

AUSTRALIAN 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE PRE CARNIVAL CONFERENCE
MEETING HELD 12TH JANUARY 2013
AT MANLY 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB (NSW)

Meeting opened at 9.40 a.m.

Chairman: Robert Wasson

APOLOGIES: Gavin Cooke (Manly)

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Darling Point Sailing Squadron, Brisbane Sailing Squadron, Drummoyne, Belmont, Manly, Port Hunter and Middle Harbour.

PRESENT: Robert Wasson, Lloyd Mulholland, Clint Bowen, Lauren Thorburn, James Bury, Riv Robson, Neil Tavener, John Andrew, Chris Andrew, Bill Riley, Steve Newell, James Pilgrim, Mathew Walters, Danny Anderson, Mark Murden, Chris Madin, Henry Harding, Peter Gunerson, Adam Favaloro, Mark Newton, Jennifer Anderson, Kye Hawgood, Massimo Belgiorno- Nettis, Georgia Clancy, Jack Andrew, Grant Windsham, Greg Muirhead, Tim Valtwies, Mark Graham, Sarah Lee, David Hickey, Ron Rose, Alex Deakin, Joel Rose, Josh Doyle, Scott Shultz, Michael McMahon, Daniel Turner, Peter Gardner, Steve Bowen, Tina Armour, Rolf Cohen, Craig Nicholls, Chris Mulholland, Sandra Wasson and Alana Clancy.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting held 29th December 2011

Meeting held 5th January 2012

Moved by Mark Graham and second by Michael McMahon that both these minutes be accepted.
CARRIED.

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letters from Middle Harbour and Belmont to host the 2015 – 16 National titles
- Notice of race for the 2012 – 13 National titles
- 2012–13 Sailing Instructions for the National titles
- Invoices from Action Badges, AASP and Mister Minute
- National Titles Entries for 2012-13 Titles
- Notice of the 2013 Australian 16ft Skiff AGM and Conferences

Moved by Craig Nicholls and second by Lloyd Mulholland that the correspondences be received and adopted. CARRIED

PRESIDENT REPORT:

The President commented on what has been a positive year with regular meetings being held by the Australian executive, and is looking forward to moving forward with all 3 Associations working closer together. Rob also mentioned that the Australian Executive is trying to find a major sponsor

for the Class to raise money to help promote the class as a whole. Rob also attended the NSW Commodores meeting held in NSW in the past year and had good feedback from the meeting, with Manly looking at a possible cheaper option for a new skiff.

COMMODORES REPORT:

Lloyd welcomed all to Manly and wished all a successful regatta, it has been a good turnout for these Nationals. Lloyd touched on how good last year's Nationals at Hervey Bay was, and everyone that attended had a great time. Lloyd also asked that all sailors and their families patronize the events that Manly are hosting during the carnival.

NSW REPORT:

Brydens Compensation Lawyers won the NSW States this season, with the State Championships held over 3 weekends with a total of 6 races. Travel seems to be a problem and that is something that the NSW Association was looking into, with a view of maybe hosting 6 races over 2 weekends. Registration of skiffs is about the same as it was last year.

NSW and Aust. Associations are discussing ideas regarding sponsorship with the clubs as a whole, however, it is hard to get this moving with the current economy, but the Associations are not giving up on the idea.

QLD REPORT:

Lauren Thorburn reported a decrease in numbers of registered boats. The Queensland Association is working hard on turning this around in both the 16ft skiffs and the 13ft skiffs, with a couple of young guys stepping up to the 16s from the 13s. The Queensland Association is hoping to host a few days to showcase the 16ft and 13ft skiffs to younger sailors with hopes of getting them to sail skiffs.

The annual Hervey Bay Easter regatta will be on again this year and Lauren invited all boats to attend, following on from the Nationals the previous year, Lauren is hoping to see a few of the NSW boats make the trip.

13ft SKIFF REPORT:

Mark Graham reported that the NSW State Championship format had changed this year and it appears to be working well, as previous years it had been on when school and uni exams were on and numbers were down. Mark also commented that he hoped that the Queensland fleet builds in numbers, and mentioned how good the Hervey Bay Nationals were. Mark wished all competitors good luck for this carnival.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS:

Nominations for the Australian Officials for the 2012-13 season were called for and are as follows:

Grant Windsham was appointed temporarily to the chair for the process of elections.

PRESIDENT Robert Wasson proposed by L. Mulholland and second by M. McMahon
COMMODORE Lloyd Mulholland Proposed by R. Rose and Second by R. Wasson

SECRETARY/ TREASURER James Bury Proposed by R. Wasson and second by L. Mulholland

As there was no more than one nomination for each position, they were unanimously elected as proposed. Robert Wasson thanked Grant Windsham for temporarily filling the chair.

2012/13 AUSTRALIAN RACE COMMITTEE:

Michael McMahon (NSW) (Chairman and PRO)
Lloyd Mulholland (NSW)
Robert Wasson (QLD)
Mark Graham (NSW)
Clint Bowen (NSW)

There were no objections to the above appointments

PROTEST COMMITTEE:

A protest committee will be formed when required, with appropriate members when a protest has been received by the Race Committee. It was noted that a \$200 non refundable protest fee was applicable when lodging a protest.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Robert Wasson would like to thank all who have contributed to titles this year; especially he would like to thank James Bury and Michael McMahon for their assistance.

Michael McMahon proposed to increase the Honorarium for the Secretary/ Treasurer from \$750 to \$1000; this motion was second by Lloyd Mulholland and carried unanimously.

The 13ft Skiffs will hold a separate meeting to workshop ideas on the future of the Class during the carnival and report back to the meeting at the post Carnival meeting.

Discussions on the 2013-14 and 2014-15 Nationals were opened for discussion and Riv Robson talked about the Drummoyne clubs proposal to host the 2013-14 Nationals and the importance to the Club with the 100 year anniversary and the 16ft skiffs being a focal point of the Club's celebrations. Riv elaborated on some issues raised by members of the Class around Drummoyne hosting the Nationals, in particular, the parking will be controlled, the number of safety boats, Drummoyne has 3 x ribs, 1 x alloy boat, 1 x private boat and a 20ft launch and they have approached Manly club for an additional 2 boats. The Club radio will be manned during the regatta, as this was an issue during the recent State Title heats. Volunteers and Officials will be provided food and drinks. Riv feels the Drummoyne Club is capable of hosting big regattas. Riv also advised that the Club has the backing of Canada Bay Council, and apologised that the President of the Club could not make it today. Riv finished by saying he was looking forward to making it a very successful regatta at the Drummoyne Club.

Neil Tavener (Commodore of Drummoyne Sailing Club) addressed the meeting to reiterate Riv's comments and continued by saying that the Club was looking forward to hosting the 2013-14 Nationals and making it a big part of the Club's 100 year anniversary celebrations. Neil offered his personal guarantee that everything possible would be done to make this carnival one not to be

forgotten. Neil mentioned that the Club is hosting the Sabot Nationals the week before, and that the Club has a very active junior program and it would be great to showcase the 16ft skiffs.

Rob Wasson asked the representatives from Drummoyne as to why they had no boats in attendance at the Manly Nationals; responses from a few were that if the carnival was the week before they would be there, as work commitments precluded them this week.

Further discussions were had on the Nationals next season, it was decided to hold a ballot to decide whether they should still be held at Drummoyne, due to the concerns raised by some sailors, and the results of the ballot would be confirmed at the post carnival conference.

Meeting closed at 11.10 am

Minutes taken by James Bury
Hon. Secretary/ Treasurer
Australian 16ft Skiff Association