

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9/3/11
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.56pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham, Michael McMahon, Paul Linnett, Ian Heritage, Riv Robson, Marilyn Sorensen, Roger Steel, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Ed Darmanin and John Andrew.

APOLOGIES: Alex Oliver & Chris Andrew.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 9th February 2011.

1. “Recruiting the next generation” project: - Michael McMahon reported about 300 people responded to the recent online survey. The association is awaiting results coming from this data.
2. Sail Measuring: - The meeting was informed by Michael McMahon that the sail measuring document has now been published on the Association website. The document covers the measuring of jibs and mainsails.
3. Changes at St George Club - The meeting discussed the possibility of changing the constitution of the NSW 16ft skiff Association to allow St. George club to continue to have a vote following their merger with the Manly club. It was recognised that other clubs affected by such a decision would need to be in agreement. It was suggested feedback be sought from clubs on potential issues arising and how to deal with such issues as, St. George club’s eligibility to hold regattas and their eligibility to vote.

It was felt such information gathering should be held over, until Manly decide how they plan to deal with sailing at St. George club. It will also be necessary for the NSW committee to examine the wording of the 16ft skiff constitution to see how it is currently worded.

In the interim, St. George club will not have voting rights. The committee will liaise with the Manly club to see whether it is possible or they are willing to create a separate legal entity to run sailing at the St. George club.

4. Australian Association – The NSW association is yet to send an invoice to the Australian association asking them to reimburse NSW association official’s travel expenses.
5. St George outstanding debt - payment by the Administrator is expected within the next two weeks.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. 13ft skiff age limits – An email was received from Rob Wasson containing a motion regarding the age limits on 13ft skiffs. It was also nominating himself as a QLD representative on the 13ft skiff Specification Committee.
2. Travelling Expenses - Mark Graham submitted details of his expenses from the recent 2010/2011 National Championships.
3. Manly - advice concerning direct credit payment of \$7,820 for invoice No. 117.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Nil

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

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$10,315.11cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Mark Graham – out of pocket expenses for attending and officiating at Australian Championships - **(\$500)**.
 - ii) Lloyd Mulholland – out of pocket expenses – attending St George Regatta - **(\$100)**.
 - iii) Michael McMahon - Secretary's Honorarium for December, January and February – **(\$1,000)**.

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

SECRETARY:

2. The results for St George Regatta (Botany Bay Championship) held on Sunday 27th February 2011 were tabled and adopted. There were 19 starters and 18 finished. There were four beach entries ("Rollashield" and "Ancient Mariners" - \$120 cash paid; "Brydens" and "Labec" - \$120 to be invoiced). There were no protests. The conditions were cloudy with a light and variable 3-8 knot North-West breeze for most of the race, shifting 10-13 knots South just before the finish. Course was shortened at Commons Buoy. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Botany Bay Championship – Scratch Summary	
1. Spatial Info	Kieran Hunphries
2. Independent Gaming	Huon Oliver
3. Fluid Building Services	Clint Bowen
4. Bruce Gault Boat Builder & Repair	Bruce Gault
5. Infinite Property Solutions	Rory Cox

Botany Bay Championship - Handicap Summary	
1. Bruce Gault Boat Builder & Repair	Bruce Gault
2. Independent Gaming	Huon Oliver
3. Infinite Property Solutions	Rory Cox
4. Sheads First National	Marilyn Sorensen
5. Bigfoot Bags and Covers	Graeme Ferguson

2. The NSW 16ft Skiff Association Point Scores have now been finalised for the 2010/11 season following the sailing of the Botany Bay Championship.

Whilst the Manly Club dominated the overall Club Scratch and Handicap point scores, the individual point scores were much closer. The Individual Handicap Point Score resulted in a tie between "Brydens Compensation Lawyers" sailed by Lee Knapton from Georges River and "Fluid Building Services" sailed by Clint Bowen from Manly on 25 points. "Brydens", however, were declared the winners after applying the countback rule.

"Fluid" was more successful in the Individual Scratch Point Score, winning by three points (finishing with 8 points) from "Hubble Cleaning Products", Nathan Wilmot from the Middle Harbour Club (finishing on 11 points).

The following are the final (provisional) points for the various 2010/11 season NSW Association point scores.

Association Championship Point Score

Manly	5,300 points
Middle Harbour	2,975 "
Belmont	2,608 "
Georges River	2,436 "
Drummoyne	334 "
Illawarra	290 "
St George	262 "
Port Hunter	6 "

Charles Wood Handicap Point Score

Manly	3,032 points
Middle Harbour	2,844 "
Belmont	1,832 "
Georges River	1,166 "
Illawarra	796 "
St George	664 "
Drummoyne	223 "
Port Hunter	23 "

Regatta Fastest Time Point Score

1. Fluid Building Services	8 pts
2. Hubble Cleaning Products	11
3. Brydens Compensation Lawyers	12
4. Fire Stopping	14
5. V.K. Thomas	21
6. Pirtek Newcastle	22
7. Straight Azz Tiling	29
8. AB Window Fashions	32
9. Century Batteries	36
10. Ross Bell Electrical	43
11. Newcastle Herald	47 (countback)
12. Gill	47 (countback)

13. Spatial Info	54 (countback)
14. Infinite Property Solutions	54 (countback)
15. Bell Potter Securities	59

Regatta Handicap Point Score

1. Brydens Compensation Lawyers	25 pts (countback)
2. Fluid Building Services	25 (countback)
3. Pirtek Newcastle	26
4. Independent Gaming	29
5. Infinite Property Solutions	33
6. Ross Bell Electrical	34 (countback)
7. Bob Jane T-Marts / CST	34 (countback)
8. Gill	42
9. Newcastle Herald	43
10. John Romanous Consulting Engineers	49
11. Compo	51
12. V.K. Thomas	58
13. Bell Potter Securities	59
14. Straight Azz Tiling	62
15. Sheads First National	63

Part 5 of “The Conduct of 16ft Skiff Sailing in NSW” rules gives the full details on how each of these point scores is based (copy of these Rules is on the Skiff website www.skiffs.org.au).

