

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 2/7/14
via SKYPE

Meeting opened at 7.55 pm.

PRESENT: Michael McMahon, Mark Graham (Chair), Roger Steel, Chris Andrew, John Andrew, Marilyn Sorensen, Paul Linnett and Rob Napper.

APOLOGIES: Lloyd Mulholland and Riv Robson.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 28th May 2014.

1. Association Point Score System - a review has still to be completed to see how, or whether, they can be improved to allow for the differences in the strength of the fleets at each club. Michael has started to look at options but has not settled on one that would be suitable. He is happy for any suggestions from any of the sailors or clubs.
2. Skiff hulls from China - the Heads of Agreement with the Belmont and Manly Clubs covering the Association's commitment towards the purchase of 9 hulls from China has been signed by Michael and Mark. John Andrew queried the ownership of the prototype hull. It was noted that the intention was that the Australian Association own and control the hull.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Public Liability Policy - renewed public liability insurance documents.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. All clubs – advice on notices of motion concerning proposed changes to the State Championship series.

Moved Paul Linnett and seconded Mark Graham that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Balance of Working account is \$19,170.72cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Splash Internet - invoice No. SI-131555 - annual web hosting subscription for 16ft skiff website - **\$330**.
 - ii) Yachting NSW - invoice 20131143 – 2013/14 affiliation fee for NSW 13ft Skiff Association – **\$220**.
 - iii) Yachting NSW - invoice 20131144 – 2013/14 affiliation fee for NSW 16ft Skiff Association – **\$220**.

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

SECRETARY

1. Michael advised that he had received amendments to the NoM proposed by the Association to change the format for the State Championships. One was from Manly and the other from Belmont. As the amendments were both quite different and there were time constraints with the season fast approaching, he believed that best solution was to forward each as a separate motion to the clubs for voting on a preferential basis.

A summary of each of the proposals is as follows:

Existing arrangement:

- hold State Championships over three weekends - last weekend in October, 2nd and 4th weekend of November;
- to have six races (two races each weekend);
- four races constitute a series;
- drop worst score or, if only 4 races are able to be sailed, all races count.

Notice of Motion 1 (submitted by the Association):

- to hold State Championships over 2nd and 4th weekend of November;
- to have four races;
- three races constitutes a series;
- drop worst score or, if only 3 races are able to be sailed, all races will count;
- a revised roster of host clubs.

Notice of Motion 2 (submitted by Belmont Club):

- to hold State Championships over 2nd and 4th weekend of November;
- to have four races;
- three races constitutes a series;
- drop half of worst score or, if only 3 races are able to be sailed, all races will count;
- a revised roster of host clubs;
- have an option in the SI's so that the start time for the Sunday races can be 1.00pm.

Notice of Motion 3 (submitted by Manly Club):

- to hold State Championships over 2nd and 4th weekend of November;
- to have six races;
- four races constitutes a series;
- drop worst score or, if only 4 races are able to be sailed, all races will count;
- a revised roster of host clubs.

COMMODORE

Nil report.

REGISTRAR

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

Nil report.

13FT SKIFFS

1. Mark Graham reported that a meeting was scheduled for next Monday at the Manly Club with the 13ft skiff sailors. The meeting was organised by Rob Napper and is a follow-up to a meeting held at the end of last season. Three of the items to be discussed include electing a delegate to attend NSW 16ft Skiff Association meetings, giving further consideration as to how a mentoring program might work and looking at class progression.
2. Voting on the move by some involved in the Manly Club's junior division to introduce the 29er Class will occur at the next 16ft Skiff Sailing Committee meeting on 4th August.
3. Mark expects that there will be 15 13ft skiffs sailing at Manly next season, whilst Rob Wasson has advised that there has been a resurgence of interest in Brisbane with perhaps 3 or 4 boats.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

Meeting closed 8:30pm

NEXT MEETING - Annual General Meeting Saturday **9th August 2014** commencing at 2.00pm at the Port Hunter .