

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1/2/12
AT MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.44pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Riv Robson, Chris Mulholland, Lloyd Mulholland, Roger Steel, Alex Deakin and Paul Linnett.

APOLOGIES: Marilyn Sorensen and Ed Darmanin.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 14th December 2011.

1. Recruiting the next generation – The data analysis for each club has yet to be completed. Mark Graham plans to draft a letter to clubs to accompany the data analysis. This letter will ask for the 3 things the club, and 3 things our Association, can do to address the issues arising from the recent survey. Mark hopes to expedite this process to ensure these matters can be discussed at the annual Commodore's meeting. Alex Deakin is to make contact with Nikki Kirkwood to help collate individual club data.
2. Reimbursement of expenses – Reference to the reimbursement of expenses is discussed in the proposed notice of motion in General Business.
3. Yachting NSW membership - The Belmont club have still not heard from YNSW regarding membership and resolved at a recent meeting to write to YNSW for a determination.

It was moved Riv Robson and seconded Paul Linnett that the previous minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Belmont – 2 entries for Belmont (“Lift Skin Body Beauty” and “Tooheys Extra Dry”) and one skiff registration (“Tooheys Extra Dry”).
2. Port Hunter - 1 skiff registration (“Silver Bullet” and 3 entries for Belmont (“Kilos”, “Silver Bullet” and “The Pumper”).
3. Manly - 1 entry for Belmont (“Wrong Way Go Back”).
4. Manly payment - Received payment advice from the Manly Club for direct credit of \$4,720 being payment of invoice No. 134.
5. 13ft Skiffs - A request for financial assistance/subsidy from Bernie Kerr of Manly Club on behalf of 13ft skiffs who travelled to the National Titles at Hervey Bay. The meeting was not supportive of the request. The NSW Association has never subsidised any skiffs for travel to the National as this is usually been at the discretion of individual clubs.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Association Circular – Notification of this meeting.

Moved Riv Robson and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. The Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit has been renewed at a rate of 5.3% interest (compounding annually) over a 3 year term to mature 21/1/15. The principal is \$73,011.97 .
2. The balance of the working account is \$5,726.66cr.
3. The computer used by the treasurer is in need of replacement. Mark has asked for quotes to be obtained for a laptop or a standalone computer. Under these circumstances it is recognised the Association's copy of MYOB accounting software may also need to be upgraded. A quote for this software will also need to be obtained.
4. Rob Wasson of the QLD Association has asked James Bury to transfer \$2,500 from the Australian Association to the NSW Association to help cover the cost of 3 officials attending the recent National Titles in Hervey Bay. Rob has requested that the NSW Association match this amount of money to fully cover the expenses incurred by these officials (Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland and Mark Graham). It moved Riv Robson and seconded Paul Linnett that the NSW 16ft Skiff Association allocate a sum of \$2,500 to assist in the payment of the out of pocket expenses for the three NSW officials who helped manage the National Titles at Hervey Bay with the total amount of \$5,000 to be divided evenly amongst these 3 officials (\$1,660 each). CARRIED.

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

SECRETARY

1. Botany Bay Championship - the Manly Club has advised that it will be providing \$3,000 in prizemoney for the Botany Bay Championship to be sailed on Saturday 25th February 2012 and hosted by the St George Sailing Club.

COMMODORE

Nil

REGISTRAR

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Lloyd reported on an outstanding regatta held at Hervey Bay. He thanked Rob Wasson, in particular, for all his efforts and the time spent in organising the regatta. He also thanked the many volunteers from Maryborough Sailing Club who assisted and commented that all areas of the National Titles were well covered. All concerned in the running of the regatta were very hospitable.

13FT SKIFF REPORT

1. Queensland Meeting – Mark reported on a meeting of 13ft Skiff sailors at Hervey Bay. The possibility of removing age limit restrictions was discussed. It was thought there may be two divisions. A division with age limits in place who would be eligible to compete for the National Title, and open division where a secondary award would be offered.
2. 13ft Skiff website - Alex explained that one of the Middle Harbour 13ft Skiff sailors, Sam Holmes, has expressed an interest in managing the 13ft Skiff website.
3. 13ft Skiff States - dates are still being decided.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. 2012/13 Australian Championship dates – It was explained that the recent change in dates for the National Titles, to be held in Manly, was due to Local Council restrictions. Council were concerned usage of the East Esplanade rigging area by skiffs could impact on beach users during the busy New Year holiday period on the initially proposed dates (first week of January). Dates will now be 11th to 19th January 2013. In regard to these Championships, Mark Graham also raised the possibility of holding an historic skiff display as part of the activities.
2. Official's Expenses – there was further discussion concerning the reimbursement of out of pocket expenses incurred by Association officials in carrying out their duties. There is some doubt that this may be covered by the current State Constitution, although there is provision for payment of an honorarium, which could be used to cover the situation.

The general feeling is that, with the difficulty of getting volunteers to act as officials, it was not unreasonable to expect that those who do volunteer, should be able to seek reimbursement for genuine and reasonable out of pocket expenses approved by the Association. For example, the Treasurer has estimated that annual out of pocket expenses for that position are around \$650. Notwithstanding, there is still a view held by a few that, if you take on a position with the Association, you commit not only your time, but accept some, if not all, expenses that may be associated with carrying out those duties.

Ultimately, it was agreed that the Secretary look at the Constitution and propose a wording that would clarify and allow an elected official to claim genuine and reasonable out of pocket expenses associated with carrying out their duties, rather than in the form of an honorarium.

Meeting closed 9:57 pm

NEXT MEETING - Georges River on Wednesday 22nd February 2012 commencing at 7.30pm.