

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 30/5/12
AT MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.55pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Riv Robson, Kathy Grudzinskas, Roger Steel, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Alex Deakin, Marilyn Sorensen, Chris Andrew, John Andrew, Ed Darmanin and Paul Linnett.

APOLOGIES: Belinda Sherry.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 14th March 2012.

1. Recruiting the next generation – Alex Deakin reported that she has received three replies, so far (Belmont, Manly and Middle Hsrbour), to her request asking clubs to consider what key three messages they got from the data, what initiatives they will take going forward and also what key things the Association might take from the data. The clubs will be asked to give final responses in the next two weeks so that the results can initially be discussed at the Commodore's meeting on 16 June. There was some initial discussion at tonight's meeting about the possibility of cheap hulls and attracting and retaining more younger crews.
2. Scheduled meeting for 11/4/12 - Michael noted for the purposes of the minutes that the meeting scheduled for 11th April was cancelled following email consultation with delegates who agreed that there was no real business to discuss.
3. Notice of Motion – NoM, outlining proposed constitutional changes relating to out of pocket expenses was circulated (refer General Business for voting results).
4. Yachting NSW Meeting - Mark Graham attended a combined Class meeting on 22 March 2012. He reported that the meeting was initially designed to generate discussion around the Sail Sydney Regatta, scheduled again for December. Last year's was not well attended and it was generally agreed that it was too close to Christmas for many, plus many boats had busy club schedules at that time. YNSW reported that the regatta was designed to attract Northern Hemisphere sailors who take part in an international sailing circuit. As such the dates are locked in, to a large degree.

A range of classes attended the meeting and there was also discussion on topics similar to what our Association has been discussing – how to get more numbers and arrest declining numbers.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. St George - Botany Bay Championship to be held on 2nd March 2013.
2. Belmont - advising invoice 139 paid by direct credit (\$220).

3. Brydens Law Office - requesting contact information for Graeme Fairbairn in relation to a collision between his skiff (“Compo”) and “Typhoon Fabrics” at the 2010/11 State Championships at Salamander Bay on 31 October 2010.
4. Graeme Fairbairn - email giving the Association permission to release his contact information to Brydens Law Office.
5. Melbourne IT - invoice for renewal of domain licence for www.skiffs.org (\$44).
6. Middle Harbour - cheque for \$410 in payment of invoice 142.
7. Port Hunter - cheque for \$810 in payment of invoice 136 and 143.
8. Middle Harbour - advising regatta date of Saturday 8/12/12 for next season.
9. Port Hunter - advising regatta date as Saturday 13th October 2012.
10. Masterman Insurance Brokers P/L - advising Public Liability Policy due for renewal 31st May 2012.
11. Masterman Insurance Brokers P/L - invoice for renewal of Public Liability insurance to 31/5/13 (\$1,483.40).

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Graeme Fairbairn - email requesting permission to release his contact details to Brydens Law Office.
2. Masterman Insurance Brokers P/L - completed renewal proposal for Public Liability insurance.
3. To all clubs - circular, including advice of tonight’s meeting.
4. Yachting NSW - contact details of officials for both 13ft and 16ft skiffs.

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

TREASURER

1. The balance of the working account is \$14,800.26cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - (i) Splash Internet – web hosting of 13ft skiff website - **\$330.**
 - (ii) Lloyd Mulholland - out of pocket expenses (petrol and accommodation) for attending Club Presentation nights at St George and Illawarra - **\$521.55.**
 - (iii) Michael McMahon - Secretary’s expenses for 2011/12 season (schedule tabled) - **\$478.11.**
 - (iv) Michael McMahon – Secretary’s Honorarium – March, April, May - **\$1,000.**

Moved Riv Robson and seconded John Andrew that the accounts for payment be paid. CARRIED.

