

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13/4/11  
AT MANLY 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.46pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, John Oliver, Riv Robson, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Roger Steel, Paul Linnett and Ed Darmanin.

APOLOGIES: Alex Oliver

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

*Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011.*

1. “Recruiting the next generation” project: - We are still awaiting results from the survey. Michael agreed to ask for a timeframe. Mark commented on the need for this feedback so we can determine ‘where to from here’.
2. St George outstanding payment - the Administrator has now paid the outstanding payment of \$910 from the 09/10 season.
3. Changes at St George Club - There is still no news from the Manly Club in relation to the future status of St George as a legal entity. This is still needed to determine whether the club will be able to have voting rights.
4. Australian Association – Michael is to speak with the treasurer, Belinda, about sending an invoice to the Australian Association asking them to reimburse NSW Association official’s travel expenses from the recent National Titles.
5. Sail Measuring: - Paul raised a potential issue with the sail measuring document, recently published on the Association website, in particular, that Rule 10 was missing from the Class Rules. Michael said he will investigate this matter.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Illawarra Yacht Club – Association received payment for \$1,690 (received on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011).
2. Australian Association - Correspondence was received from Clint Bowen of the Australian Association. They are seeking feedback from both past and present sailors on a ‘Class Logo’ and a catch phrase or motto. It was suggested such things as the class history and rivalries may be sources for inspiration. The currently used logo with 3 overlapping sails, was incorporated by Lyn Savage several years ago when she was designing the skiff website. Suggestions should be submitted to Clint in \*.jpg or \*.pdf format by 30th May this year. Michael will circulate this request to the clubs.
3. Carbon Mast Procedure – A procedure has been received for the procurement and measurement of Carbon Masts. Currently there is only one certified supplier, C-Tech. Michael has published this document on the Association website.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded John Oliver that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Bank balance (working account) - \$17,930.91cr. Prizemoney for the State Titles, to the sum of \$6,000 is still to come from this account. Cheques have been written.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
  - i) Belinda Sherry – out of pocket expenses for 5 months internet expenses - **(\$159.80)**.
3. 2010/11 audit - Michael reported that he had spoken with Brian Treleaven and he is happy to complete an audit of the Association's financial records again this season.

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

SECRETARY

1. Jackets for Championship and Point Score winners - Michael sought approval to go ahead and order jackets for the State Champions and Association Point Score winners. Michael will seek feedback as to whether winners might prefer wetsuits or offshore jackets. Zhik were seen as a suitable supplier given their role as event sponsors. Logo embroidery will also need to be arranged. This will be left until May to organise.
2. Commodore's Meeting - The NSW Club Commodore's meeting will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at Manly, commencing at noon. Secretary to send reminder to Commodores.

COMMODORE

Nil.

REGISTRAR

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Lloyd has spoken with Rob Wasson of the Australian Association and has been notified that entry fees for the Australian Titles will rise, effective from next season (2011/12). The amount has yet to be quantified.
2. Rob Wasson was contacted about the upcoming event at Hervey Bay, seeking feedback as to what NSW will need to supply in terms of race officials. It was noted that the Australian Association will need to cover the expenses of those required to attend.
3. The Australian Executive conducted a meeting via Skype last Monday.

### 13FT SKIFF REPORT

1. Middle Harbour - Ed Darmanin reported that Middle Harbour will be running a mixed fleet including 29ers on Sundays next season and the usual 13ft skiffs on Saturdays.
2. Manly - Ed also reported that Manly are trying to separate the administration of the 13's and 16's to give some autonomy to the 13ft skiffs, primarily to encourage involvement of volunteers to take over some management issues of the Class. They wish to have representatives of the 13ft skiff community on their own committee rather than relying totally upon direction from the 16s committee.

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Flying Ants - Paul Linnett reported that he had been approached by Peter Little of the 'Flying Ants' Association wanting to hold events at the same time (weekends) and location as each of the 16ft Skiff State Title events next season. This would involve about 20 Flying Ants.

A number of concerns were raised, such as whether the Flying Ants would start after the 16s or whether they would need to race before hand and be off the water when the 13s and 16s are racing. That would then create an issue if the weather were either very light or heavy such that race starts would need to be delayed. There would also be logistical issues around parking and rigging area space at some locations.

Ed felt the Flying Ant Association would need to liaise with host clubs to take an active role in the running of the events, as our Association does not have the resources to do this task.

Mark Graham felt we could give the Flying Ants an in principle 'yes' to their request but we would still need to consider the logistical issues raised.

Roger pointed out that some clubs had not responded well to 13ft skiffs sailing at 16ft skiff regattas. He suggested that feedback from clubs should be sought before making a final decision. This was agreed to.

There was also discussion about promoting the progression at Illawarra from Flying Ants to 13ft Skiffs to 16ft Skiffs and that this was partly behind the suggestion concerning the State Championships.

2. New Boatshed at Belmont - Lloyd informed the meeting that construction of the new boat shed at Belmont would begin on the Wednesday after Easter. It is expected to be completed in September of this year.

Meeting closed 8.42 pm

**NEXT MEETING - Georges River on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.**