptions in the previous year. This \$50,000 budget does not trigger the Major Financial Transaction (Club) requirement for a General Meeting of Club members & can therefore be made by the General Committee.
What condition are the piles in?	They are sleeved so impossible to assess internally but sleeves are visually in good condition & the items were all new in 2018. It is anticipated the sleeves may be slightly damaged at each end with removal. It was noted the piles could be installed when the marina piling contract is undertaken.

Resolution:

It was resolved to:

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- *Allow a budget of up to \$50,000 from the Club's refurbishment fund..*

Proposed T Bingham/ Seconded R Dempster: Carried

4 Next Meeting

Next meeting February 2024

Meeting closed 7.19 pm