

AUSTRALIAN 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF PRE CARNIVAL CONFERENCE
MEETING HELD 5/1/09
AT ILLAWARRA YACHT CLUB (NSW)

Meeting opened 9.30am.

Chairman: Lloyd Mulholland

APOLOGIES: Craig Nicholls, Geoff Dunn

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Belmont, Manly, Middle Harbour, Illawarra, Georges River, Port Hunter, Drummoyne, Brisbane Sailing Squadron and Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.

PRESENT: Rob Wasson, Lloyd Mulholland, Brad Colledge, Riv Robson, John Andrew, Chris Mulholland, Clint Bowen, Mark Graham, Michael McMahon, Danny Anderson, Glenn York, Ian Kennedy, Sean Harrison, Niki Hawgood, Geoff Hawgood, Brett Davis, Kyle McDonnell, Greg Searant, Arron Morgan, Brad Andrew, Alex Deakin, Adrian Nash, Steve Newell, Kieran Humphries, Andrew Stone, Rob Flanagan, Trent Morgan, Neale Jones, Jason Thomson, Ben Bruniges, Troy Dobinson, Scott Ovenden, Murray Atkins, Paul Harrison, Danny Anderson, Phillip Cooke, Gary Paton and Ian Heritage.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting held 3/1/08
Matters arising: Nil.

Meeting held 11/1/08
Matters arising: Nil.

Moved Riv Robson and seconded Michael McMahon that both these minutes be adopted.
CARRIED.

IN-OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) 2008/9 NOR for Nationals
- 2) Notice of 2009 Australian 16ft skiff AGM
- 3) Subsequent change to AGM time and date
- 4) Redress request from Energy Aust re 2007'8 Nationals
- 5) Email requesting applications for hosting 2009/10/11 Australian Titles.
- 6) Reply from Belmont for consideration of hosting 2009/10 National titles
- 7) Reply from Manly for consideration of hosting 2009/10/11 National Titles
- 8) Reply from Illawarra showing interest to hosting a National Title series.
- 9) 2008/9 sailing instructions for National titles.
- 10) Emails regarding passing of Ken Minter
- 11) Discussion regarding format of Illawarra National titles
- 12) Motion from RQYS re carbon spars- defeated
- 13) Ruling from Specifications Committee re Batwing mainsails – ruling carried
- 14) Payment re 13ft skiffs for travelling to QLD for 2007/9 Nationals
- 15) Illawarra re hosting of Australian titles
- 16) Invoices for Perfection Badges

- 17) Invoice Adams Apple
- 18) Invoice Official's shirts

Moved: Rob Wasson and seconded Clint Bowen that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

SECRETARY / TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nil.

COMMODORE'S REPORT:

See Australian Championship program.

Lloyd reiterated our appreciation of Illawarra's efforts in the preparation for the carnival.

Discussion re wind strength and postponements and events of Invitation race.

It was reported that the RC will decide on these matters and take on board discussions.

NSW REPORT:

Michael McMahon reported on behalf of NSW. He said that they currently had 96 skiff registrations. He mentioned that several clubs were still struggling to maintain their numbers.

The recent State Championships had concluded successfully with a fleet of 44.

Mark Graham reported on the 13ft skiffs. There were currently 23 13ft skiffs, spread between three clubs, Manly, Georges River and Middle Harbour. Also a positive expression of interest has recently come from the Illawarra club. There were 9 starters at the recent State Titles.

The AGM for 13ft skiffs will be held on the 10th January.

There was general discussion on Class numbers for 16ft skiffs and Mark Graham suggested that we need to look at our objectives for the future, in particular, develop a strategy and include 13ft skiffs as part of that strategy.

QLD REPORT:

Scott Ovenden and Brad Colledge reported on behalf of Queensland. It was stated that there was 10 registered skiffs sailing.

Brad mentioned that they had two 13ft skiffs racing. He said that they had limited resources to promote the Class, however, there were good junior fleets at both BSS and RQYS which should provide a good feeding ground.

It was also reported that there was an effort to resume sailing at Darling Point SS.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS:

Nominations for Australian officials for the 2008/09 season were called for and are as follows:-

PRESIDENT	Rob Wasson	Proposed R Robson second C Bowen
COMMODORE	Lloyd Mulholland	proposed R Wasson second R.Robson
SECRETARY/TREASURER	Held over to post c	Awaiting other nominations
NSW DELEGATE	Clint Bowen	proposed G Paton second B Colledge
QLD DELEGATE	Scott Ovenden	Proposed B Colledge second R Wasson

As there was no more than one nomination for each position they were unanimously accepted as proposed. The above committee's election will take effect from 11 January 2009.

Mark Graham was nominated as a 13ft skiff delegate to the Australian 16ft Skiff Association by Lloyd Mulholland and seconded by Gary Paton. It was recommended that this position be formalized during the coming season.

2008/09 AUSTRALIAN RACE COMMITTEE:

The following were nominated to compose the 2008/09 Australian Race Committee for this current series:

Michael McMahon	NSW (Chairman)
Brad Andrew	NSW
Bob Bower	NSW
Ian Heritage	NSW
Aaron Morgan	NSW
Robert Wasson	QLD

The above nominees were unanimously accepted.

PROTEST COMMITTEE:

A Protest Committee would be formed when required with appropriate members when a protest was received by the Race Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 2009/10/11 Australian Titles –**
It was ratified that Belmont 16ft Sailing Club would hold the 2009/10 National Titles.
It was also decided that QLD would host the 2010/11 Titles with a venue to be announced ASAP.
- Annual Club Affiliation fee** - agreed that the Annual Fee remain at zero dollars (\$0).
- Secretary/Treasurer Honorarium** - agreed unanimously that the position of Honorary Secretary/Treasurer be paid an annual honorarium of \$750.
- 2008/09 Sailing Instructions** - these had been issued by the Australian 16ft Skiff Association in conjunction with IYC and were accepted as read.
- John Andrew raised the issue of measuring sails and the lack of legality in regards to signing and serial numbers. A discussion also took place re the time frame around measuring sails for the titles. It was decided that an effort to measure a large proportion of gear will happen before the start of the Belmont regatta next season, as was done at the Manly titles in 2006.

Meeting closed 10.10am.