

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8/7/09  
AT MANLY 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.40pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, John Andrew, Chris Mulholland, Ian Heritage, Brad Andrew, Marilyn Sorensen, Ed Darmanin and Paul Linnett.

APOLOGIES: Belinda Sherry, Mark Graham, Alexandra Deakin, Kieran Humphries and Paul Donovan.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

*Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009.*

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued.
2. “Batwing” mainsails - a motion has now been lodged by the Manly Club to try and clarify the restriction on the profile allowed at the top of a mainsail.
3. Promotions - Proposal still to be sought from Splash Publications.
4. Constitution for 13’s - Mark Graham advised that a draft had been completed and a meeting held with key stakeholders to discuss. They were still undecided whether to recommend one National constitution or a separate one for each State and a National one. Further discussions will take place.
5. Georges River outstanding account - a part payment of \$350 has been received; \$160 is still owing.

It was moved Ed Darmanin and seconded Brad Andrew that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Georges River - cheque for \$350 in part payment of outstanding amount.
2. Manly - nominations for Association positions – 2009/10.
3. Drummoyne - nominations for Association positions – 2009/10.
4. Georges River - nominations for Association positions – 2009/10.
5. Burchall & Thomson - fee proposal for carrying out 2009/10 audit of Association accounts.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight’s meeting.

2. Adam's Apple Screen Printing - purchase order for Association point score pennant.
3. Burchall & Thomson - request for fee proposal to carry out 2009/10 audit of Association accounts.

Moved Paul Linnett and seconded Ian Heritage that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$11,068.62cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
  - i) Lloyd Mulholland - out of pocket expenses for attendance at Commodores meeting - **\$200.**
3. Audit of Association accounts - Mark Graham has nominated for a position on the Association Executive for the 2009/10 season. If he is successful he will no longer be in a position to carry out an independent audit of the Association's accounts, which he has carried out for 22 years on an honorary basis. The Association will need to seek either another honorary auditor or engage a qualified auditor. A proposal has been received from Burchall & Thomson for \$1,000 plus GST.

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Ian Heritage that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. Middle Harbour State Heats - the Middle Harbour Club has advised that it is highly unlikely that it will be in a position to be able to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Heats of the State Championships in late November due to the uncertainty that the major renovations currently being commenced will be completed in time. The Manly Club are in a position to host the races. They will cancel their regatta event, scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> December, and transfer the prizemoney allocation of \$5,000 to the State heats. Middle Harbour will then swap to 2010/11 and Belmont move from 2010/11 to 2011/12. It was moved by John Andrew and seconded by Riv Robson that the Association agree to this change. CARRIED.
2. Belmont Regatta - Ian Heritage noted that the Belmont Club had nominated the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Depending on tides, this is one of the weekends that the long standing Botany Bay Championship has been held, however, the Belmont Club had not paid the courtesy of contacting the St George Club. As it turns out, there were other extenuating circumstances which meant that St George could not use this weekend, however, Ian asked that, in future, if other clubs were considering to host an event around this time, they touch base with St George to work out an amicable arrangement.
3. State Championship / Association Point Score Trophies - "Riley Marine Fittings" had won all three Association point scores (State Championship, Season Fastest Time and Season Handicap Point Scores). Jack Andrew had opted to accept jackets, suitably embroidered. As he had two crews there would be five jackets. It was agreed that five "Musto" jackets be purchased at a total cost of \$160 each.

COMMODORE:

1. Thanked the Commodore's who attended the recent Commodore's Meeting. The minutes of the meeting are on the skiff website.
2. Lloyd reported that Peter Thorpe had given a presentation to the Commodore's about carbon fibre masts.

REGISTRAR: Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. The Manly Club has lodged a Notice of Motion in regard to try and clarify what is and what is not acceptable in regard to the so called "batwing" mainsails.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Class Restrictions - It was moved Marilyn Sorensen and seconded Ed Darmanin that the Class Rules be amended to read as follows:

12.2 To be eligible to win or score a place in any series, championship or interclub event, a male skipper or crew must be under twenty-three (23) years of age at the commencement of the relevant sailing season (which is defined as the first weekend of October in each year).

12.3 To be eligible to win or score a place in any series, championship or interclub event, a female skipper or crew must be under twenty-six (26) years of age at the commencement of the relevant sailing season (which is defined as the first weekend of October in each year).

12.4 A parent may sail with their child in any series, championship or interclub event, providing the child is the skipper and is under the 23 year age restriction for males as provided in rule 12.2 or the 26 year age restriction for females as provided in rule 12.3, however, they would not be eligible to win or score a place in the series, championship or interclub event.

There was considerable discussion on the motion. Some delegates still did not favour the increase in male age, as they felt it watered down one of the purposes of setting up the Class (ie. a training boat to encourage people to move into 16's). There was also a view that there is no real reason why women could not move into 16's and should have similar strict restrictions. The opposing view was that, these days, young adults tended to leave school in Year 12 and then had three to four years tertiary study and were not working on a full time basis till they were about 22-23, making it difficult to afford a boat.

The motion was eventually CARRIED by a vote of 5 for and 2 against, with a further caveat that these particular Rules will be effective for 5 at least seasons (until 2013/14) before any further amendments will be considered.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

**NEXT MEETING - St George Club on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009** commencing at 2.00pm (in conjunction with the AGM).