

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25/2/09
AT MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.40pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Brad Andrew, Mark Graham, Paul Donovan, Ian Heritage, Belinda Sherry and Ben Bradley.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 28th January 2009.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued.
2. “Batwing” mainsails - the Australian Association is in the process of drafting a revised wording to clarify the Class Rules.
3. Sail Measuring Forms for 13’s - Mark Graham was to look around to see whether he could source a correctly measured old mainsail to be held for that use. It was also suggested we do the same with the jib. No update due to Mark’s absence.
4. Promotions - Proposal still to be sought from Splash Publications.
5. Constitution amendments for 13’s - draft still to be submitted by Mark Graham and Brad Andrew.
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. No update due to Mark’s absence.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Splash Publications - reminder concerning unpaid invoice No. 188 (dated 30/4/08) – cost of hosting 13ft skiff website.
2. Belmont - 1 skiff registration “Straight Azz Tiling” (was known as “Manly Pier” in 2006-07).
3. Middle Harbour - cheque for \$2,720 in payment of invoices No. 85 and 87.
4. Drummoyne - cheque for \$720 in payment of invoice No. 89.
5. Port Hunter - 3 entries for Belmont Regatta (\$120).

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

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

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

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$5,638.02cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Splash Publications - invoice No. 188 for hosting 13ft skiff website (1/5/08 to 30/4/09) - **\$181.50**.
 - ii) Michael McMahon – Secretary's honorarium for December, January and February (\$750); out of pocket expenses for Belmont & St George Regattas (\$100) – total **\$850**.
 - iii) Lloyd Mulholland - out of pocket expenses for St George Regatta - **\$100**.
 - iv) Riv Robson - out of pocket expenses for Belmont & St George Regattas - **\$100**.
 - v) Ian Heritage - out of pocket expenses for Belmont & St George Regattas - **\$100**.
 - vi) John Andrew - out of pocket expenses for Belmont & St George Regattas - **\$100**.
3. Invoices have been sent out to all clubs for all season registration and regatta entry fees.

Moved Alex Deakin and seconded Chris Andrew that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. The results for Belmont Regatta held on 8th February 2009 were tabled and adopted. There were 42 starters and 41 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. Scratch won by "Fluid Building Services" (Man) from "Straight Azz Tiling" (Bel), "Bob Jane T-Marts, Edgecliffe" (MH), "Truenergy" (IYC) and "Belmont Smash Repairs" (Bel). Handicap won by "Leadership Management Australia" (BSS) from "Immigrant" (MH), "Hunter Gaming" (Bel), "Kilos" (PH) and "Fridgarama" (IYC).
2. The results for St George Regatta held on 15th February 2009 were tabled and adopted. There were 16 starters and 15 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. Scratch won by "Bob Jane T-Marts, Edgecliffe" (MH) from "Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri" (Bel), "VK Thomas" (MH), "M&J Chickens" (Bel) and "Sheads First National" (MH). Handicap won by "Immigrant" (MH) from "Fridgarama" (IYC), "M&J Chickens" (Bel), "Bruce Gault Boat Builder & Repairs" (StG) and "Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri" (Bel).
3. The following final points for the various 2008/09 season **Association point scores** after conclusion of the St George Regatta on 15th February 2009 were confirmed.

Association Championship Point Score

Manly	5,340 points
Belmont	4,785 "
Middle Harbour	1,535 "
Illawarra	1,423 "
Georges River	332 "

St George	192	“
Drummoyne	102	“
Port Hunter	46	“

Charles Wood Handicap Point Score

Belmont	2,393	points
Manly	2,313	“
Middle Harbour	2,228	“
Illawarra	1,763	“
Drummoyne	879	“
Georges River	617	“
Port Hunter	483	“
St George	385	“

Regatta Fastest Time Point Score

1	Riley Marine Fittings	19 pts
2	Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri	21
3	OAS	37
4	Bob Jane T-Marts, Edgecliffe	40
5	Thomas Hopper & Partners	47
6	Sheads First National	49
7	Aristocrat	55
8	AB Window Fashions	69
9	Energy Australia	70
10	Bruce Gault Boat Builder & Repairs	74
11	Fluid Building Services	79
12	Fire Stopping	82
13	Racing Line	83
14	CST Composites	86
15	VK Thomas	89

Regatta Handicap Point Score

1	Riley Marine Fittings	46 pts (countback)
2	Fridgarama	46 (countback)
3	Bruce Gault Boat Builder & Repairs	61
4	Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri	65
5	Sheads First National	66
6	Bob Jane T-Marts, Edgecliffe	78
7	CST Composites	83
8	Immigrant	84
9	Thomas Hopper & Partners	98
10	Racing Line	100
11	Ross Bell Electrical	110
12	Aristocrat	113

13	OAS	117
14	VK Thomas	118
15	Infinite Property Solutions	123

COMMODORE:

1. Lloyd thanked both Belmont and St George Clubs for their hospitality at each of their Regattas.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. Lloyd advised that Gary had written out cheques for out of pocket expenses for officials at the recent Australian Championships.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Michael McMahon advised that the Queensland 16ft Skiff Association had purchased two 13ft skiffs (2nd hand) from owners in the Manly Club fleet for a total of \$12,000. This will mean that there are now four boats in Qld and they intend to hold their first State Championship series later in the season.
2. Heat 4 of the Port Jackson series for the 13's will be sailed at the Georges River Club on 9th March 2009. The exact time and courses will be confirmed next week.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Yachting NSW fees - the proposed new banding structure for the annual affiliation fee for clubs has been rejected in a recent vote. This will force Yachting NSW to increase the current fee structure for many clubs, including skiff clubs. Manly's club affiliation fee, for example, could be increased from \$2,400 to \$3,600.

The proposed banding structure was designed to increase fees to some of the major yacht clubs who, in comparison to the number of yachts racing, only pay the same or less fees than some sailing clubs with much smaller fleets. YNSW are looking to gain increased revenue to primarily enable them to pay an increase of approx 40% in the levy from Yachting Australia.

It was agreed that any increase in fees could greatly impact on some of our clubs already doing it tough. It was subsequently agreed that the Association should write to both YNSW and YA expressing our concerns, pointing out that we see very little, if any, benefit from subsidised coaching and training. As a general rule, our clubs get very little benefit from being affiliated. Instead of increasing fees both YNSW and YA should review their own expenditure, especially in the light of the current economic situation.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

NEXT MEETING - Georges River Club on Wednesday 25th March 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.