

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26/5/10
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.50pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Riv Robson, Alexandra Deakin, Paul Donovan and Belinda Sherry.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 14th April 2010.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued. Clint Bowen is still preparing a draft document.
2. Constitution for 13's - Further discussions still to take place.
3. NSW Association Auditor - Ian Heritage approached a former member and sailor from the St George Club, Brian Treleaven, and he has agreed to take on this position. He now lives at Warners Bay. The meeting agreed to his appointment.
4. NSW Association Assistant Secretary - Nominations still being sought for this position. A note included in the last few circular has not attracted any response. This filling of this position will now be held over to the AGM.
5. 13ft skiff sail measuring - still awaiting procurement of a new set of templates for NSW.
6. Australian Steering Committee - the committee has yet to publish its report. The chairman is trying to get a unanimous consensus of committee members before publishing the report.
7. 2011/12 Australian Championship - a formal submission for voting has yet to be sent to clubs from the Australian Association. Michael McMahon advised that the Queensland President, Scott Ovenden, has confirmed that the dates for the 2010/11 series at RQYS will be Sunday 2nd January 2011 to Sunday 9th January 2011, inclusive.
8. Port Hunter – outstanding debt - The Secretary advised that he had now received a cheque for \$940 from the PH Club.
9. St George – outstanding debt - affiliation fee and skiff registration fees and regatta entries is still outstanding. The Club is still under external administration. Paul Donovan had indicated that he would at least pay the \$140 affiliation fee from funds that he has access to. He would do this in the next few days. It was agreed to not to disaffiliate the Club at this stage.
10. 13ft skiff mould - refer 13ft skiff report.

11. 13's at Belmont - recent proposal to adopt 13's at Belmont has now been rejected by the Board of Directors.

It was moved Mark Graham and seconded Ian Heritage that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Russell Corporate Advisory - further update on the external administration of St George Sailing Club Ltd.
2. Drummoyne - advice of voting on Association NoM's and also confirming names of officials for 2009/10 and Club Championship and Point Score winners.
3. Port Hunter - enclosing cheque for \$940 in payment of invoice No. 107.
4. Robert Masterman Insurance Brokers - email advising public liability policy due for renewal by 31 May 2010.
5. Robert Masterman Insurance Brokers - confirmation of renewal of public liability policy. Premium same as last year \$1,483.40.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.
2. Robert Masterman Insurance Brokers - proposal for renewal of public liability policy.

Moved Paul Linnett and seconded Mark Graham that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$21,650.67cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Michael McMahon - Secretary's honorarium for March, April and May - **(\$750)**.
 - ii) Michael McMahon - Secretary's expenses (7 months mobile internet broadband for Association laptop - \$273; 30% of home internet 12 months - \$326.84; postage \$61.60; ink cartridges \$147.58; renewal of "skiffs.org.au" with NetRegistry \$396; USB extension cable \$14.98) **(\$1,220)**.
 - iii) Belinda Sherry - out of pocket expenses (ink cartridges) **(\$60)**.
 - iv) Lloyd Mulholland - out of pocket expenses (attending Presentation night at IYC, accommodation & petrol \$366.53; mess jacket \$120.50) **(\$366.53)**.
 - v) Robert Masterman Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd - public liability insurance renewal 1/6/10 - 31/5/11 **(\$1,373.40)**.

Moved Paul Linnett and seconded John Andrew that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and account for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. Belmont - have advised that they intend to hold the Australian Sprint Race Championship on Saturday 12th February 2011 and the Belmont Bay Championship on

Sunday 13th February 2011 (NB: this event will not be part of the Association point scores because Belmont will be hosting heats 1 & 2 of the State Championships).

2. Point Score Jackets - the Secretary advised that he would be arranging for the usual jackets for the State Champion and Point Score winners from Musto. This would be 3 per boat, with an additional one allowed for Handicap Point Score winner as "Jetmaster Fireplaces" sailed with several crew (there has been previous precedent for this).

COMMODORE:

Nil.

