

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25/3/09
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.45pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Brad Andrew, Belinda Sherry and Chris Andrew.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 25th February 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, although in the mean time a motion has been lodged with the Australian Association by the Belmont Club in an effort to obtain clarification.
3. Sail Measuring Forms for 13’s - Mark Graham has advised that Robert Atkins is to make a roll-up mylar template for a mainsail and a jib to facilitate sail checking. Mark is not sure on the cost, at this stage.
4. Promotions - Proposal still to be sought from Splash Publications.
5. Constitution amendments for 13’s - Mark Graham advised that a draft had been completed. He will circulate to key executive members.
6. 13ft skiffs - subsidy for 2007-08 Australian Championships - Mark Graham advised that after consultation with some potential recipients, it has been decided that the Australian Association should retain the money and utilise it towards prizes for next season’s Championship.
7. Yachting NSW fee increase - clubs have now been advised of the revised fee structure in the wake of the vote against the new banding system. The Secretary is to send a letter pointing out the potential impact on most, if not all, 16ft skiff clubs.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Port Hunter - nominating Saturday 31st October 2009 as their Regatta date for 2009/10.
2. St George - cheque for \$1,110 in payment of invoice No. 90.
3. Manly - advise of a direct credit payment of \$1,065 for invoices No. 86 and 92.

4. Kulmar Boat Building - quote for \$1,750 (maximum) to alter and improve deck mould for 13ft skiffs (stern area and spinnaker shute). It was moved by John Andrew and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that this work be approved. The motion was carried.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Moved Mark Graham and seconded Paul Linnett that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$10,039.02cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Belinda Sherry - out of pocket expenses for internet - **\$150**.
 - ii) Rob Stenta - out of pocket expenses for engraving of the CHS 13ft skiff trophy (the trophy was donated by the Manly Club, but engraving needed to be brought up to date) - **\$50**.

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

SECRETARY:

1. Regatta dates - to date only the Port Hunter Club has nominated a date for their regatta next season (in addition to Middle Harbour and St George who are hosting the States).
2. 13ft skiffs Regatta dates - It was suggested that the 13's should also be scheduled to race in each of the Regattas and that a trophies be given for the aggregate overall results. An alternative suggestion was made that they might be better to race at each of the 16ft skiff clubs on one of the club race days to gain better exposure with the junior fleets (often junior fleets are not present when the 16's hold their regattas at each club). This will be discussed further in the next few months.

COMMODORE:

1. A reminder that the Commodore's Meeting will be held at the Manly Club on Saturday 16th May 2009 commencing at noon.

REGISTRAR:

1. Secretary to follow up with Craig Corke to get a list of hulls registered this season.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Nil report.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Georges River Race Day - Mark Graham thanked the Georges River Club for hosting the 13's race on Sunday 8th March. He particularly thanked John Andrew and Alex Deakin for their assistance and organisation. It was held using a short course format and was very successful.

2. Queensland - two boats have been sold to Queensland 16ft Skiff Association and they have on sold them already. This means that there are now four boats in Brisbane.
3. Constitution - the proposal will be that it will be included as an appendix to the NSW 16ft Skiff Association Constitution. As such, the NSW Constitution will need updating.
4. Class Rules - there has been further discussion concerning the 13ft Skiff Class Rules. The following points are to be considered over the next few months:-
 - (a) Raise age limit to 23, with females unlimited;
 - (b) Limit the type of materials that can be used in hull construction;
 - (c) Mast and spinnaker pole to be supplied from a single Association approved supplier;
 - (d) Mainsail and jib can only be constructed using 3mm monofil with polyester inserted fibre sailcloth. This material is only about 1/3 of the cost of Kevlar.
 - (e) Wind strength - consideration of a possible maximum strength (25 knots?)

Mark is to prepare a submission, together with reasons. Paper will then be circulated to all club for feedback.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

NEXT MEETING - **Georges River Club** on **Wednesday 27th May 2009** commencing at 7.30pm. (*Note:* meeting scheduled for 29th April 2009 has been cancelled)