

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27/2/13
AT MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.55pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Marilyn Sorensen, Ed Darmanin, John Andrew, Chris Andrew, Paul Linnett and Michael McMahon.

APOLOGIES: Mark Graham, Roger Steel, Lloyd Mulholland and Chris Mulholland.

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

It was noted at this point that the meeting scheduled for 30th January 2013 at Georges River had to be cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. Only 3 club delegates were present.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 12th December 2012.

1. Public Liability Insurance claim - re. Craig Nicholls accident with "Compo" from 2nd Heat of States in October 2010. Nothing further, at this stage.
2. Letter to Drummoyne re State Championships - The President did respond to our letter and offered some explanations for some of the deficiencies that were brought to their attention. In the interim officials from Drummoyne met with the Australian Association Executive to discuss the issues raised from some quarters about their ability to host next season's Australian Championship. The outcome of that meeting was very positive and the hosting of the Championships by Drummoyne has been confirmed.
3. Out of pocket travel expenses - Mark Graham still drafting the proposed schedule of rates.
4. Bank fees - Marilyn has not had a chance to further investigate the fees that the Bank recently charged on the Association's account.
5. Chas Wood Trophy - Still missing. Middle Harbour has offered the possibility of a replacement trophy, if further searching attempts do not locate the original trophy.
6. Recruiting the next generation - There are still outstanding suggestions from some clubs to be obtained.

It was moved Ed Darmanin and seconded John Andrew that the previous minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Drummoyne - email from Bill Fletcher (President) in response to the Association's letter of December 2012 in regard to issues that arose during the State Championship heats at Drummoyne.
2. Middle Harbour - cheque for \$3,045 in payment of invoice No.150.
3. Manly - payment advice for direct credit of \$7,775 in payment of invoice No. 149.

4. Illawarra - payment advice for direct credit \$1,430 in payment of invoice.
5. Georges River - cheque for \$710 in payment of invoice No. 147.
6. Drummoyne - cheque for \$1,420 in payment of invoice No. 146.
7. Belmont - payment advice for direct credit \$5,440 in payment of invoice No. 145.
8. Middle Harbour - 1 x 16ft skiff registration ("The Package") (\$70).
9. Manly - 1 entry for 13ft skiff "Busted" to Botany Bay Championship (\$20).
10. St George - 1 entry for "Jetmaster Fireplaces" – Botany Bay Championship (\$40).

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs – circular.

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Marilyn Sorensen that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Bank Account balance - \$22,760.57cr.
2. Invoices - only outstanding invoice at this stage is from Port Hunter.

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Riv Robson that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted. CARRIED.

SECRETARY

1. The results for the Belmont Regatta held on Sunday 10th February 2013 were tabled and adopted. There were 33 starters and 30 finished. There were 3 beach entries ("Kilos", "RT Signs" and "Silver Bullet" – to be invoiced). There were no protests. The conditions were fine with some cloud with a 12-17 knots Southerly breeze. The start was delayed till 4.12pm to await arrival of the southerly change. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Belmont Bay Championship – Scratch Summary	
1. NEWCASTLE HERALD	Graham McKellar
2. AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Adam Piper
3. BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Kieran Humphries
4. FIRE STOPPING	Ben Bianco
5. EMPTY JETS.COM.AU	Robert Flanagan

Belmont Bay Championship - Handicap Summary	
1. ROSS BELL ELECTRICAL	Ross Bell
2. ARISTOCRAT	Henry Makin
3. TYPHOON	Craig Nicholls
4. HERALD (Qld)	Jake Mortensen
5. ANDREWS MEAT	Neale Jones

2. As the upcoming Botany Bay Championship will not count towards any Association Point Scores this season, the overall results for the Association Point Scores were as follows:-

Association Championship Point Score

Manly	9,234 points
Belmont	3,944 “
Middle Harbour	3,410 “
Illawarra	319 “
Georges River	313 “
Drummoyne	153 “
Port Hunter	100 “
St George	90 “

