

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9/7/08  
AT MANLY 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.40pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, John Andrew, Mark Graham, Paul Linnett, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Ben Dibley and Marilyn Sorensen.

APOLOGIES: Brad Andrew, Paul Donovan and Ian Heritage.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

*Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> May 2008.*

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued. To be considered after Sail Measuring Forum on 2<sup>nd</sup> August.
2. Promotions - The Secretary has emailed Splash Publications, but is still waiting for a proposal.
3. Constitution amendments for 13's - still to be completed by Michael McMahon and Mark Graham.
4. Georges River – Heats 3 and 4 of States. John Andrew reported that Mark Gannon, who was appointed as the Club's Manager, has indicated that there are signs of an improving cashflow at the Club. Prizemoney has been paid for last season, with only a small amount of outstanding trophy money. Turnover has increased by 5% over recent months. Regrettably, the Club has decided to relinquish the State heats (refer Secretary's Report).

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Drummoyne - nomination of positions for 2008-09 season for voting at AGM.
2. Manly - nomination of positions for 2008-09 season for voting at AGM.
3. Belmont - nomination of positions for 2008-09 season for voting at AGM.
4. Ian Heritage - nomination as Assistant Timekeeper.
5. Melbourne IT - confirmation of renewal for domain name (skiffs.org.au) and receipt for fee \$88.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.
2. Adam's Apple Screen Printing - order for Association Point Score pennant (2008-09).

Moved Mark Graham and seconded Ben Dibley that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Balance of current account is \$4,189.67cr.
2. The following account for payment was submitted:-
  - i) Newcastle Rigging & Chandlery (paid by Lloyd Mulholland) for 3 Henry Lloyd jackets for State Championship winner - \$742.20.

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Mark Graham that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and account for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. Annual Report - Michael reported that, it had been agreed by the Executive, not to get the Association's Annual Report printed in the usual way. It was estimated that the cost this year would be around the \$2,350 mark. It was agreed that we produce the Report in electronic form and photocopy some hard copies. This should only cost a few hundred dollars, a saving of approximately \$2,000.
2. Heats 3 and 4 of the States - following Georges River's decision to relinquish their heats of the States, it was decided that the best option, at this late stage, was to seek expressions of interest from other clubs. Voting will be finalised at the AGM.

COMMODORE:

Nil report.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Nil report.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Spinnaker shute / layout changes - Mark indicated that he is to have further discussions with Ben Dibley and Marilyn Sorensen after tonight's meeting.
2. End cap for spinnaker poles - Marilyn advised that she had a number of these made up and was now selling them for \$25 each.
3. Level of restrictions - Mark indicated that issues, such as those mentioned above, were likely to continue into the future and we needed to decide exactly how restricted the Class should be. Should the Class allow restricted development, like the 16's, or should it be non developmental with the sole aim being a competitive, cost effective boat with the aim being based on the skill of the crew? There was considerable discussion on this point, but the later aim was favoured. It was agreed that this policy be conveyed to the Specification Committee who are responsible for considering ANY changes that are proposed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Passing of Joan Minter - John Andrew reported that Joan Minter, Ken's wife, had passed away yesterday. Funeral details were not yet known.
2. Sail Measuring Forum - John Andrew asked that an indication be sought on who will be attending the Sail Measurer's Forum, scheduled for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.
3. Promotional DVD - GRSC has produced an 8 minute promotional video. It is a continuous DVD designed for showing in the club. There was no cost available, at this stage.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

NEXT MEETING will be at the **Manly Club** on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2008** after the AGM at 2.00pm.