

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14/4/10
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.50pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, John Andrew, Ed Darmanin, Ian Heritage, Alexandra Deakin, Paul Linnett and Belinda Sherry.

APOLOGIES: Marilyn Sorensen, Paul Donovan and Mark Graham.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 24th February 2010.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued. Clint Bowen is still preparing a draft document.
2. Constitution for 13's - Further discussions still to take place.
3. NSW Association Auditor - Nominations still being sought for this position. A note in the last few circular has not attracted any response. Some delegates are still pursuing possible options at their various clubs. In the mean time Mark Graham was to approach Matt Prentice who has previously done the audits through his office, however, Mark is overseas at the moment and not in a position to confirm.
4. NSW Association Assistant Secretary - Nominations still being sought for this position. A note included in the last few circular has not attracted any response. Some delegates are to pursue possible options at their various clubs.
5. 13ft skiff sail measuring - still awaiting procurement of a new set of templates for NSW. A thank you letter to Robert Atkins and Dimension Polyant for donating the first set has been sent.
6. Australian Steering Committee - the committee is due to meet again at the Manly Club next Saturday morning.
7. 2011/12 Australian Championship - a formal submission for voting has yet to be sent to clubs from the Australian Association. The Secretary is also to seek clarification on the finishing date for next season's Championships (8th or 9th January 2011).

It was moved Ed Darmanin and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Russell Corporate Advisory - advice that the St George Sailing Club Ltd has been placed under voluntary external Administration and that they have been appointed as the administrators.
2. Illawarra - Notice of Motion to alter State Championship format.

3. Drummoyne - enclosing cheque for \$450 in payment of invoice No. 109.
4. Georges River - enclosing cheque for \$1,900 in payment of invoice No. 103.
5. Manly - email advising direct credit of \$110 in payment of invoice No. 111

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.
2. Robert Atkins - thank you for making 13ft skiff sail measuring template.
3. Dimension-Polyant - appreciation for the supply of material to make the 13ft skiff sail measuring template.

Moved Alex Deakin and seconded John Andrew that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$21,324.27cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Whitie's Print Shop – supply of box of envelopes, printed with “return address” – invoice No. 8600 (**\$143**).
3. Port Hunter - still owes \$940 for invoice issued in November 2009. If not paid by the next meeting the Club will be deemed as no longer being affiliated with the NSW Association. The Secretary is to send a reminder.

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Ian Heritage that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and account for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. St George Sailing Club - The Secretary reported on the situation with St George. At the request of the Directors an external Administrator has been appointed. One creditors' meeting has been held already and a further one is now scheduled for 21 April. There are basically three options for the creditors – 1. approve the execution of a Deed of Arrangement; 2. end the administration or 3. wind up the Club. The Deed or Arrangement options include amalgamation with Fairfield RSL Club Ltd or an investment by a third party, Doltone House (a catering organisation). Any option will then ultimately have to be approved by club members. The Association is owed \$910, which includes skiff registration fees, regatta entry fees and the Club's annual affiliation fee. Unless the fee is paid by the next meeting, under the Association's Constitution, the Club will lose its affiliation status with the Association.

COMMODORE:

Nil.

REGISTRAR:

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Nil.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. 13ft skiff mould - a request has been received from the Queensland 16ft Skiff Association as to whether the mould currently in use in NSW could possibly be donated to that Association. They have a number of boats that could be built and John Anderson, an ex-skiff sailor from Brisbane, has offered to build them at near cost. There was considerable discussion on this topic. The mould has been used to build about 28 hulls since 2002 and this is estimated to be at least half its usable life as far as hull numbers goes. The original mould cost \$7,000 and currently would have a written down value of approximately \$1,100. The NSW Association is keen to keep the momentum going that has occurred in Queensland. It was agreed that we obtain a written quote to build a new mould. Estimates are between \$12-15,000. The Secretary to approach Mark Thorpe and the Executive to consider, if necessary, before the next meeting. There was support for the move at the meeting, including the possibility of charging a new hull fee for any future hulls produced out of the existing mould and any new mould to help the Association to recoup some of its expenditure. This was done when a 16ft skiff mould was built back in 1996 (\$150 per hull was charged).
2. 13's at Belmont - Lloyd Mulholland advised that a vote earlier this week by the Belmont Sailing Executive had narrowly defeated a move to introduce 13's at Belmont. He advised, however, that the proposal would now go before the full Board of the Club, so there was still some hope for its acceptance. The Association is keen to see the Class introduced at Belmont to help give the numbers a boost in NSW. The Association is of the view that its successful introduction at Belmont would help further reinforce and boost the already good number of 16's at that Club.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Association Forms - Alex Deakin asked that once the Association Registration Forms etc... had been developed for next season that a soft copy be made available to all affiliated clubs to assist them with the skiff registration process.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

NEXT MEETING - Georges River Club on Wednesday 26th May 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.