

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13/2/08
AT MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.40pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, John Andrew, Mark Graham, Alex Deakin and Emma Thompson.

APOLOGIES: Belinda Sherry.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 23rd January 2008.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued.
2. Promotions - Kate Thomas has provided some suggestions; these are to be circulated to delegates by the Secretary and be discussed at the next Association meeting.
3. Typo - an error was noted under Australian Association Report. In item 1 the skipper of "OAS" was shown as John Anderson. This should read Danny Anderson.

It was moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Michael McMahon that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Georges River - cheque for \$1,690 in payment of invoices Nos. 55 and 64.
2. Drummoyne - cheque for \$270 in payment of invoice No. 67.
3. Kulmar Boat Building - enclosing price list for 13ft skiffs (\$5,836 for standard hull plus \$1,409 for carbon fibre foils; \$16,042 for complete sail away package plus \$1,000 stainless steel trolley, \$900 aluminium rollover cradle).
4. Yachting Australia - calling for nominations for 2008 Australian Yachting Awards.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

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

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

TREASURER:

1. Balance of current account is \$16,133.23cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Secretary's Honorarium - covering December, January, February - \$750

- ii) Michael McMahon - out of pocket expenses to attend Belmont Regatta - \$50
- iii) Riv Robson - out of pocket expenses to attend Belmont Regatta - \$100

Moved Mark Graham and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be paid. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. The results for Belmont Regatta held on 2nd February 2008 were tabled and adopted. There were 40 starters and 35 finished. There were three beach entries ("A.J. & W. Plumbing" and "Oi" – \$120 to be invoiced to PH; "Wally" - \$60 to be invoiced to Belmont). There were no protests. Scratch won by "OAS" (Bel) from "Newcastle Newspapers" (Bel), "Carlton Draught" (Bel), "Riley Marine Fittings" (GR) and "Konami" (Bel). Handicap won by "Newcastle Newspapers" (Bel) from "Tom and Franks" (Bel), "Carlton Draught" (Bel), "Oi" (PH) and "Bruce Gault Boat Builder and Repairs" (GR).
2. New registration – the skiff "Wally" is apparently a new boat and was permitted to sail at the Belmont Regatta without having lodged a Registration Form. An invoice is to be sent to Belmont (it's home Club) for \$70 to cover the registration.
3. Association Point Scores - a schedule of the four separate Association Point Scores was tabled, as at the completion of the Belmont Regatta.

COMMODORE:

1. Lloyd thanked the Belmont Club for its hospitality at the Belmont Regatta.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. 2008/09 Australian Championship - will be hosted by Illawarra Yacht Club. Some concern was expressed that no dates or other arrangements have been confirmed yet. Lloyd Mulholland indicated that he planned to contact the Club Commodore and visit the IYC, if necessary, to try and get clarification.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Mark Graham and Emma Thompson reported on the first meeting of the 13ft Focus Group held on 6th February. The meeting discussed several issues:-
 - Possibility of separate rounding marks on courses where both fleets sail together (13's and 16's);
 - Provision of a dedicated course boat, where possible;
 - Possible relaxation of maximum 3 sails rule (not favoured);
 - Age restriction;
 - Constitution
2. Mark raised the issue of their Class Rules and what should be the mechanism for any possible changes. It was suggested that it be raised through a Specification Committee to research and make recommendations, then voting be carried out at a NSW 16ft Skiff Association meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. 16ft skiff – Victoria - it was reported that an old skiff had been sold to a Victorian, Andrew Chapman. It was not known whether he is looking to race at this stage.
2. Club Regattas for 2008/09 - one or two Clubs had been tardy in submitting their Regatta dates for this season. It was agreed that a reminder be sent to Clubs to endeavour to submit their preferred dates for next season and certainly no later than 1 July as required by the Conduct of 16ft Skiff Sailing in NSW Ryyles.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

NEXT MEETING will be at the **Georges River Club** on **Wednesday 12th March 2008** at 7.30pm.