

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27/03/13
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 8:02 pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Chris Andrew, John Andrew, Roger Steel, Kathy Grudzinskas, Paul Linnett and Marilyn Sorensen.

APOLOGIES: Ed Darmanin, Riv Robson, Lloyd Mulholland and Chris Mulholland.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 27th February 2013.

1. Chas Wood Trophy - still missing. Suggestion that a photograph be placed on the skiff website forum.
2. Out of pocket travel expenses - Mark Graham is still drafting the proposed schedule of rates. He will forward through to Michael.

It was moved Michael McMahon and seconded Marilyn Sorensen that the previous minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Email from Craig Nicholls – requesting assistance for Greg Hyde, a former 16ft skiff Australian and State Champion, to participate in a sailing trip to Europe in the lead up to his pursuit to compete in the 2016 Paralympics. Whilst the meeting was sympathetic to the initiative, it was not considered an appropriate use of Association funds, as the NSW Association Constitution stipulates that funds must be used to further the objects of the Association which primarily includes the support and promotion of 16ft skiff sailing. The other problem with providing support to one person, no matter how needy or genuine the cause, is that the Association could be approached by other former, or current, 16ft skiff sailors, now and in the future, to support similar sailing pursuits, which may be unrelated to the support of 16ft skiff sailing.
2. Yachting NSW - Invoice for payment of affiliation fees for both 13's and 16's of \$200 each and request to complete Census form.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

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

TREASURER:

1. Balance of Working Account as at today's date is \$22,508.17cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Yachting NSW - annual class affiliation fee for 16ft skiffs (\$200).
 - ii) Yachting NSW - annual affiliation fee for 13ft skiffs (\$200).
 - iii) Michael McMahon - Secretary's honorarium (Dec, Jan, Feb) - **\$1,000**.

Moved John Andrew and seconded Mark Graham that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted and that the accounts for payment be paid. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

- The results for the Botany Bay Championship held on Saturday 2nd March 2013 were tabled and adopted. There were 18 starters and 12 finished. There were 4 beach entries ("Altis", "Bruce Gault Boat Builder", "Deloittes" and "Net Kiosk" – to be invoiced). There were no protests. The conditions were cloudy with showers and a 15-25 knot South-South-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Botany Bay Championship – Scratch Summary	
1. FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen
2. HUBBLE CLEANING SOLUTIONS	Nathan Wilmot
3. BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Kieran Humphries
4. FIRE STOPPING	Malcolm Page
5. NEWCASTLE HERALD	David Stewart

Botany Bay Championship - Handicap Summary	
1. GIRO CONSTRUCTIONS	Robert Nievergelt
2. NEWCASTLE HERALD	David Stewart
3. FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen
4. HUBBLE CLEANING SOLUTIONS	Nathan Wilmot
5. BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Kieran Humphries

COMMODORE

Nil.

REGISTRAR

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

Nil.

13FT SKIFF REPORT

- Mark mentioned the meeting he had with the 13ft skiff sailors at the recent National Titles at Manly. Some of the points raised:
 - Age rule was once again questioned; most of the 13 sailors who attended think that it should be raised.
 - The age rule which allows a different age for girls to boys could be questionable from a legal standpoint as it was sex specific.
 - Association should consider having a coaching day at non-skiff clubs using 13ft skiffs.
 - Sailors appreciated that the Association had agreed to change the State Championship dates. There was an indication given that heats 1 and 2, in future could be aligned with the last weekend of the 16ft skiff State Championships.
 - Association should consider a promotional day with F11 Association and also preparing a promo video that could be shown at F11 presentations.
 - Prizemoney is a good incentive.

2. The results for Race 3 of the State Championship held on Saturday 16th March 2013 were tabled and adopted. There were 12 starters and 12 finished (race started at 12.25pm). There were no protests. The conditions were fine with a 10-15 knot North-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

State Race 3 – Manly – Scratch Summary	
1. HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert
2. LED INNOVATIONS	Felix Grech
3. No. 7	Georgia Clancy
4. BIGFOOT BAGS & COVERS	John Armstrong
5. EXHIBITIONCo	Finn Buick

State Race 3 – Manly - Handicap Summary	
1. EXHIBITIONCo	Finn Buick
2. HOLMES MARINE	Samantha Nugent
3. LED INNOVATIONS	Felix Grech
4. HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert
5. BRIDGESTONE-B-SELECT	Chris Stenta

3. The results for Race 4 of the State Championship held on Saturday 16th March 2013 were tabled and adopted. There were 12 starters and 12 finished (race started at 3.30pm). There were no protests. The conditions were fine with a 12-16 knot North-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

State Race 4 – Manly – Scratch Summary	
1. LED INNOVATIONS	Felix Grech
2. HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert
3. No. 7	Georgia Clancy
4. BIGFOOT BAGS & COVERS	John Armstrong
5. NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI	Natasha Ivshenko

State Race 4 – Manly - Handicap Summary	
1. BOB JANE	Alex Leslie
2. LED INNOVATIONS	Felix Grech
3. BRIDGESTONE-B-SELECT	Chris Stenta
4. HOLMES MARINE	Samantha Nugent
5. HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert

4. The overall results for the State Championships were as follows:-

1	HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert	Man	3 pts
2	LED INNOVATION	Felix Grech	Man	5
3	NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI	Natasha Ivshenko	Man	17
4	EXHIBITIONCO	Finn Buick	Man	18
5	HOLMES MARINE	Samantha Nugent	Man	18

Overall final results for the State Championships (Handicap):

1	HOLMES MARINE	Samantha Nugent	Man	7 pts
2	LED INNOVATIONS	Felix Grech	Man	9
3	EXHIBITIONCO	Finn Buick	Man	11
4	HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert	Man	12
5	BRIDGESTONE-B-SELECT	Chris Stenta	Man	18

5. Mark is looking into the supply of masts and bow poles for Manly club. Their plan to have hulls built in China is also progressing but not yet completed.
6. Mark advised that, at this stage, there are no new 13's being launched for next season.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. State Titles – It has been suggested that one weekend of the next State Titles be held at Gosford. The Middle Harbour club has indicated they are prepared to forgo their turn at hosting the State Titles to enable the Gosford regatta to proceed. John Andrew indicated he will liaise with Paul Turner of Gosford club to progress the matter, including which of the weekends would suit them best. It was suggested that they be allocated either the first or the second weekends (with the other being Illawarra), whilst Belmont should preferably have the final weekend.
2. It was decided that the previous proposal to have some meetings held remotely via Skype should take place. Moved Mark Graham and seconded Roger Steel that: The NSW 16ft Skiff Association will hold a trial meeting using 'Skype' on April 24th 2013. The Secretary should set up a 'Premium Skype Account' in the name of the Association which could be at a cost of around \$10 per month. The meeting will be deemed to take place from the location of the computer using the 'Premium Skype Account' with participants located at remote locations. CARRIED.

Meeting closed 9.27 pm

NEXT MEETING - Manly via 'Skype' on Wednesday 24th April 2013 commencing at 7.30pm.