Charles Wood Handicap Point Score

Manly	5,307 points
Middle Harbour	4,141 “
Belmont	3,428 “
Illawarra	1,074 “
Georges River	625 “
Drummoyne	615 “
Port Hunter	434 “
St George	103 “

Regatta Fastest Time Point Score

1	Brydens Compensation Lawyers	13 pts
2	Fluid Building Services	20
3	Fire Stopping	23
4	Sutech Building Consultants	42
5	AB Window Fashions	43
6	Hubble Cleaning Solutions	48
7	ATB Morton	49
8	VK Thomas	57
9	Newcastle Herald	65
10	Straight Azz Tiling	68
11	Shed	89
12	McKajj Services	93
13	Gill	103 (countback)
14	Chapman High Performance Sailing	103 (countback)
15	Lincraft	114

Regatta Handicap Point Score

1	Brand Cents Consulting	45 pts (countback)
2	Shead	45 (countback)
3	V.K. Thomas	57
4	Chapman High Performance Sailing	58
5	Sutech Building Consultants	60
6	AB Window Fashions	70
7	Lincraft	76
8	ATB Morton	78 (countback)
9	Newcastle Herald	78 (countback)
10	Brydens Compensation Lawyers	80
11	Straight Azz Tiling	88 (countback)
12	Fluid Building Consultants	88 (countback)
13	Fire Stopping	88 (countback)
14	FAB	94
15	Hubble Cleaning Solutions	100

Michael reported that the reason why the Commodore, Lloyd Mulholland, was unable to attend tonight's meeting was because his wife, Chris, who also attends our meetings, had undergone a serious operation and was still in hospital. He had arranged for some flowers to be sent on behalf of the Association.

COMMODORE

Nil.

REGISTRAR

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Australian Championships - it has now been confirmed that next season's Championships will definitely be at Drummoyne, whilst the following season (2014/15) will be at Belmont. The Championships are scheduled for Queensland in 2015/16, with a venue yet to be nominated.
2. 2012-13 Australian Championships - "Brydens Compensation Lawyers" sailed by Lee Knapton and crewed by Peter Mackie and Ricky Bridge won this season's Australian Championship. Runner up was "Hubble Cleaning Solutions" (Nathan Wilmot, Peter Hubble and Geoff Moore) from Middle Harbour.
3. There was some discussion at this meeting that feedback should be given to the Australian Association as to the possibilities of an Australian Championship series being held on Botany Bay in future years.

13FT SKIFF REPORT

1. State Championships - Heats 3 and 4, scheduled for 23rd February, had to be postponed to 9th March due to strong winds and high seas.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. St George - it was reported that the situation with the St George Club, now being run by the Manly Club as the parent Club, was still looking promising. Leasing arrangements and possible renovation plans are, hopefully, to be finalised in the near future. It was also reported that the Club had been trading at a profit.

One bit of feedback is that the sailing members at St George still feel that there is no real connection with the Manly Club. There needs to be a person appointed from the StG Club with a direct connection to the Board of Directors or a member of the Board at Manly, particularly for expenditure that needs to be spent for sailing.

There was also discussion again on the situation with voting on motions at the Association level, and also accrual of points for interclub racing. Whilst not a real issue at present, technically, as StG is now part of Manly, they do not have any voting rights as a Club. It has raised the point again about looking at the whole voting structure of the Association and whether there should be a move to, perhaps, one vote per registered skiff owner. This would, however, require a radical restructure of how the Association is set up, which currently on a club basis, rather than a boat or individual person basis.

2. Sailing at Gosford - it has also been reported that Paul Turner, a long term sailor with Gosford Sailing Club before 16's stopped sailing there in the early 90's, has suggested two heats of the 2013/14 State Championships might be sailed at Gosford. Paul is still associated with the Gosford Club. His aim is to try and create some interest with a view to getting 16's back sailing there. There are a number of juniors in the Club, a couple of who actually sail at Belmont now.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm

NEXT MEETING - **Georges River** on Wednesday **27th March 2013** commencing at 7.30pm.