

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 6/8/11
AT ILLAWARRA YACHT CLUB

Meeting opened at 2.10pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Riv Robson, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, John Andrew, Chris Andrew, Paul Linnett, Roger Rowland, Belinda Sherry, Richard Nardone, Phil Bower, Bill Riley, Rolf Cohen, Clint Bowen and Brent Dennis.

APOLOGIES: David Bonnitca, Lee Knapton and Roger Steel.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 13th July 2011.

1. “Recruiting the next generation” project - No further progress. Clint Bowen to arrange for Nikki Kirkwood to brief the Association and Manly Club directors. It was agreed that this should be arranged for the Association meeting scheduled for 19 October.
2. St George Club - no further action, at this stage, on how the fleet at St George may be treated, now that the Club itself is part of Manly. As the Association Constitution currently exists, the Club is no longer a separate entity. As such, its voting will need to be part of Manly’s and any points scored at Association events would count towards the Manly Club. After further discussion, it was acknowledged that this should not have a big impact for this season, but the matter needs to be resolved at some stage. The possibility of one vote, one boat should still be investigated.
3. 13ft Skiff State Champion presentation - Michael advised that, after the last meeting, he had further discussions with Alex Oliver and they decided that it would be more appropriate to get jackets, instead of a pennant. The cost of the jackets would not be a lot more than a pennant and would be more practical for the winners.
4. Flying Ants - further to discussion at the last meeting. Paul Linnett advised that their Association had now advised that they would like to be involved with the following 16ft skiff Association events next season.
 - (i) Heats 1 and 2 of State Championships - No. Flying Ants will be at Toronto.
 - (ii) Heats 2 and 3 of State Championships - they will conduct a training day on the Saturday (at Port Hunter)
 - (iii) Heats 4 and 5 of State Championships - No.
 - (iv) Botany Bay Championship - plan to run a training day.

Richard Nardone further advised that the Flying Ant Association had also just approved a prototype boat that will carry an asymmetric spinnaker.

5. 13ft Skiff Class Rules - Michael advised that the Class Rules had now been updated with the correct information for the age restrictions.

As the minutes for that meeting were not available they will be received and adopted at the next meeting on 14th September 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Manly/St George - advice concerning payment of outstanding amount of \$490 for St George fleet (made by direct credit 5/8/11).
2. Australian Association – cheque for \$2,500 (reimbursement of out of pocket expenses for NSW officials for last season's Championships).

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. All clubs - Association Circular.

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Roger Rowland that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Bank balance (working account) - \$13,939.91cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Splash Internet - Invoice No. SI10005 for annual hosting fee for 13ft skiff website - **\$330**.
 - ii) Zhik Pty Ltd - July statement – invoice 17711 for 6 jackets for 16ft skiff State Champion and Point Score winners (\$2,156.40) and invoice 17960 for 2 jackets for 13ft State Champion (\$437.95) - **\$2,594.35**.
 - iii) Lloyd Mulholland - expenses to attend AGM (\$100), engraving of Dumaresq Cup (\$8) and voucher for presentation to Treasurer (\$50) - **\$158**.

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

SECRETARY

Nil.

COMMODORE

Nil.

REGISTRAR

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

Nil.

13FT SKIFF REPORT

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. St George Sailing Club - Rolf Cohen, President of the Manly Club, provided the meeting with an update on the current situation with St George. Rolf mentioned that there had been a number of incorrect rumours circulating.

The main sticking point at present is the reluctance of Doltone House to invest the \$8 million required to rebuild the Club building, without any security of tenure. Their concern is that if Manly withdraw their support of the Club, Doltone's sub-lease would also terminate, as the building must retain some maritime use.

Manly Club has been involved in negotiation with NSW Maritime for the last 3 to 4 months to negotiate a security of tenure for any sub-lessee of at least 10 years. They have now agreed in principle to this occurring, however, a condition of the approval is that the sub-lessee arrangement be put out to tender. Manly's next move is to decide whether they should invite Doltone to consider if they are willing to proceed without security of tenure or whether they (Manly) should go straight to open tender, which will give the successful applicant the security of tenure as advised by NSW Maritime.

Rolf reported that they had reduced the monthly trading losses at St George down to around \$10,000. This is an improvement on the \$30,000 losses from several months ago. They hope to have the Club at break even by early 2012.

On the sailing side, Craig Ferris has been appointed to head up the "Skiff Training Centre" to offer sail training, particularly for local schools. They have already purchased 6 training boats already and are in the process of ordering 10 more.

The sailing AGM was held last week and was well attended. There was a positive atmosphere and they have a good volunteer base for the coming season.

Over the next three seasons, all current classes will be retained, although Manly will be introducing Manly Juniors and Flying 11's in the season or two.

Rolf anticipates it could take 15-20 years to bring the 16ft skiffs back up to being a reasonable force.

2. Georges River Club - some doubt was expressed on whether there will be a fleet at Georges River this season. One skiff from last season is going to Manly, two others to Belmont, possibly one to St George. This only leaves about two boats, one of which is also in doubt. The IYC Commodore mentioned that any skiffs wishing to sail on Sundays from the southern area of Sydney would be welcome at IYC. Shed rent per season is \$250.

Meeting closed 2.40 pm

NEXT MEETING – Georges River Club on Wednesday 14th September 2011, commencing at 7.30pm.