

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 28/5/08
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 8.00pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, John Andrew, Mark Graham, Alex Deakin, Brad Andrew, Paul Linnett, Paul Donovan, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland and Ian Heritage.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Warren Smith, vice-Commodore of the Georges River Club, asked permission to address the meeting and this was agreed to. Warren said that there had been a number of rumours circulating about the Club and, in particular, about its financial position. He provided the following information:-

- There has been no administrator appointed;
- The Club has a cashflow problem and has had to “tighten its belt”;
- The Club is debt free – there are no loans outstanding;
- A new Manager has been appointed and has been given a wide mandate by the Board to effectively put the Club on a better financial footing;
- There has been a hold put on 2007/08 prizemoney, but it should be able to be paid in the next few months;
- It is unlikely that the Club will be in a position to allocate any funds to the State Championship heats in November, however, it can still provide on water support; Warren indicated that, if the Association saw fit, the Club would understand if the heats were allocated to another club (see General Business for decision on this issue).

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 16th April 2008.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued.
2. Promotions - The Secretary has emailed Splash Publications, but is still waiting for a proposal.
3. Term Deposit - renewed for 6 months (total \$58,861.27).
4. Port Hunter - paid outstanding account.
5. Payment to Brad Andrew - Brad indicated that he was not seeking payment for any work that was agreed to at the last meeting.
6. Camping at IYC for Australian Championships - cost should have read \$15 per head per night.

7. Constitution amendments for 13's - still to be completed by Michael McMahon and Mark Graham.
8. 13's proposed layout changes - refer 13ft skiff Report in these minutes.

It was moved John Andrew and seconded Paul Linnett that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Commonwealth Bank - advice confirming Term Deposit renewal (now due 21/10/08).
2. Port Hunter - cheque for \$920 in payment of outstanding account.
3. Georges River - cheque for \$130 in payment of invoice 77.
4. St George - cheque for \$250 in payment of invoice.
5. Robert Masterman P/L - public liability renewal reminder (expires 31/5/08).
6. Robert Masterman P/L - public liability renewal for 2008/09 and invoice for premium.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.
2. Robert Masterman P/L - completed public liability renewal form for 2008/09.

Moved Brad Andrew and seconded Mark Graham that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Balance of current account is \$7,681.61cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Frank Bonnitcha - out of pocket expenses for costs associated with continuing to collate the NSW Association's history (no previous payments have been made to him) - \$100.
 - ii) Secretary's Honorarium - covering March, April, May - \$750.
 - iii) Michael McMahon - out of pocket expenses - \$398.54.
 - iv) Lloyd Mulholland - out of pocket expenses (primarily associated with attendance at various club Presentation Nights) - \$700.

Moved Brad Andrew and seconded Mark Graham that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

Nil report.

COMMODORE:

1. Lloyd reported that he had attended Presentation Nights at Port Hunter, Manly, Belmont, Illawarra and St George.

2. Commodore's Meeting was held at Manly on 17th May. It was the sixth year that one of these has been held and all club Commodores who attended said that they continue to find it a useful forum to share ideas and keep abreast of what is happening at other clubs.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. 2008/09 Australian Championship - at this stage, the most likely race format will be Sunday 4th - heat 1, Monday 5th - heats 2 and 3, Tuesday 6th - reserve day, Wednesday 7th - heat 4, Thursday 8th - heat 5, Friday 9th - heat 6 and Saturday 10th - heat 7.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. CHS Trophy - Mark reported that a request had been received from the organising committee for the CHS Regatta at Belmont for a perpetual trophy for the 13ft skiffs. Manly does have a spare trophy that was originally allocated for the 13ft Australian Championship. It was agreed that this one should be used. Mark was asked to convey the Association's thanks to the Manly Club.
3. Spinnaker shute / layout changes - Mark indicated that, following further discussion, he had gone back to Ben Dibley and asked whether the profile for his design of a new entry structure for spinnaker shutes could be reduced without sacrificing its efficiency. Mark had offered for the Association to pay the cost of the final mould. Ben has yet to respond. On the other issues raised by Marilyn Sorensen at the last meeting, the new bow pole cap was accepted, however, John Andrew asked whether it could be done cheaper using Deldrin rather than stainless steel. It was agreed to allow more purchase for the headsail sheeting and also to allow slightly bigger blocks and a repositioning of several other blocks.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Club Sail Measurers - As this meeting will precede the Association AGM which is to be held at the Manly Club on the same day at 2pm, it was agreed that the measuring forum should start at 10.30am, then attendees could return to the Manly Club for lunch at 12.30pm, then, hopefully attend the AGM.
2. State Championship heats 3 and 4 at Georges River - following Warren Smith's comments earlier in the meeting, discussion took place on whether the Association should consider moving these heats. It was ultimately agreed that the Club should benefit from holding the series at this critical time in its history, so the Association should provide its support by leaving the heats at GR. It was agreed that, whilst it would not be appropriate for the Association to provide prizemoney for the heats, goods overall prizemoney for the series could be considered.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

NEXT MEETING will be at the **Manly Club** on **Wednesday 9th July 2008** at 7.30pm.