

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 30/5/07
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.50pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Paul Linnett, Ian Heritage, Grant Smith, Cheryl Easton, John Andrew, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland and Jack Andrew.

APOLOGIES: Belinda Sherry, Brad Andrew and Mark Graham.

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Manly, Drummoyne, Georges River, St George, Belmont and Illawarra.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 18th April 2007.

1. 2008/09 Australian Championships - IYC has been confirmed as the host club.
2. 16ft skiff jig - There is space at GRSC. Michael McMahon to arrange with Steve Ward or Ian Heritage.
3. State Championship format - following Commodores' Meeting and other feedback, the Executive have agreed to revert to the 4 heat format, similar to this season (to be discussed further in Secretary's Report).
4. Carbon Spar Committee - report has yet to be signed off and submitted to the Association.

It was moved Grant Smith and seconded John Andrew that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Belmont - Notice of Motion to amend rules 4.1 to 4.5 in "Conduct of 16ft Skiff Sailing in NSW" (proposes to specify State Championship format within the rules; currently it is at the option of the Association).
2. Georges River - cheque for \$2,130 in payment of invoice No. 25.
3. Yachting NSW - "On Board" newsletter for May 2007.
4. NetRegistry - confirmation of domain name for 13ft skiffs – www.13ftskiff.org.au
5. Robert Masterman P/L - proposal form to renew Public Liability Policy.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.
2. Robert Masterman P/L - Public Liability insurance proposal.

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Jack Andrew that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Balance of current account is \$19,469.52cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Belinda Sherry - out of pocket expenses for 3 months internet expenses (\$121.85) and printer cartridge (\$32.99) - \$154.84.
 - ii) Secretary's honorarium - covering March, April, May - \$750.
 - iii) Secretary's Expenses - out of pocket expenses as per statement submitted - \$201.69.
 - iv) Riv Robson - out of pocket expenses to attended various presentation nights - \$100.
 - v) Lloyd Mulholland - out of pocket expenses to attend various presentation nights and regattas during the season - \$400.
3. Port Hunter - invoice for \$280 is still outstanding.

Moved Paul Linnett and seconded Ian Heritage that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. State Championships/Regattas for 2007/08 - following the Commodore's Meeting and feedback on the website forum, there was further considerable discussion on the programme tabled at the last meeting. It was pointed out that in the results of the Survey, there was a clear majority who favoured four heats for the State Championships. Commodore's from all clubs who attended the Commodore's meeting (seven out of eight clubs), unanimously agreed that they favoured the 4 heat format and that each club that chooses to host an interclub event that is not a State Championship heat would have to accept the responsibility to make that event a success.

In discussion the above, some delegates still felt that the eight heat format was a better way to go, however, others acknowledged the feedback from the Commodores. It was agreed that, if the four heat format is accepted, clubs that still wished to host a regatta would have to become more creative to attract entries for their respective regattas.

The following programme was agreed to:-

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Saturday 20/10/07	Port Hunter Regatta	Port Hunter
Saturday 10/11/2007	Heat 1 State Championship	Illawarra
Sunday 11/11/2007	Heat 2 State Championship	Illawarra
Saturday 24/11/2007	Heat 3 State Championship	Manly
Sunday 25/11/2007	Heat 4 State Championship	Manly

* Sunday 9/12/07	Short Course Sprint Classic	Manly
Saturday 2/2/2008		Georges River
Sunday 3/2/2008		Georges River
Sunday 17/2/2008	Botany Bay Championship	St George

* Special Event (not counted for the purpose of any Association Point Scores)

COMMODORE:

1. Presentation Nights - Lloyd advised that he had attended four club presentation nights – Belmont, Manly, St George and Illawarra. He, unfortunately, was unable to accept an invitation from Georges River.
2. AGM – Port Hunter - Lloyd questioned whether it was still advisable to hold this year's AGM at Port Hunter. The club has had little representation at any meetings in the last 18 months and there is an impression that they are no longer really interested in Association matters. Lloyd questioned whether some delegates will make the effort to travel to Port Hunter. Michael McMahon to contact the Club President to see whether there is still interest in holding the AGM.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Nil report.

13ft SKIFFS:

Michael McMahon reported on the 13's in Mark's absence.

1. 13ft fleet numbers - The Manly Club expects at least one new boat next season, with 2-3 new boats at MH; in addition, two boats are expected to go to Brisbane where the Queensland 16ft Skiff Association is keen to start a fleet; further enquiries have been received from Victoria, however, nothing concrete has transpired to date.
2. Hull construction - Mark Graham is currently investigating where hulls should be built – in Australia or overseas; all aspects are being considered, including price, quality of construction and ease of subsequent repairs.
3. 2007/08 Australian Championship - Next season, the 13s will definitely be holding their Australian Championships in Brisbane in conjunction with the 16s.
4. Boat Show stand - The Association has been offered a stand at the Boat Show in July in conjunction with Yachting NSW and a 13ft skiff will be displayed.
5. Website - The 13ft Class website is now up and running – www.13ftskiff.org.au

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Annual Commodores' meeting - was held on Saturday 12th May 2007 at the Manly club and was attended by seven of the eight clubs (ie. all except Port Hunter). It was considered by all who attended as being a useful forum. Next year's meeting has been scheduled for Saturday 17th May 2008 at the Manly Club.

Meeting closed 9.50pm

NEXT MEETING will be at the **Middle Harbour Club** on **Wednesday 18th July 2007** at 7.30pm.