

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12/3/14
AT DRUMMOYNE SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.55pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Paul Linnett, Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Marilyn Sorensen, John Andrew and Riv Robson.

APOLOGIES: Ed Darmanin, Roger Steel and Chris Andrew.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 12th February 2014.

1. Association Point Score System - a review has still to be completed to see how it can be improved to allow for the differences in the strength of the fleet at each club.
2. 13ft skiff masts - Mark Graham to confirm whether they have arrived yet.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Middle Harbour - cheque for \$1,780 in payment of invoice No. 163.
2. Illawarra - cheque for \$1,550 in payment of invoice No. 161.
3. Manly - remittance advice that \$5,095 has been paid by direct credit to Association's account in payment of invoice No. 162.
4. Drummoyne - cheque for \$1,220 in payment of invoice No. 160.
5. Australian Association - notification that motion to change various rules in the Australian 16ft Skiff Association Constitution has been carried unanimously.
6. Hartas Productions - two emails from Oliver Hartas concerning promotional video that was produced following the recent Australian 16ft Skiff Championships. Refer Secretary's Report.
7. Manly - proposal that State Championships be held over 2 weekends with 6 races.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Hartas Productions - expressing Association's disappointment at several aspects of a promotional video produced at the request of the Association.

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

TREASURER

1. Balance of working account is \$22,778.38.

2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Michael McMahon - Secretary's out of pocket expenses – ink cartridges, yachting rule books, travel expenses for attending the various season regattas (full details tabled to the meeting) – **\$905.36**.
3. Port Hunter - still owe for invoice issued in January.
4. Splash Internet - latest statements show \$333 still owing. A reconciliation to be carried out in conjunction with Splash. There is a possibility that the major part of this amount \$300 could be owing from several years ago. A cheque drawn in favour of Splash was cancelled about two years ago after it remained unrepresented.
5. Hartas Productions - it was acknowledged that several members of the Association Executive had approached Oliver Hartas to undertake a promotional video. Hartas was engaged by the Drummoyne Club to film each race, with footage to be shown after the race. The Association discussions occurred after the first heat of the Championships and were done in the context of the fresh breeze and the type of action shots that had been taken. There was some hesitation because the type of action shots in the relatively quiet waters of Drummoyne might not provide the sort of action shots that would make a good promotional video. It was felt, however, that the type of shots from Heat 1 would make a good base to a promotional video.

Hartas provided several reasons why results of the video were not as good as he had expected, however, the committee felt that whilst they may have been valid to some degree, he was not proactive in trying to overcome some of them.

It was ultimately agreed that the price quoted was relatively cheap, but in hindsight, we should not have gone ahead. Nonetheless, because the engagement had occurred, it was felt that we should honour the arrangement, despite our disappointment at the result.

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

SECRETARY

1. The results for the Botany Bay Championship held on Saturday 22nd February 2014 at St George were tabled and adopted. There were 22 starters and 21 finishers. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with a 10-15 knot South-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Botany Bay Championship – St George – Scratch Summary	
1. BRYDENS LAWYERS	Lee Knapton
2. FIRE STOPPING	Declan Reilly
3. HUBBLE CLEANING SOLUTIONS	James Ward
4. ALTIS CONSULTING	Phillip Cooke
5. FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen

Botany Bay Championship – St George - Handicap Summary	
1. SPORTY LITTLE MUNCHKINS	Tim Lees
2. CHAPMAN HIGH PERFORMANCE SAILING	Evan Darmanin
3. LAKEVIEW CONSTRUCTIONS	Ross Massey
4. ANCIENT MARINERS	Robert Fornassari
5. GIRO CONSTRUCTIONS	Richard Williams

2. NSW Association Point Scores - The following are the results for the 2013/14 Association Point Scores:-

Association Championship Point Score

Manly	10,401 points
Belmont	5,214 “
Middle Harbour	1,788 “
Illawarra	839 “
Drummoyne	500 “
St George	322 “
Port Hunter	60 “

