

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 24/04/13
HELD VIA SKYPE

Meeting opened at 7:45 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Ed Darmanin (was overseas and tried to connect, but host was unable to connect with him) and Riv Robson (unable to get Skype connection working in time). Roger Steel also apologised due to another commitment.

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

SKYPE MEETING: As resolved at the last Association meeting on 27/3/13, this meeting was to be held using Skype, with the Secretary, Michael McMahon, using the Association laptop as the primary host, at his home address. The Chairman, Mark Graham, was present at Michael's house. There was some difficulty in initially establishing a connection with all parties, but a satisfactory connection was established at 7.45pm.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 27th March 2013.

1. Chas Wood Trophy - still missing. Middle Harbour's offer to donate an old trophy as a substitute was accepted. Chris Andrew indicated that she would approach her father, Bill Riley (Snr), to see whether he would be in a position to put a suitable base on the trophy. Marilyn will have further discussion with Chris to make appropriate arrangements.
2. Out of pocket travel expenses - Mark Graham proposed a schedule of rates. He said that they were based on the Australian Taxation Office rates. He proposed a maximum of up to 74 cents per kilometre for fuel. With regard to accommodation, the ATO rates were \$180 per night in Sydney metropolitan and ranged from \$106 to \$127 for NSW country. The following motion was moved by Lloyd Mulholland and seconded by Mark Graham:

"The rates for out of pocket expenses for NSW Association officials travelling on officially sanctioned Association business be up to a maximum of 74 cents per litre for fuel, \$180 per night for accommodation in the Sydney metropolitan area and \$120 per night for accommodation in country areas of NSW, including Newcastle and Wollongong." CARRIED unanimously.

3. State Championships at Gosford - John Andrew has spoken with Paul Turner from the Gosford Club and they would be prepared to host Middle Harbour's turn next season (2013/14). Their preference would be the weekend of 9th/10th November. The Secretary to send a letter to the Gosford Club to formalise the proposal. In the mean time, Paul Linnett is to check with IYC to see whether they are happy to host the first weekend, 26th/27th October.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Port Hunter – cheque for \$630 in payment of invoice No 151.
2. Steve Ferguson - email advising that his father Roy, a past President and Life Member of the Association, had passed away this morning. Funeral details to be advised.

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 \$21,506.57cr.
2. It was noted that Roger Steel had still not presented a cheque.

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

SECRETARY:

Nil.

COMMODORE

1. Lloyd thanked the Association for the arrangement of flowers that were sent to her during her recent illness and lengthy stay in hospital. Fortunately, she is now well on the road to recovery. Mark Graham wished Chris a continued speedy recovery.
2. Lloyd advised that he had accepted an invitation from the Manly Club to attend their Annual Presentation Night. He requested out of pocket expenses to attend. It was agreed that these be paid based on the newly adopted maximum rates.
3. He thanked IYC for the invitation to their Presentation Night, however, it conflicted with Manly's this year.
4. Lloyd also thanked Port Hunter for the invitation to their night, but he was unable to attend on the day to the extremely inclement rainy weather.
5. CHS Championship - Lloyd advised that the crew of "Aristocrat" had won the overall NSW Combined High Schools Championship held at Belmont at during the first week of the school holidays last week.

REGISTRAR

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Lloyd had no news to report, but had advised that NSW was trialling a Skype meeting tonight and invited other members of the Australian Association to take part, if they wished. None of the other officials had taken up the offer.

13FT SKIFF REPORT

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. At this point the Skype connection from Michael's laptop dropped out and reconnection could not be reestablished. A mobile phone connection was established with the other parties. It was agreed that there was no other business, and the meeting was terminated. Further investigation was to be made in regard to some of the technical issues with tonight's meeting. These included:
 - background noise at any of the participant's locations can cause others who are speaking to cut in and out (possible solution – participants may have to use their mute key, unless they are speaking).
 - host laptop (Michael's) was also dropping in and out (this may be due to the fact that he was using a wireless connection, hopefully a cable connection will rectify this problem).
 - participants will need to assent or dissent on particular discussions to indicate that they have heard the discussion (this may need the Chairman to be a bit more proactive and perhaps “doing the rounds” of participants after particular discussions).

Meeting closed 8.27 pm

NEXT MEETING - at Georges River Sailing Club on Wednesday **29th May 2013** commencing at 7.30pm.