

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27/5/09
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.50pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, John Andrew, Chris Mulholland, Ian Heritage, Brad Andrew, Kieran Humphries, Paul Donovan, Marilyn Sorensen, Ed Darmanin and Mark Graham.

APOLOGIES: Belinda Sherry, Paul Linnett and Chris Andrew.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 25th March 2009.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued.
2. "Batwing" mainsails - a motion lodged with the Australian Association by the Belmont Club to effectively allow these mainsails was lost (2 clubs in favour, 5 clubs against).
3. Promotions - Proposal still to be sought from Splash Publications.
4. Constitution for 13's - Mark Graham advised that a draft had been completed and a meeting held with key stakeholders to discuss. They were still undecided whether to recommend one National constitution or a separate one for each State and a National one. Further discussions will take place.
5. 13ft hull mould repairs - repairs have been carried out as proposed at the last meeting by Ben Dibley. Mark Graham has inspected the work and indicated that he was satisfied. The final cost \$1,620.
6. New skiff registrations - the Registrar has forwarded an updated list of skiff registrations to the Secretary. There were 4 new hulls for the season and invoices have been sent out for the new hull fee (\$150 per hull).

It was moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Ian Heritage that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Australian 16ft Skiff Assoc. - results of voting on proposed motions to amend Class Rules 10.5, 10.6 and 11.2 (all were lost 2 for, 5 against).
2. Manly - Notice of motion concerning a proposal to have 6 heats for the State Championships.
3. Manly - request to hold their Regatta on Sunday 6th December 2009 (13's and 16's).

4. Middle Harbour - advice that their Club will be closed for extensive renovations from 31 May 2009 till the end of October 2009. As a result any Association meetings scheduled to be held there will be transferred to Manly.
5. Illawarra - request to hold their 2009/10 Regatta on 3rd and 4th October.
6. Belmont - advice of direct credit for \$70 in payment of invoice 93 and \$100 in payment of invoice 91.
7. Middle Harbour - cheque for \$70 in payment of invoice 94.
8. Manly - advice of direct credit for \$150 in payment of invoice 99.
9. Georges River - 3 cheques totalling \$1,230 in part payment of invoice 84 (for \$1,590).
10. Masterman Insurance Brokers - advice concerning due date for renewal of Public Liability Policy (1/6/09).

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.

Moved Kieran Humphries and seconded Brad Andrew that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$11,068.62cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Lloyd Mulholland - out of pocket expenses for attendance at the following Presentation nights – Manly, PH, IYC and StG - **\$500**.
 - ii) Kulmar Boat Building - Invoice 4200901 – repairs to 13ft hull mould - **\$1,620**.
 - iii) Masterman Insurance Brokers – invoice 27871 - renewal premium for 2009/10 public liability policy - **\$1,483.40**.
 - iv) Splash Internet - invoice 478 - hosting 13ft skiff website 1/5/09 – 30/4/10 - **\$220**.
 - v) Secretary's Honorarium – covering March, April and May - **\$750**.
 - vi) Michael McMahon - out of pocket expenses for printer ink cartridges (\$172.01), DSE Inverter (\$49.92), USB (\$19.95), revised RRS reference books (\$91.90) and internet mobile broadband (\$91.22) - **\$425**.
3. Outstanding accounts - at this stage, at the end of our financial year, the Georges River Club still owes \$510 (invoice 80 and part of invoice 84) from invoices raised earlier in the season.

Moved Paul Donovan and seconded Kieran Humphries that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

Nil report.

COMMODORE:

1. A reminder that the Commodore's Meeting will be held at the Manly Club on Saturday 20th June 2009 commencing at noon.
2. Lloyd reported that he had attended club presentation nights at Port Hunter, Manly, Belmont, Illawarra and St George and thanked them all for their hospitality. Each of them was unique in their own way.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Nil report.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. CHS Regatta at Belmont - Mark Graham advised that Samantha Nugent and Josh McKnight had recently won the overall prize for the CHS, as well as a number of other categories in the regatta.
2. Port Jackson series (09/10) - one race of this series will now be scheduled at Georges River next season, following strong interest from the Club.
3. Rules Specification Committee - Marilyn Sorensen will now join this Committee in place of Rod Hozack who has moved on from the Class.
4. Class Restrictions - two issues were again raised at a recent meeting scheduled to consider the new Class Constitution. They involved the age restriction for the Class and also maximum breeze strength.

- Age - there was a lengthy discussion on this issue. The proposal was that it be extended to 23 for males and 26 for females, with a parent allowed to sail with a son or daughter, although they would be ineligible to win a State or Australian Championship. Some delegates did not favour the increase in male age, as they felt it watered down one of the purposes of setting up the Class (ie. a training boat to encourage people to move into 16's). There was also a view that there is no real reason why women could not move into 16's and should have similar strict restrictions. The opposing view was that, these days, young adults tended to leave school in Year 12 and then had three to four years tertiary study and were not working on a full time basis till they were about 22-23, making it difficult to afford a boat.

It was agreed that Mark Graham submit a motion with arguments for and against for further consideration.

- Breeze strength - after discussion, it was agreed that the Race Committee may consider abandoning a race for 13ft skiffs when the breeze strength consistently exceeded 20knots, after having regard to the age of the majority of competitors in the race, the seas conditions, safety of the sailors and the potential for damage to boats, sails and equipment in the prevailing conditions.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **NoM re. State Championships** - voting was held on the Notice of Motion submitted by the Manly Club, details of which were advised in the last Association circular.

Voting was as follows:-

Voter	For	Against	Abstain
Bel		2	
Drum		2	
GR		2	
IYC	2		
Man	2		
MH			1
PH			1
St G		2	
President			1
Commodore			1
Secretary	1		
Total	5	8	4

Motion LOST.

Meeting closed 9.35pm

NEXT MEETING - Manly Club on Wednesday 8th July 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.