

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 28/1/09  
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.40pm.

PRESENT: Lloyd Mulholland (Chair), Michael McMahon, Marilyn Sorensen, Ian Heritage, John Andrew, Paul Donovan, Chris Mulholland, Mark Graham and Paul Linnett.

APOLOGIES: Riv Robson, Brad Andrew, Alex Deakin and Ben Bradley.

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Manly, Georges River, Belmont, St George, Illawarra and Middle Harbour.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

*Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008.*

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued.
2. “Batwing” mainsails - the ruling from Australian Association Specification Committee ruling against these mainsails was voted on by clubs and supported (7 votes to 2). The Australian Association is proposing to draft a revised wording to clarify the Class Rules.
3. Sail Measuring Forms for 13’s - still awaiting final decision on development of either a plan or template for sail measuring, however, the latest view is that the easiest solution will be to use a full size template. One was used at the recent Australian Championships. Mark Graham is to look around to see whether he can source a correctly measured old mainsail to be held for that use. It was also suggested we do the same with the jib.
4. Promotions - Proposal still to be sought from Splash Publications.
5. Constitution amendments for 13’s - still to be completed by Michael McMahon and Mark Graham (see 13ft skiff report).
6. 13ft skiffs - subsidy for 2007-08 Australian Championships - payment has yet to be made. A payment of \$150 was supposed to be paid. Michael followed up with Gary Paton and money is now due to be paid after Mark Graham supplies a list of owner’s names to Gary.
7. 13ft Skiffs – Queensland situation - refer 13ft skiff report.

It was moved Ian Heritage and seconded Paul Linnett that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. St George - email advice that Botany Bay Championship is to be held over Club courses due to current exclusion zones in Botany Bay because of new desalination plant work. It was noted, however, that the recent Australia Day Regatta was held on the Bay. Paul Donovan is to check with the St George Club about a possible modified “Bay course”.

2. Clint Bowen - advising resignation as Central Zone/State Measurer.
3. Manly - advising of possible implications of rule change in new RRS concerning PFD's (due for implementation 1 July in Australia).
4. Yachting NSW - invoices for 2008/09 affiliation fees.
5. Commonwealth Bank - Term Deposit renewal confirmation.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

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

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

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$5,898.02cr.
2. The following account for payment was submitted:-
  - i) Yachting NSW - 2008/09 affiliation fees for 13's and 16's (\$104.50 each) - total **\$209.**
3. Invoices will be sent out to all clubs for all season registration and regatta entry fees, etc... this week. There has been a delay due to Belinda suffering a serious ankle injury early in December.

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Marilyn Sorensen that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

Nil report.

COMMODORE:

1. Australian Championships - Lloyd congratulated Illawarra on their hosting of the recent Championships. It was a very sociable event and Belmont will take on some of their ideas for next season's series.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. The 2008/09 16ft skiff Championship was won by "Fire Stopping" (James Dorrn) from the Manly Club with "Fluid Building Services" (Clint Bowen) runner up and followed in third place by "Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri" (Kieran Humphries).
2. The 2008/09 13ft skiff Championship was won by "www.sheads.com.au" (Daniel Watterson) from the Middle Harbour Club with "Fluid Building Services" (Skye McFadyen) runner up and followed by "Sydney Swans" (Scott Cotton).

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Mark Graham thanked Illawarra for their assistance to the 13's during the recent Australian Championship carnival. All the 13 sailors also enjoyed the social aspects of the Carnival.
2. 13ft meeting - The 13ft sailors held their own separate meeting at the Australian carnival. Some of the items discussed were:-
  - Upper wind strength – it was agreed that 25 knots is probably the upper limit for the 13's and that this could be included in the Class Rules or at least the SI's. It was recognised that regard also need to be had to wave and sea conditions in some circumstances which could mean that races may need to also be abandoned in lower wind strengths.
  - Courses – need for separate marks to the 16ft skiffs, possibly with trapezoid courses.
  - Age limit rule – there was a push from within the 13ft ranks for the Association to consider 23 as the upper age limit, rather than 21.
  - T-Shirts are to be supplied, courtesy of Zhik, to all 13ft competitors in the series.
3. Queensland - Mark Graham had met with Scott Ovenden and Robert Wasson during the Championships to discuss the possible future of the Class in Queensland. They are looking to run a State Championship in March 2009 and are still positive about a future for the Class in Queensland. They are looking for two more boats, however, this poses a dilemma as there is a shortage of second hand boats to meet demand in NSW.
4. 13ft Constitution - Mark Graham and Brad Andrew have completed a draft. Mark will circulate to Association delegates before progressing it any further.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

NEXT MEETING - **Middle Harbour Club** on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009**  
commencing at 7.30pm.