For information, however, the individual point scores allow for dropping a skiff’s two worst races over the whole season (regardless of whether the skiff started in the race or not). The above points have been calculated including the two worst races for each skiff.

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Ian Heritage that the Treasurer’s Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

COMMODORE:

1. Lloyd Mulholland would like to say thank you to the St. George Club for their hospitality at the Botany Bay Regatta and especially commented on the organisation work done by Paul Donovan.
2. The numbers attending the regatta were disappointing. Apparently the Port Hunter club had organised a picnic weekend at Leg’s Camp (Mungo Brush) which attracted several Belmont boats who might otherwise have attended the Botany Bay event.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

Nil.

REGISTRAR:

Nil.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Age Limit - The following Notice of Motion to amend 13ft Skiff Class Rule 12.3 was lodged by Robert Wasson on behalf of the 13ft skiff sailors in Brisbane:

Delete Rule 12.3 and replace with the following:

“To be eligible to win or score a place in any series, championship or interclub event, a female skipper or crew must be under twenty-six (26) years of age at the commencement of the relevant sailing season (which is defined as the first weekend in October in each year).

A female skipper may continue to sail after the age limit of 26 years to an age of 30 years and be eligible to win or score a place in any series, championship or interclub event, provided her crew is a male and the objective is to train the male crew to advance into a 16ft skiff prior to 23 years of age, as set out in Rule 12.2.”

The following reasons for the Notice of Motion were submitted

It has become obvious that Queensland is in a different situation to New South Wales clubs in that all of our 13's have a female or male (predominantly female) skipper, all with a male crew. 100% of our male skippers (two) and crews have indicated their intentions to advance into a 16'. This is not the case with the girls.

A large percentage of our 13' sailors have exited the 125 class to sail a 13'. This has created a near-devastation effect on the 125 class as far as sailors who meet the 13' skiff age limit rule. Moving to the future, most of the current 13' crews will be in a 16' skiff within three years. The only class we have left to replace our existing 13' crews are from the sabot class.

We see this as a future stagnation problem unless we can keep our female skippers who will by then have considerable experience in the 13's and be capable of bringing boys from sabots into a 13' skiff, thus creating a 'flow on' effect.

The motion was CARRIED by 9 votes to 1 and will become effective immediately.

2. 29ers at Middle Harbour - Ed Darmanin indicated that Middle Harbour and Manly 13ft skiff officials met recently to discuss Class issues. Middle Harbour has approved 29ers sailing out of their club on Sundays as a means of retaining juniors stepping out of F11's. They have capped the age limit at 18. The number intending to sail is uncertain, at present. Mark Graham reported Manly are not going to introduce 29ers in the foreseeable future. Manly are looking more closely at the possibility of making the 13ft skiffs a separate division at their club with their own organising officials and will need to work harder on making 13s work in the club (At present, the 13's are almost totally administered by 16ft skiff sailing officials). There are currently no parents as volunteers for the 13ft skiff class.
3. The results for St George Regatta (Botany Bay Championship for 13ft skiffs) held on Sunday 27th February 2011 were tabled and adopted. There were 8 starters and 7 finished. There no beach entries. There was one protest lodged by “Northside Airconditioning”), however, it was withdrawn after the protestee (“Bell Potter Securities”) withdrew from the race. It was alleged that “Bell Potter” failed to round the Taylor Bar mark correctly. The conditions were cloudy with a light and variable 3-8 knot North-West breeze for most of the race, shifting 10-13 knots South just before the finish. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Botany Bay Championship – Scratch Summary	
1. Northside Airconditioning	Fiona Walker
2. Sydney Swans	Harry West
3. Sheads.com.au	Tom Potter

4. Coastwide Engineering	Adam Jones
5. Livewire	Alice Walker

Botany Bay Championship - Handicap Summary	
1. Sheads.com.au	Tom Potter
2. Northside Airconditioning	Fiona Walker
3. MBH & Associates	Riley Graham
4. Coastwide Engineering	Adam Jones
5. Livewire	Alice Walker

4. Mark Graham would like to thank the St. George club and the Starters for their efforts during the Botany Bay Regatta.
5. The prizes provided for the 13ft skiffs included such items as iPads and Televisions which were a great attraction for the young sailors and could be a draw card for future events. It is possible that a similar approach be used for the 16ft skiffs.
6. State Championships - Mark commented that the Association may need to consider the need to look at State Championship format for the 13's. This season, few attended the first two heats held on the last weekend of October due to exams and study commitments. There are two possible solutions. One is to hold the States over four heats (instead of six). The other is to retain six heats, but the final two would be scheduled after the New Year, later in the season. To be decided at the beginning of next season.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Interclub Event Entry Fees - Ian Heritage suggested that the entry fees for next year's State and National Titles be raised cover increased costs. A fee of \$200 for the Australian Championships has not changed for over ten years, having been adopted for the year 2000 Nationals at Belmont. Ian suggested a fee increase to \$300 or \$350. A change to the NSW Regatta entry fees could also be considered. It has been \$40 per race for many years.

Meeting closed 9.19 pm

NEXT MEETING - **Manly** on Wednesday **13th April 2011** commencing at 7.30pm.