3. Audit of Accounts - Mark Graham is to finalise the annual accounts for 2011/12 and contact Brian Treleven to conduct an independent audit.
4. 13ft Skiff Mould - Mitch White arranged to bring the 13ft skiff mould back from Brisbane to McConaghys to build a new 13ft skiff for Guido Belgiorno-Nettis. There was discussion on whether the Association should pay all or some of the cost, which is not exactly known, at this stage. Some had the view that the Association should not pay anything, given that we had not been given the opportunity to see whether it could be brought back for a lower cost. Others expressed the view that there would have been a cost, albeit just petrol for someone to travel down with a car and trailer. In the end, it was agreed to pay half the cost, with a maximum amount of \$600.

SECRETARY

1. Regatta dates 2012/13 - the following dates were agreed to for interclub regattas:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Saturday 13/10/2012	Port Hunter Regatta	Port Hunter
Saturday 27/10/2012	Heat 1 State Championship	Manly
Sunday 28/10/2012	Heat 2 State Championship	Manly
Saturday 10/11/2012	Heat 3 State Championship, plus Upper Harbour Championship	Drummoyne
Sunday 11/11/2012	Heat 4 State Championship	Drummoyne
Saturday 24/11/2012	Heat 5 State Championship	St George
Sunday 25/11/2012	Heat 6 State Championship	St George
Saturday 8/12/2012	Middle Harbour Regatta	Middle Harbour
* Saturday 9/2/2013	Australian 16ft Skiff Sprints	Belmont
Sunday 10/2/2013	Belmont Bay Championship and Dumaresq Cup	Belmont
* Saturday 2/3/2013	Botany Bay Championship	St George

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

COMMODORE

1. Lloyd advised that he had attended Presentation Nights at Port Hunter, Belmont, St George and Illawarra. He thanked the clubs for their hospitality.
2. Commodore's Meeting - reminded clubs that this annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday 16th June 2012 at the Manly Club (12.15pm start – for lunch).
3. Belmont - advised that the Belmont Club had offered grants to their juniors of up to \$10,000 plus possible loans and sponsorships. To date, there has still been no applicants.

REGISTRAR

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

Nil.

13FT SKIFF REPORT

1. The results for the Race 1 of the State Championships held on Saturday 17th March 2012 were tabled and adopted. There were 11 starters and 9 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were cloudy with an 8-15 knot Southerly. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Race 1 State Championship – Scratch Summary	
1. BELL POTTER SECURITIES	Declan Reilly
2. BRIDGESTONE B-SELECT ANNANDALE	Natalie Greentree
3. SHEADS.COM.AU	Harry West
4. LED INNOVATIONS	Lisa Darmanin
5. HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert

Race 1 State Championship - Handicap Summary	
1. LED INNOVATIONS	Lisa Darmanin
2. SHEADS.COM.AU	Harry West
3. BRIDGESTONE-B-SELECT Annandale	Natalie Greentree
4. BELL POTTER SECURITIES	Declan Reilly
5. HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert

2. The results for the Race 2 of the State Championships held on Saturday 17th March 2012 were tabled and adopted. There were 9 starters and 9 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were cloudy with an 8-15 knot Southerly. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Race 2 State Championship – Scratch Summary	
1. BRIDGESTONE B-SELECT ANNANDALE	Natalie Greentree
2. BELL POTTER SECURITIES	Declan Reilly
3. SHEADS.COM.AU	Harry West
4. HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert
5. BIGFOOT BAGS & COVERS	John Armstrong

Race 2 State Championship - Handicap Summary	
1. BIGFOOT BAGS & COVERS	John Armstrong
2. HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert
3. NORTHSIDE AIRCONDITIONING	Chris Stenta
4. BRIDGESTONE-B-SELECT Annandale	Natalie Greentree
5. NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI	Natasha Ivshenko

3. The results for the Race 3 of the State Championships held on Saturday 24th March 2012 were tabled and adopted. There were 10 starters and 10 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with an 8-15 knot South-West breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Race 3 State Championship – Scratch Summary	
1. SHEADS.COM.AU	Harry West
2. NORTHSIDE AIRCONDITIONING	Chris Stenta
3. BELL POTTER SECURITIES	Declan Reilly
4. BRIDGESTONE B-SELECT ANNANDALE	Natalie Greentree
5. LED INNOVATIONS	Lisa Darmanin

