

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 23/1/08  
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.40pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, John Andrew, Paul Linnett, Mark Graham, Brad Andrew and Ian Heritage.

APOLOGIES: Belinda Sherry, Paul Donovan, Steve Ward and Emma Thompson.

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Manly, Drummoyne, Georges River, Belmont and Illawarra.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

*Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007.*

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued.
2. Promotions - Kate Thomas has provided some suggestions; these will now be discussed at the next Association meeting.

It was moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Brad Andrew that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Georges River - 1 entry for Belmont and St George Regatta ("John Romanous Consulting Engineers").
2. Middle Harbour - cheque for \$330 in payment of invoice No. 66.
3. St George - cheque for \$610 in payment of invoice.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.

Moved Brad Andrew and seconded John Andrew that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Balance of current account is \$12,371.80cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
  - i) Mark Graham - out of pocket expenses for purchase trophies for 13ft skiff Australian Championship (\$366.95) and internet expenses to update website during the Championships (\$50) - \$416.95

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Brad Andrew that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be paid. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

Nil report.

COMMODORE:

1. Lloyd said that Belmont had budgeted a record amount of prizemoney for their Regatta and Sprint series over the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> February. Their will also be a variety of entertainment for crews and their families.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. 2007/08 Australian Championship - won by "Fire Stopping" (James Dorrton, James Bury and Robert Napper) from the Manly Club on 22 points from "OAS" (John Anderson) on 22.4 points.
2. 2008/09 Australian Championship - will be hosted by Illawarra Yacht Club. Paul Linnett indicated that, at this stage, the series will start on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and go through to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2009. It was noted by the meeting that there seems to be an increasing consensus that Australian Championships series should be held earlier in January (even commencing late December) and be restricted to one week (Saturday to Saturday, inclusive). Australian and NSW Commodore, Lloyd Mulholland, is to arrange a meeting with IYC officials to discuss issues relating to the Carnival, including the timing.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Mark Graham indicated that there had been feedback from the small group in Queensland interested in the 13ft skiffs. Items covered relate to age limits, sail number restrictions, organisation of Australian Championships and possible Sprint series. Other issues were also mentioned at this meeting and included possible use of different marks inside the 16's course area and a special boat with officials to take care of the 13's after the start.
2. Mark suggested that he establish a Focus Group of interested 13ft skiff people to discuss the issues mentioned above as well a Constitution and report back to this Association with a plan to take the Class forward over the next few years. Agreed.
3. Mark thanked the NSW officials for their assistance at the recent Australian Championships.
4. Mark indicated that there was a strong interest from several people looking to get into the Class, however, there was a problem at this stage of the lack of second hand boats.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil report.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

NEXT MEETING will be at the **Middle Harbour Club** on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008** at 7.30pm.