

AUSTRALIAN 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF PRE CARNIVAL CONFERENCE
MEETING HELD 29TH DECEMBER 2011
AT HERVEY BAY QUEENSLAND

Meeting opened at 9.30am at Maryborough Sailing Club (Hervey Bay).

Chairman: Robert Wasson

APOLOGIES: NIL

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Belmont, Manly, Middle Harbour, Brisbane Sailing Squadron, Illawarra Yacht Club and Darling Point Sailing Squadron.

PRESENT: Robert Wasson, Lloyd Mulholland, Clint Bowen, James Bury, Declan Reilly, Daniel Watterson, Rob Stenta, Chris Stenta, Matt Stenta, Alex McFadyen, Greg Morrison, Kye Hawgood, Jennifer Anderson, Chris Anderson, Stuart Graham, Brent Dennis, David Hickey, Dave Stewart, Ben Bruniges, Joel Rose, Ron Rose, Andrew Stone, Sean Harrison, Brad Colledge, Michael McMahon, Mark Graham, Ian Heritage and Chris Mulholland.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting held 2/1/11

Meeting held 9/1/11

Moved by Kye Hawgood and seconded by Lloyd Mulholland that both of these minutes be accepted.
CARRIED.

IN- OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The dates for next year's carnival to be hosted by the Manly Club were received
2. A letter of interest in hosting the 2012-14 Nationals was received by the Drummoyne club
3. 2011/12 NOR for the nationals was received and accepted
4. Notice of the 2012 Australian 16ft Skiff AGM and conference
5. 2011/12 sailing instructions for the national titles
6. National titles entries (lodged electronically)
7. Invoices from Perfection Badges, Adams Apple and Mister Minute were received

Moved by Greg Morrison and seconded by Michael McMahon that the correspondences be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President commented that the numbers of skiffs registered in NSW around the 80, QLD registered skiff numbers are stable, Rob raised concerns about the decline in 13ft skiffs that are sailing and suggested for a workshop meeting be held on the 4th January 2012 at 9.30am to discuss the 13ft skiffs. Rob also mentioned

that he attended the NSW Commodores Meeting at Manly (NSW) in June this year and had good feedback from that meeting.

COMMODORES REPORT:

Lloyd Mulholland welcomed all to Hervey Bay and wished all a successful regatta, attention was drawn to the introduction of code flag "M" and that all official boats will have a "RC" flag. Lloyd asked all competitors to watch out for coral formations and asked all to stay within the race area, as the race committee will keep all competitors away from the coral. Lloyd again wished all well and to enjoy the local area and sailing.

NSW REPORT:

Clint Bowen reported that NSW 16ft Association had conducted a survey report and are in receipt of this report, the NSW Association are currently going thru the results of the survey to come up with a strategy to be presented to all clubs. Clint also mentioned that the Australian Executive is trying to attract an overall sponsor to the class and for the boats; this has been well received amongst all boats. Clint has been working on a new class logo, saying it looks great and will be put on boats at this regatta.

QLD REPORT:

Lauren Thorburn reported that the 2011 year was off to a shaky start due to the January floods in Brisbane. The start of the second half of the 2010/11 season was delayed by several weeks due to this, especially for our river sailors from Brisbane Sailing Squadron. The Sailing Club was not damaged in any way as the water level did not rise to the level of the clubhouse.

In accordance with annual tradition, the 16ft skiff fleets made the annual trip to Hervey Bay for the Southeast Queensland Titles over the 2011 Easter long weekend, with the highly sought after Beresford Cup battle on Easter Sunday. Both titles were won by "RW Retail" skippered by Daniel Jack. "Esprit Electrical" (Aiden Geck) took out the Southeast Queensland Championship in the 13ft Skiffs.

At the start of the 2011 – 2012 season in September, there were some changes to the QSSA committee, with Lauren Thorburn and Jennifer Anderson becoming the first female president and vice-president of the QSSA. For the 2011-12 season, the Association has eight 16ft skiffs and seven 13ft skiffs.

In the first half of the 2011 – 2012 season, the Queensland State Championships were completed over five races, two at the Brisbane Sailing Squadron, two at Darling Point Sailing Squadron and one at RQYS on Waterloo Bay. The racing was the closest it has been for many years, with "Data#3" (Brad Colledge) just beating out "Four-Three" (Chris Anderson) for the title. "RW Retail" (Jennifer Anderson) took out the 13ft Skiff QLD Championships. The Queensland Association would like to thank their sponsors for the event, Jetmaster Fireplaces, Data#3 and Bill Thorburn.

The QSSA recognises the importance of sponsors in keeping their fleet alive in Queensland and plans to spend the next 12 months focussing on a strategic plan to attract sponsors to skiff sailing in Queensland. Following on from the successful sponsor's day held last year, a sponsor's day is planned to be held on the deck of the Brisbane Sailing Squadron in March 2012 during the Queensland Sprint Championships.

The Queensland Association would like to also thank the Australian Association for all of the hard work they have done in preparation for what we are sure will be a successful regatta. We hope that you all have a wonderful time here in Hervey Bay.

13FT SKIFF REPORT:

Mark Graham reported that the NSW State titles will be a 4 heat series this year due to most of the competitors have been studying; he also mentioned that a lot of the kids are stepping up into the 16ft skiffs and the transition is going well in both states. The registrations across the class has been good in both States, Mark also indicated that the transition from the junior classes and the learn to sail is working well progressing kids up into the 13s.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS:

Nominations for the Australian officials for the 2011/2012 season were called for and are as follows:

Greg Morrison was appointed temporarily to the chair for this process.

PRESIDENT	Robert Wasson	proposed by M. McMahon Seconded by L. Mulholland
COMMODORE	Lloyd Mulholland	Proposed by R. Wasson Seconded by S. Harrison
SECRETARY/ TREASURER	James Bury	Proposed by M. McMahon Seconded by M. Graham

As there was no more than one nomination for each position, they were unanimously accepted as proposed.

2011/12 AUSTRALIAN RACE COMMITTEE:

The following were formally appointed to compose the 2011/12 Australian Race Committee for this current series:

Michael McMahon	(NSW) (Chairman and PRO)
Lloyd Mulholland	(NSW)
Robert Wasson	(QLD)
Greg Morrison	(QLD)
Mark Graham	(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 was received by the race committee. It was also noted that a \$200 non refundable protest fee was applicable when lodging a protest.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Rob Wasson thanked all the sponsors of the event and also thanked in particular the clubs and the QSSA that sponsored heats of the regatta. He also thanked both Clint Bowen ("Fluid Building Services") and James Bury ("Fire Stopping") for their sponsorship and their efforts in helping get this regatta organised. Rob also mentioned that it was the view of the Australian Executive that if the money was available after the Nationals next year at Manly, they would look at employing someone to organise sponsors for the regattas.

Secretary/Treasurer Honorarium - It were agreed unanimously that the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer be paid an annual honorarium of \$750 for the coming year.

2013/14 Australian Titles – there was only one nominate club that submitted to host the 2013/14 Australian title championship being the Drummoyne Sailing Club, the nomination was proposed by Sean Harrison and seconded by Andrew Stone that Drummoyne Sailing Club be accepted and, as such, Drummoyne was accepted to host the 2013/14 Australian Championships with the dates to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 10.20am.

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