Race 3 State Championship - Handicap Summary	
1. NORTHSIDE AIRCONDITIONING	Chris Stenta
2. SHEADS.COM.AU	Harry West
3. AMBIGUOUS AMBITIONS	Andrew Iles
4. LED INNOVATIONS	Lisa Darmanin
5. BELL POTTER SECURITIES	Declan Reilly

4. The results for the Race 4 of the State Championships held on Saturday 24th March 2012 were tabled and adopted. There were 10 starters and 10 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with an 8-12 knot East-South-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Race 4 State Championship – Scratch Summary	
1. BELL POTTER SECURITIES	Declan Reilly
2. NORTHSIDE AIRCONDITIONING	Chris Stenta
3. LED INNOVATIONS	Lisa Darmanin
4. SHEADS.COM.AU	Harry West
5. NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI	Natasha Ivshenko

Race 4 State Championship - Handicap Summary	
1. NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI	Natasha Ivshenko
2. AMBIGUOUS AMBITIONS	Andrew Iles
3. LIVEWIRE	Alexander Leslie
4. BOB JANE T-MARTS	Cameron Walker
5. BELL POTTER SECURITIES	Declan Reilly

5. Overall final results for the State Championships:

1	BELL POTTER SECURITIES	Declan Reilly	Man	4 pts
2	BRIDGESTONE B-SELECT ANNANDALE	Natalie Greentree	Man	7
3	SHEADS.COM.AU	Harry West	MH	7
4	NORTHSIDE AIRCONDITIONING	Chris Stenta	Man	10
5	LED INNOVATIONS	Lisa Darmanin	Man	12

6. State Championships 2012/13 - after discussion, it was agreed that the State Championships should once again be separated from the 16ft skiffs, as the timing of the 16's States usually coincided with school and university exams. It was also agreed to remain with four heats. The following dates (two races each day) were agreed:

Saturday 8/12/12 - Races 1 and 2 (back to back) at Middle Harbour

Saturday 23/2/13 – Races 3 and 4 (back to back) at Manly

7. New boat - Mark Graham reported that one new boat was being built for Guido Belgiorino-Nettis from the Manly Club.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Notice of Motion - The following motion of which due notice has been given to amend the NSW 16ft Skiff Association Constitution was put to the vote:

Add a new paragraph to Rule 35(3) (“Funds only to be used to further the objects of the Association”) as follows:

- (d) reimbursement for reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by an elected officer in carrying out any duties or business of the Association.

Add two new sub-sections to Rule 37 (“Funds – Management”) as follows:

37(4) Out of pocket expenses for elected officers must, where practicable, be approved in advance at a General Meeting or Annual General Meeting, either as a specific amount or with a maximum set limit.

37(5) Before being paid for any out of pocket expense, an elected officer must submit evidence of incurring the expense either in electronic form or hard copy, with such evidence being retained for Association record purposes. The only exception to this requirement is where:

- (a) the Association at a General Meeting or Annual General Meeting approves a specific amount or maximum limit, in advance, for a particular type of expenditure where it is accepted by the Association that it is impractical to produce such evidence; or
- (b) the Association at a General Meeting or Annual General Meeting accepts that it is, or was, impractical in the circumstances to provide evidence of a particular type of expense.

Voting was as follows on both motions:

	For	Against
Belmont	2	
Manly/St George	2	
Illawarra	2	
Middle Harbour	2	
President	1	
Commodore	1	
Secretary	1	
Georges River		No Vote
Port Hunter		No Vote
Drummoyne		No Vote

The motions were declared as being passed.

2. Yachting NSW fees - Lloyd advised the ultimate outcome at Belmont for 2011/12 season is that the fees will remain the same basis as last season.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm

NEXT MEETING - Georges River on Wednesday 18th July 2012 commencing at 7.30pm.