REGISTRAR:

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. The Australian Secretary has still not canvassed member Clubs for voting on the venue for the 2011/12 Australian 16ft Skiff Championships.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. 13ft skiff mould - quote received from Mark Thorpe for \$15,000 to construct a new mould. Can't do before late August 2010. In view of the delays and cost involved in trying to get a new 13ft skiff mould, it has been proposed that we loan the existing mould to the Queensland 16ft Skiff Association (through Rob Wasson) as they have the ability and demand to get several boats built at cost, plus a small margin. There are currently no requests for new hulls in NSW. John Anderson, ex Qld 16ft skiff sailor to do the building. It was agreed that we go ahead with this proposal, providing the transport is arranged by Queensland and the safety of the mould is guaranteed, particularly in the transportation.
2. 2010/11 Australian Championships - Greg Morrison from the Qld 13ft skiffs has enquired about requirements for the 13ft part of next season's Championships. Mark has advised that similar arrangements to those at Belmont should apply, including course configurations, if possible.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Voting on Notices of Motion:

Notice of Motion 1 - State Championship Races

The Illawarra Club has submitted the following Notice of Motion to amend rule 4.2 of The Conduct of 16ft Skiff Sailing in NSW Rules by deleting the existing rule and inserting the following:-

4.2.1 The State Championship shall consist of 6 races at three different affiliated clubs and be sailed over the following three weekends during each season – last weekend of October, second (2nd) weekend of November and fourth (4th) weekend of November. One race is to be scheduled for each day of each weekend, unless a resail of a previous race is required, when two races may be scheduled on one day.

4.2.2 The races are to be allocated on a roster basis as follows:

2010/11 - Drummoyne, Belmont and Middle Harbour
2011/12 - Illawarra, Georges River and Port Hunter
2012/13 - St George, Manly and Drummoyne

2013/14 - Belmont, Middle Harbour and Illawarra
2014/15 - Georges River, Port Hunter and Manly
2015/16 - St George, Drummoyne and Belmont
2016/17 - Middle Harbour, Illawarra and Georges River
2017/18 - Port Hunter, St George and Manly.

Note: from 2018/19 season, the roster will commence again in the order prescribed above (commencing 2010/11).

- 4.2.3 The allocation of the weekends to rostered clubs each season shall be decided by the Association on a season by season basis.
- 4.2.4 Six (6) races are scheduled of which four (4) shall be completed to constitute a series. In the event that only four (4) races can be completed, a skiff's score shall be the sum of its score for all races. Otherwise, scoring shall be in accordance with RRS rule A2 (Appendix A).

REASONS

1. For the last two seasons, there has only been three races held for the State Championships due to either too much or too little breeze.
2. A six race series should give a more consistent and fairer result for the series.
3. The current regatta series is very poorly attended and this format will give more clubs the opportunity to host a successful carnival.

Voting was as follows:-

Voter	For	Against	Abstain
Bel	2		
Drum		2	
GR			1
IYC	2		
Man	2		
MH	2		
PH			1
St G	2		
President			1
Commodore	1		
Secretary	1		
Total	12	2	3

Motion CARRIED.

Notice of Motion 2 – State Championship scoring

The NSW 16ft Skiff Association Executive has submitted the following Notice of Motion to amend rule 4.3 of The Conduct of Sailing in NSW Rules by deleting the existing rule and inserting the following:

“Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be used to determine the winner and placings in the State Championship, unless otherwise varied by these Rules or the Sailing Instructions. For clarification, the Low Point Score system in rule A4.1 shall be used.”

REASON

The new wording seeks to better clarify the scoring system that is to be used for the State Championships and how it should be applied.

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St G	2		
President			1
Commodore	1		
Secretary	1		
Total	14	0	3

Motion CARRIED.

2. Club races during States - following the passing of this motion, some delegates said that whilst their clubs voted for the motion to increase the number of State Championships, there was some concern that this would mean that there was another weekend some of their “club boats” could not race, as club racing was not permitted during State heats. As a counter argument, some delegates said that this was not a major problem as many “club boats” had families and it gave them an extra weekend to spend with families. It was agreed that the Executive lodge a notice of motion to amend the Conduct of Sailing in NSW rule 9.4 to propose that club racing only be restricted within a Zone where State heats were scheduled.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

NEXT MEETING - **Manly Club** on Wednesday **14th July 2010** commencing at **7.30pm**.