

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17/8/13
AT DRUMMOYNE SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 3.15pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Riv Robson, Roger Steel, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Alex Deakin, Paul Linnett, Annalise Gilbert, Bruce Moore, Greg Muirhead, Stephen Kerrison, Neil Tavener, George Hinings, John Andrew and Andrew McLachlan.

APOLOGIES: Paul Donovan, Marilyn Sorensen, Bill Riley and Chris Andrew.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 29th May 2013.

1. Skype - Another trial of Skype was held on 24th July. Unfortunately, there were insufficient clubs to get a quorum for the scheduled meeting. A general discussion was, nonetheless, held to test the operation of Skype for these meetings. The difficulties experienced during the first trial appear to have been resolved. Further meetings via Skype will be held during the season.
2. Skiffs from China - the proposal being investigated by the Manly Club to source completed new skiffs from China through McConaghy Boats appears to have fallen through. After a final check of costs versus benefits/negatives has revealed that the original savings are not as large as expected. It has been decided to discontinue the initiative, at this stage. As such, there does not appear to be the same pressure to change the “depth of bowsprit” measurement rule.
3. 2012/13 Point Score and Championship jackets - it was noted that the final cost of these jackets for the 16's and 13's was \$2,111.70. The maximum budget agreed at the 29/5/13 meeting was \$3,300.
4. Drummoyne Nationals - for update see “Australian Association” report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Masterman Insurance Brokers - public liability insurance policy for 2013/14.
2. Cerno Ltd - request for copies of the results of the Association's investigation into details associated with the Craig Nicholl's liability insurance claim.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. All Association email recipients - notice of today's meeting.
2. Cerno Ltd (insurance assessor) - copies of details obtained from crew of “Typhoon” and “Compo” about the incident between the two skiffs in October 2010.

Moved Lloyd Mullholand and seconded Riv Robson that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Balance of Working account as at today's date is unavailable due to absence of the Treasurer.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Zhik Pty Ltd - cost of jackets for 2012/13 point score winners – invoice 33355 - **(\$2,111.70)**.

Moved Riv Robson and seconded Paul Linnett that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted and that the account for payment be paid. CARRIED.

SECRETARY

1. Michael indicated that he had discovered an error in the 2012/13 Annual Club Scratch Point Score tabled at the meeting on 27/2/13. It did not include the points from the Dumaresq Cup. The error does not impact on the final placings. Correct version is as follows:

Association Championship Point Score

Manly	10,117 points
Belmont	4,649 “
Middle Harbour	3,500 “
Illawarra	386 “
Georges River	313 “
Drummoyne	168 “
Port Hunter	151 “
St George	90 “

2. Race Committee for 2013/14 - Michael said that, in future, we should formally elect a Race Committee at the commencement of each season in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing. The following people were nominated and accepted –
 - Michael McMahon,
 - Lloyd Mulholland,
 - Riv Robson and
 - Roger Steel.

COMMODORE

Nil report.

REGISTRAR

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Bruce Moore (Chairman, Drummoyne Championship Sub-Committee) advised that the courses for the Nationals are still under discussion. Several options have been

discussed between the Drummoyne Club and the Australian Association. Drummoyne are planning to use the final draft courses in their Club races to trial them and adjust, as required, before the Nationals.

2. Bruce indicated that the Drummoyne sub-committee is also still working on a number of logistical matters, such as parking, prizemoney, potential accommodation, etc... so that these can be published on the Association website as soon as possible.

13FT SKIFFS

1. Mark Graham advised that one new 13ft skiff has been built by Mark Thorpe, using the Association mould, for Hugh Lester from the Manly Club.
2. Mark indicated that there was a strong chance that at least one 13ft skiff would be coming from Queensland for the Nationals at Drummoyne.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil Report.

Meeting closed 3.35 pm

NEXT MEETING - at Middle Harbour Club on Wednesday **25th September 2013** commencing at 7.30pm.