

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 29/05/13
AT GEORGES RIVER SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.59 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Ed Darmanin

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 24th April 2013.

1. Correction to Minutes - the motion that was passed at the last meeting for reimbursement of out of pocket expenses should have read 74 cents per kilometre (not litres).
2. State Titles - Gosford Sailing Club has agreed to host 2 races for the upcoming State Titles. The dates and locations for the State Titles will be Illawarra 26th and 27th October 2013, Belmont 9th and 10th November 2013 and Gosford 23rd and 24th November 2013.
3. Skype - Another trial of Skype will be made for the meetings scheduled to be held in July. The difficulties experienced during the first trial appear to be because the Secretary's computer (he is the host) was being used wirelessly. This is believed to have caused intermittent disconnections with delegate's computers. For future meetings, the Secretary will be using a computer attached to a dedicated line.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Gosford Sailing Club - email agreeing to host State Title heats.
2. Tom Sawyer – email indicating he would like to be involved with promotion of 13ft Skiffs in Thailand. Tom is a former sailor from the Manly club.
3. Masterman Insurance Brokers - advice that the Association's public liability insurance is due for renewal.
4. Some outstanding accounts have been paid:
 - Invoice (156) – Middle Harbour Club - \$70
 - Invoice (157) – Port Hunter Club - \$120
 - Invoice (155) – Manly Club - \$740

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Masterman Insurance Brokers - completed public liability insurance renewal proposal form.

2. Gosford Sailing Club - request to hold heats of the 2013/14 State Championships.

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

TREASURER

1. Balance of Working account as at today's date is \$22,581.37cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Mark Graham - out of pocket expenses (accommodation) for attending Belmont presentation night **(\$110)**.
 - ii) Lloyd Mulholland - out of pocket expenses for attending the Manly and the St George presentation nights (total \$360 for accommodation and \$240 for fuel) **(\$600)**.
 - iii) Michael McMahon - Secretary's honorarium (Mar, Apr, May - \$1,000) and general expenses (print cartridges, etc...\$208.19) - **(\$1,208.19)**.

Moved Mark Graham and seconded Riv Robson that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted and that the accounts for payment be paid. CARRIED.

3. There was further discussion on the motion passed at the last meeting on reimbursement of out of pocket expenses. A revised motion was submitted by Michael McMahon and seconded by Lloyd Mulholland:

"The rates for out of pocket expenses for NSW Association officials travelling on officially sanctioned Association business be up to a maximum of 55% of the rate per kilometre specified by the ATO for fuel for mid-range motor vehicles (currently 74 cents per km), \$180 per night for accommodation in the Sydney metropolitan area and \$120 per night for accommodation in country areas of NSW, including Newcastle and Wollongong." Motion CARRIED.

SECRETARY

1. The courses being run at Drummoyne Sailing Club for the 2013/14 Nationals are still to be ratified, but will likely be similar to those used for their regattas. Skiffs from other clubs are welcome to participate in club races before the series.
2. A reminder that the Commodore's meeting will be held on Saturday 16th June.

COMMODORE

1. Information received in relation to the production of skiffs in China indicated a skiff will likely cost around \$25,000. This will include a finished hull with all fittings attached and with foils (centre board and rudder), boom, spinnaker pole and a cradle. There may be an issue with the current bobstay arrangement and measurement (ie. the maximum 125mm "depth of bowsprit"). Manufacturing restrictions mean that it would cost around \$3,000 more to comply with the current arrangement. This will need to be discussed with the clubs to determine whether they are prepared to amend the class rules.
2. Lloyd wanted to congratulate the Manly and St George clubs for their presentation nights.

REGISTRAR

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Michael is to have a meeting next week with the Australian Championship sub-committee from the Drummoyne club in relation to the 2013/14 National Titles. At present he reports that all is progressing well.

13FT SKIFFS

1. The Manly club has indicated that they expect movement from their Flying 11 fleet into the 13ft Skiffs this season.
2. State Championships - Mark indicated that feedback from the 13's favoured holding one weekend of their States in conjunction with the 16's States or another Association Regatta. It was suggested that we investigate the Gosford weekend for their first two heats and then early February for the next two heats. This suggestion to be referred back to the 13ft sailors.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Mark wished to thank the Belmont Club for their hospitality at their recent presentation night.
2. Prizes for 2012/13 Championship and point score winners - it was agreed that an allocation of \$300 per crew member (max. of 3 crew per skiff) be allocated to the Association point score winner ("BrandCents Consulting") and State Championship and Scratch point score winner ("Brydens Compensation Lawyers"). This will include the same allocation for the 13ft skiff State Champion (2 crew members @ \$300).

Meeting closed 9.00 pm

NEXT MEETING - to be held electronically via 'Skype' on Wednesday **17th July 2013** commencing at 7.30pm.