

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25/5/11  
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.54pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Roger Steel, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, John Andrew, Chris Andrew, Andrew McLachlan, Marilyn Sorensen, Paul Linnett, Ian Heritage and Riv Robson

APOLOGIES: Alex Oliver, Paul Donovan and Ed Darmanin.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

*Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011.*

1. “Recruiting the next generation” project - Survey results have now been compiled. A copy was circulated to delegates with a request that they circulate them to their club members. The results will be discussed further at the upcoming Commodore’s meeting and next Association meeting.
  
2. Changes at St George Club - Discussions with the Manly Club indicate they are reluctant to look at establishing the sailing section of St. George as a separate legal entity, preferring instead to remain as one club, albeit two independent fleets. The Association has previously discussed ways in which the St George fleet might still have independent voting rights, which is not possible under the current Constitution. The meeting spoke of the possibility of introducing the one vote per boat option, however, this would involve changes to the Association structure and Constitution. In the interim, Manly will need to manage the way they incorporate the opinions of the two fleets.

Another issue raised was regattas for a club with a second fleet in a different location, as will be the case with Manly and St George. In addition to its own regatta at Manly, the Club wishes to further promote the Botany Bay championship. Michael will work on the wording of a possible constitutional change to deal with this anomaly.

3. Australian Association – An invoice was sent to the Australian Association asking them to reimburse expenses for NSW Association officials who attended the recent National Titles. In response, the National body has asked they pay only part of this cost (\$2,500). Discussions were undertaken around half payment of the invoice. The Australian Association were made aware this would be an issue at the upcoming Hervey Bay regatta.

MOTION: That the NSW 16ft Skiff Association accept payment of 50% of expenses from the Australian 16ft Skiff Association as reimbursement for NSW officials’ travel expenses for National Titles.

MOVED: Lloyd Mulholland SECONDED: Michael McMahon  
CARRIED unanimously (12 votes for – 0 votes against)

4. Sail Measuring - The issue raised by Paul Linnett regarding the sail measuring document, was resolved. The matter simply related to navigating the Association website.
5. Jackets for Championship and Point Score winners - Michael has made further enquiries regarding these jackets. Zhik only produce one colour, black, in the style of jacket that we usually purchase. It was suggested Musto brand jackets be purchased, however, the final decision was to go with the Zhik product.
6. Commodore's Meeting - The meeting was reminded that the NSW Club Commodore's meeting will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at Manly, commencing at noon.

It was moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Riv Robson that the previous minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

#### CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Drummoyne - A letter was received requesting Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 for the Upper Harbour Championship.
2. St George/Manly - An email was received from Paul Donovan of Manly/St. George Club asking that the Botany Bay Championship be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012.
3. Georges River - A request was received from the Georges River Club asking to be allocated the last heat of the State titles on the weekend of 26-27<sup>th</sup> November. They propose racing on the Bay, rather than in the River.
4. Belmont - request that their Sprint Races be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and that the Belmont Bay Championship be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012.
5. Yachting Association - Correspondence was received from YA, relating to the Sail Sydney 2011 event to be held later this year. They were seeking advice on whether the 16ft Skiff class would like to take part. The Skiff and youth classes are proposed to race on the main Harbour, with Olympic Classes on Botany Bay and Catamarans and Sail Boards on Pittwater.

Whilst there was in principle support, after some discussion around date clashes, and locations to rig and launch skiffs, the Association has decided not to participate, at least for this coming season. The meeting feels this is an awkward time in our sailing calendar, in particular for a most of our clubs.

6. Australian Sailing and Yachting Magazines - An email was received from Roger McMillan indicating that the Australian Sailing and the Australian Yachting magazines are amalgamating. They anticipate doubling their circulation and were writing to promote their new magazine. They have a clubs and classes section in the magazine and were offering the 16ft Skiff class the opportunity to contribute. The suggestion was that they could help to promote our class. The next deadline for stories is June 7<sup>th</sup>.
7. Manly - nomination of Michael McMahon for Life Membership of the NSW Association.
8. Nikki Kirkwood - Powerpoint presentation of results for the "Recruiting the Next Generation".

