

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3/2/10
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.50pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Marilyn Sorensen, Belinda Sherry and Ed Darmanin.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 9th December 2009.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued. Clint Bowen is still preparing a draft document.
2. Promotions - Michael McMahon has had a discussion with Kate Thomas from Splash Publications. In her view, realistically, promotion for 16's (and 13's) should be done at the local club level (ie. based around existing clubs and their regions) rather than at the Association level. In larger regions (eg. Sydney) any promotion is difficult with a sport that does not have a high profile and could be expensive. Wider ad hoc promotion of the class, unless it can be achieved on an ongoing basis, often has short term benefit. Our local clubs are often better placed to achieve promotion and this can often have wider benefits as the club's profile spreads (eg. Belmont and Manly).
3. Constitution for 13's - Further discussions still to take place.
4. NSW Association Auditor - Nominations still being sought for this position. A note in the last circular did not attract any response.
5. NSW Association Assistant Secretary - Nominations still being sought for this position. A note included in the last circular did not attract any response.
6. 13ft skiff sail measuring - templates are now available for working sails; Mark Graham picked them up; there was no cost to the Association, thanks to Robert Atkins at Tru-Flo Sails and Dimension Polyant. Another set of templates will now have to be procured as Mark has passed the first templates on to the Queensland Association due to potential for continuing increase of the size of the Class up there. Letter to be sent to Robert and also DP.
7. Australian Steering Committee - this committee was formed and met during the Australian Championships to discuss issues affecting the Class and its future direction. Minutes have yet to be circulated, however, that the following issues were discussed:
 - Pros and cons of a totally one design Class;
 - Carbon spars;
 - General promotion of the Class.

8. Issue with measuring "Gill" mainsail - Issue was referred to Australian Association. No response has been received, however, John Andrew advised that this matter has now been satisfactorily resolved.

It was moved Alex Deakin and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Middle Harbour - cheque for \$3,315 received in payment of invoice 106.
2. Drummoyne - cheque for \$380 received in payment of invoice 102.
3. Belmont - email advising direct credit of \$5,780 on 29/12/09 in payment of invoice 101.
4. Belmont - invoice (No. 4188) for balance owing on kegs donated by Australian Association at the Aust. Championship presentation night (\$200).
5. Melbourne IT - advising registry key for domain site (www.skiffs.org.au).
6. Manly - 1 entry for the Belmont Regatta ("Fire Stopping") (invoice for \$40 to be sent).
7. Belmont - 2 entries for the Belmont Regatta ("B&B Total Supply" and "Chapman Optometrist")(invoice for \$80 to be sent).
8. Illawarra - 1 entry for Belmont Regatta ("Illawarra Gear & Diff")(invoice for \$40 to be sent).
9. Belmont - 1 skiff registration for "The Face Place" (invoice for \$70 to be sent).

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.
2. Melbourne IT - email requesting registry key details.

Moved Ian Heritage and seconded Paul Linnett that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$22,827.27cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Belmont 16ft Sailing Club – invoice No 4188 – balance for keg donated at Australian Championship presentation - **\$200.**

Moved John Andrew and seconded Paul Donovan that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. The Dumaresq Cup was allocated to the race abandoned at Manly on 29 November 2009 (heat 4 State Championships). It was agreed that the trophy be transferred to the

Belmont Regatta on 14th February 2010 as this is the last Association event for this season.

COMMODORE:

1. 2009/10 Australian Championships - Lloyd thanked the Belmont Club for their hospitality to the NSW officials during the recent Australian Championships. He particularly wished to mention the volunteers for their assistance during the recent Australian Championships. There was subsequent discussion with some expressing some disappointment about some of the off water organisational aspects of the carnival. It was stressed, however, that the on-water organisation was considered to be of a very high standard.

REGISTRAR:

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. Payment to NSW officials - Lloyd said that payment for out of pocket expenses to the NSW officials who assisted at the recent carnival was being finalised.
2. Running of Australian Association - some concern was expressed about the ad hoc nature of the way the Association is run. It was felt that only having two formal meetings per year (during the Australian Championships) was insufficient, although it was recognised that the Executive did do their best. It was suggested that possibly two other meetings, possibly mid-year and in the lead up to the Australians would allow for more efficient decision making. It was pointed out that the current Constitution did allow for the Executive to call such meetings. It was important that at least one or more officials from Queensland would need to be invited, possibly with NSW Association paying reasonable out of pocket expenses for one person to travel to Sydney or by even using teleconference facilities.
3. Venue for 2011/12 - it was pointed out that under the Australian Constitution, the venue for 2011/12 should have been decided on by now. This matter to be raised with the Australian Association.
4. Missing spinnaker - Michael McMahon said that he had been asked by the crew of "Aero Sails" where their impounded spinnaker ended up after the Championships. They surrendered the spinnaker early in the series and have not seen it since.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Australian Championships - Mark Graham thanked officials for the success of the 13ft Australian Championships. There had been a fleet of 22 skiffs, six of who came from Queensland. A National Committee was elected during the Championships to help run and organise future carnivals. There are two representatives from Queensland, three from NSW plus Robert Wasson and Mark Graham. It was agreed that the trapezoid course arrangement with the 16's had worked well at the Championships, however, there may also be a need to consider a trapezoid starboard course as well as the usual port hand one.
2. Open Day proposal - Mark indicated that there had been interest expressed in the Class from Drummoyne, Avalon and Hunters Hill. He is proposing to organise an Open Day at either Manly or Middle Harbour in the next month or so.

3. Interstate Regatta - Queensland have expressed an interest in coming to Sydney early next season for an interstate Regatta, preferably 25th /26th September.
4. Belmont - Lloyd indicated that, following the recent Championships, interest had been expressed by some people at Belmont about adopting 13's. An Open Forum is to be held in the near future for members to discuss all class options at the Junior and intermediate level.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Botany Bay Championship - this event is to be hosted by the St George Sailing Club on Sunday 7th March. It is the 100th year of the event. The Club is offering \$4,000 prizemoney for the event. This will not be an Association event as the St George Club hosted two heats of the States back in November. A club may only host one interclub event each season.

Meeting closed 9.40pm

NEXT MEETING - Manly Club on Wednesday 24th February 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.