Charles Wood Handicap Point Score

Manly	5,031 points
Belmont	4,004 “
Drummoyne	2,307 “
Illawarra	2,285 “
Middle Harbour	944 “
Port Hunter	649 “
St George	244 “

Regatta Fastest Time Point Score

1	Brydens Lawyers	10 pts
2	Empty Jets.com.au	26
3	Fluid Building Services	28
4	Sutech Building Consultants	45
5	Hubble Cleaning Solutions	57
6	Fire Stopping	62
7	ATB Morton	67
8	Straight Azz Tiling	71
9	AB Window Fashions	80
10	Newcastle Herald	81
11	Box Rule	89
12	Southern Beaches Rugby	94
13	Shed	95
14	Thurlow Fisher Lawyers	102
15	KOFM 102. 9	103

Regatta Handicap Point Score

1	Thurlow Fisher Lawyers	50 pts
2	Giro Constructions	53

3	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	55
4	Empty Jets.com.au	70
5	Brydens Lawyers	70
6	Sutech Building Consultants	78
7	KOFM 102.9	83
8	Shead	87
9	Lakeview Constructions	90
10	Fire Stopping	93
11	Southern Beaches Rugby	94
12	Fluid Building Services	94
13	TJS Services	96
14	Chapman High Performance Sailing	100
15	AB Window Fashions	103

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 adjustment for the two worst races for each skiff.

3. NSW 16ft Skiff State Championships - There was discussion on the email from the Manly Club concerning the State Championships. After some discussion, it was agreed that a reduction to two weekends would be more preferable as three weekends not only cut into some club’s racing programmes, but was also harder for many crews who have families and find the commitment of three weekends can be difficult. There was further discussion on the number of races, and it was agreed that it would still be preferable to stick with one race each day (four races in all). It was agreed that the Association Executive draft a notice of motion to be submitted to clubs for voting.

COMMODORE

Nil report.

REGISTRAR

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. 2014/15 Australian Championships - There was discussion on some feedback that the proposed dates and period of the Championship will not suit some crews who have other commitments over that period – for example racing in Sydney-Hobart race, Manly Junior and other class Championships. The Australian Association has also apparently sent a letter to the Belmont Club expressing some concerns about the dates.
2. Funding of new hulls from China - Lloyd mentioned that the Australian Association was in discussion with a person in Melbourne who is currently involved with the manufacture and importation of cheaper 14ft skiff hulls from a factory in China.

Australian Association representatives have inspected the hulls and were impressed. The Australian Association is still investigating, but one of the requirements would be that they would need to place an order for 10 hulls. It is understood that the hulls could be around \$20,000 each.

Lloyd asked whether the NSW Association might be interested in contributing some funds towards the initiative. After some discussion, it was agreed that, in principal, the NSW Association would be prepared to consider contributing some funds (possibly \$40-50,000) towards the purchase of these hulls. Further consideration will be given to this proposal on receipt of the results of the final enquiries by the Australian Association.

13FT SKIFFS

1. Future of 13ft Skiff Class - there was discussion on the Class and its possible future direction. It was acknowledged that the Class had not grown in numbers as had been hoped. Nonetheless, it was acknowledged that it was a transient Class, being an intermediate type class, and that both Manly and Middle Harbour Clubs had a number of sailors now sailing 16footers within their clubs that had come through the Class.

Whilst the Manly Club was the only club now sailing the boats, it was still hoped that they might be accepted at Belmont and make a comeback in Queensland. It was acknowledged, however, that clubs should adopt whatever intermediate class would best suit their own needs. In the interim, it was agreed that the Association would continue to support the 13ft Class as a viable option for clubs.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Cherubs at Belmont – Lloyd mentioned that the original move to dispense with the Cherubs at Belmont was likely to be reversed. Yet to be ratified by the Board, this decision would be part of a review being conducted by the Board. There were currently 20 Cherubs registered. As part of the review of continuing with the Cherub Class, an age restriction of 25 for both crew members was being considered.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm.

NEXT MEETING - SKYPE on Wednesday 9th April 2014 commencing at 7.30pm.