9. Masterman Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd - advice that Public Liability insurance is due on 1 June 2011.
10. Masterman Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd - renewal of Public Liability insurance for year ending 31 May 2012 and invoice for \$1,483.

#### OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. All clubs - Association Circular.
2. ANZ Bank - request for audit certificate for Association's account.

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Riv Robson that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

#### TREASURER

1. Bank balance (working account) - \$13,029.31cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
  - i) Belinda Sherry - printer cartridge. - **\$75**.
  - ii) Secretary's Expenses – Secretary's Honorarium for March, April and May - \$1,000, plus other out of pocket expenses (list tabled) - \$155 (total **\$1,155**).
  - iii) Riv Robson - expenses to attend Belmont Club presentation evening. - **\$135**.
  - iv) Lloyd Mulholland - expenses to attend Manly and Middle Harbour presentation evenings. - **\$450** (upon presentation of receipts).
  - v) Masterman Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd - Public Liability insurance for period 1/6/11 to 31/5/12 - **\$1,483**.
3. All clubs have paid their fees for 2010/11 except for the St. George Club, however, the Manly club will pay the account by the end of this month. A copy of the invoice to be sent to Manly.

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

#### SECRETARY

1. Michael raised the issue of the Flying Ant class holding regattas at the same time as the 16's. It was mentioned that most were found sailing at Toronto, however, there are Ants also sailing at Port Hunter, St George and Lake Illawarra. There has been a mixed reaction from clubs. Manly are supportive, generally, though Belmont has concerns around parking and rigging issues and if they were to complete racing prior to the skiffs racing, what contingencies would be in place if starts are delayed by weather issues.

The Flying Ant Association has asked, through Paul Linnett, whether they may put their case to the 16ft Skiff Commodores at the upcoming Commodore's meeting. Mark Graham suggested asking them to be more specific about how they propose to operate. Paul will report back to the Flying Ant Association.

#### COMMODORE

Thank you to the Port Hunter, Belmont and Manly clubs for the hospitality provided at their presentation evenings.

## REGISTRAR

Nil.

## AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Rob Wasson has indicated that a golf day has been planned for the New Year's Day – Lay Day at Hervey Bay. It is necessary to determine whether there is interest from the sailors attending, as the golf club is opening specifically for the skiffs.
2. The Association now has three certified suppliers for carbon masts. Masts supplied by these companies will not require measuring, being automatically approved. Others will need to be measured to ensure they comply with the “42% rule”.
3. The Australian Association has indicated they only require Lloyd, Michael and Mark to assist with the Hervey Bay regatta. Other volunteers will come from Queensland (including Maryborough Sailing Club).

## 13FT SKIFF REPORT

Nil.

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Life Membership – James Bury from the Manly club has nominated Michael McMahon as a life Member for the NSW 16ft Skiff Association. This was sent on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010 but it was necessary to wait until this year's AGM because the constitution requires two months notice prior to the AGM.
2. Port Hunter – Lloyd reported that the Newcastle Yacht club are now required to start their races outside of the harbour. There may be issues with holding regattas due to the large fleets and some concern was also expressed for the future of the Port Hunter club. There is a rumour circulating that pressure due to coal shipping movements means the sailing club's aquatic licence may not be renewed. Michael has spoken with club officials and there is no concern for next sailing season, at this stage.
3. Frank Bonnitcha - Michael reported that, sadly, Frank had passed away on 23 April 2011. He and several other Association officials, Lloyd Mulholland, Riv Robson and Mark Graham had attended his funeral on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Meeting closed 8.54 pm

**NEXT MEETING – Manly Club on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.**  
(AGM will be at **Lake Illawarra Yacht Club** on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2011)