

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 18/7/07
AT MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Paul Linnett, Grant Smith, Cheryl Easton, John Andrew, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Brad Andrew and Alexandra Deakin.

APOLOGIES: Belinda Sherry and Mark Graham.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 30th May 2007.

1. 16ft skiff jig - There is space at GRSC. Michael McMahon has yet to arrange with Steve Ward or Ian Heritage.
2. Boat Show - Brad Andrew reported that it was confirmed that a 13ft skiff and 16ft skiff would be displayed at the Sydney Boat Show in early August. YNSW have been allocated one stand free of charge and the 13 and 16 have been accepted as two of the classes that will be displayed. The stand is to be manned by YNSW staff and YNSW Councillors only. No specific class advertising will be allowed as there was only space for a few classes to be displayed and it would not be fair on the ones who did not get selected.
3. Carbon Spar Committee - the Secretary reported that he had finally received a copy of the draft report this evening. One member of the committee, John Andrew, has still yet to sign off on it. Hopefully, it would be available for circulation at the AGM.
4. 13ft skiff - hulls will continue to be built in Australia, for the present. Cosine Shipwrights at Mortlake have been selected. Lindsay Stead from the MH Club works for the company and will be involved in building the boats. When the mould was picked up from Mark Thorpe, there was evidence of some damage which will need to be rectified (cost unknown, at this stage).

It was moved Paul Linnett and seconded John Andrew that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Manly - nomination of officials for 2007/08 season.
2. Drummoyne - nomination of officials for 2007/08 season.
3. Drummoyne - advice of their regatta date – 1st December 2007.
4. Yachting NSW - confirmation of registration and affiliation of NSW 13ft Skiff Association.
5. Port Hunter - cheque for \$280 in payment of outstanding invoice.

6. Robert Wasson - request that the NSW Association consider supplying two second hand 13ft skiffs to the Queensland 16ft Skiff Association in lieu of the 16ft skiff hull which he considered that was "owed" to Queensland (refer 13ft skiff report).
7. Yachting NSW - "On Board" newsletter for June and July 2007.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.
2. Adam's Apple Screen Printing - order for 2006/07 NSW Association point score pennant.

Moved Brad Andrew and seconded Riv Robson that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. The final audited financial accounts for 2006/07 were tabled and adopted.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Adam's Apple Screen Printing - invoice No. 8218 dated 6/7/07 - \$238.70.
 - ii) Splash Public Relations - invoice No. 864 dated 17/7/07 for 13ft and 16ft website design - \$2,381.50.
 - iii) Tru-Flo Sails - reimbursement of expenses related to installation of centreboard case in 13ft skiff mould (work carried out by Sorensen Automation of Brookvale) - \$399.98.

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Grant Smith that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. "Trophies" for point score and State Championship winners - Michael McMahon advised that he had contacted Jack Andrew ("Riley Marine Fittings" winner of States and Association scratch point score) and Robert Flanagan ("Tudor" winner of Handicap point score). Rob Flanagan would prefer to take the money rather than jackets or other trophy. Jack has yet to decide. It was agreed that each boat get \$600 (\$200 for each of the crew) for each of the three events. It was agreed to allocate "Riley Marine Fittings" an additional \$200 for Jacob Christian, who was co-skipper during the States.

COMMODORE:

Nil report.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Nil report.

13ft SKIFFS:

Michael McMahon reported on the 13's in Mark's absence.

1. Hull construction - as report earlier, hulls will be built by Cosine Shipwrights at Mortlake. The mould has been delivered to them today.
2. New Hull fee - it was agreed to introduce a "New Hull fee" for 13ft skiffs. In part, this would go towards the cost of the mould. It was agreed that the fee be \$75.
3. Hulls for Queensland - the Queensland 16ft Skiff Association are keen to start a fleet of 13ft skiffs to try and develop a feeder class for the 16's. They have requested that the NSW Association consider donating two boats. This would be in lieu of a 16ft skiff which they believe was promised and overdue. There was considerable discussion on this subject. It may be difficult to find two boats to send, as there is a shortage and demand in NSW as the Class is starting to gain popularity. Some argued that it would be more advantageous to get a presence in another State, whilst others felt we should concentrate on NSW first. It was ultimately agreed that the NSW 16ft Skiff Association allocate \$8,000 to purchase two second hand boats for supply to the Queensland 16ft Skiff Association. This would be conditional on:-
 - the Qld Association demonstrating what strategy they would follow to try and develop the fleet;
 - the hulls being sailed within two years;
 - the Queensland Association must make every endeavour to have at least two 13ft skiffs present at the 2008/09 Australian Championship at Illawarra;otherwise the boats must be returned to the NSW Association or compensation equivalent to the original subsidy paid.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Promotion - this issue of ways of promoting the Class was raised again. There was considerable discussion on what could be done. The Association currently has a good reserve of funds and marketing and promotion was seen as an appropriate way to spend some of those funds. One idea discussed was for the NSW Association to implement a team of trainers who would be available to go to various clubs and provide training, particularly to newcomers. A number of delegates have reported that their clubs constantly receive enquiries from prospective sailors with little or no experience in sailing larger dinghies. The problem with this idea would, of course, be the availability of people with the willingness to be involved in the training team(s).

Another point discussed was ways of advertising the Classes (13's and 16's). The "Afloat" magazine was considered a good option as it was now becoming widely read in marine circles, up and down the East coast, and it comes out on a monthly basis. Alex Deakin undertook to make some enquiries with the magazine's publisher.

A further point was discussed on the possibility of engaging a marketing and promotion specialist. Michael McMahon said that he would speak with Kate Thomas (Splash Promotions) who successfully conducted the Manly Club's media campaign concerning their lease dispute with NSW Maritime.

Meeting closed 9.50pm

NEXT MEETING will be at the **Port Hunter Club** on **Saturday 4th August 2007** at 2.00pm.