

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12/9/07
AT MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, John Andrew, Paul Linnett, Mark Graham, Alexandra Deakin, Paul Donovan and Mitch Cini.

APOLOGIES: Brad Andrew, Belinda Sherry and Chris Mulholland.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 4th August 2007.

1. 16ft skiff jig - is still at Middle Harbour. John Andrew asked that John Oliver and Alex Deakin arrange to take it over to GRSC on a Sunday before one of their races and he will take care of it.
2. Promotion - Kate Thomas (Splash PR) was to attend tonight's meeting to discuss the possibilities with regard to promotion of the class. Michael McMahon said that he had not followed her up on the booking but would speak to her and book another meeting.
3. Carbon Spar Committee - to be discussed at tonight's meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Illawarra - 5 skiff registration forms (\$350)
 - 1 entry for combined season regattas (\$220)
 - 3 entries for Illawarra Regatta (2 days) (\$240)
 - 1 entry for Belmont Regatta (\$40)
2. St George - list of officials for 2007/08 season.
3. Drummoyne - voting on Belmont NoM re. State Championships.
4. Yachting NSW - Class affiliation certificates for 2007/08 for NSW 16ft Skiff Association and NSW 13ft Skiff Association.
5. Yachting NSW - August copy of "On Board".

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.
2. National Library of Australia - enclosing copy of our 2006/07 Annual Report.
3. Dept of Fair Trading - enclosing Annual Return.

Moved Mark Graham and seconded Riv Robson that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Balance of current account is \$11,582.45cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Belinda Sherry - out of pocket expense – 3 months internet costs - \$119.85
 - ii) Secretary's honorarium - covering June, July, August - \$750
 - iii) Mark Graham - out of pocket expenses – cost of transport of 13ft mould from Mona Vale to Mortdale - \$99.00
 - iv) Dept of Fair Trading - lodgement fee for Annual Return - \$44.00
3. Term Deposit - T/D for \$46,238.30 falls due on 21 September with interest of \$722.58. It was agreed to renew for three months based on current rates, however, Secretary to decide on best rate and period on renewal date. Total reinvested will be \$46,960.80.

Moved John Andrew and seconded Paul Linnett that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. Mainsails (shape and measurement) - The Secretary mentioned that the Southern Zone Measurer has been made aware of the possibility of skiffs carrying high roach mainsails this season. He thought that it might be timely to publish some information on the Association's ruling on these sails. The Secretary indicated that, at the end of the day, it was up to the Australian Association to publish any public rulings, however, the State Association could agree on a position and put this to the Australian Association.

There was discussion on the interpretation of Class rules 10.5 and 10.6 and it was agreed that the wording needed to be read carefully. It was ultimately agreed that Michael McMahon and John Andrew discuss further and, in conjunction with the Central Zone and Northern Zone measurer, report back to the next meeting with an agreed interpretation.

Michael McMahon pointed out that, notwithstanding the above discussion, under Class rule 2.4, if the design and shape of any new mainsail incorporates a design feature not currently in skiffs already racing, the owner must seek the approval of the Specifications Committee of the Australian Association before racing with it. Thus, if an owner comes out with a new design feature, without first seeking approval, they risk a protest and disqualification.

COMMODORE:

Nil report.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Nil report.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Hulls for Queensland - Mark Graham reported that the two hulls destined to go to Queensland would be sent when both current owners had their new boats. IN addition, the Secretary tabled a draft letter to go to the Queensland Association to clarify the arrangements between the two Associations on the supply of boats, both 13's and 16's. The content was ratified and the letter will now be sent.
2. New hulls - Mark advised that the first two new hulls had been built. Two more will be completed in about two weeks.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Website query - Mitch Cini queried whether the website was now being updated, particularly the "for sale" section. He was advised that, now that the Secretary, had access to the appropriate software to update the website, it was progressively being updated and should all be up and running by next week.
2. Entry fee on abandoned races - the IYC delegate queried whether entry fees are refunded on "abandoned" races (eg. at the IYC Regatta last season). He was advised that it was not Association policy to refund such fees.
3. Carbon Spar Report - There was discussion on the report and the consensus of the meeting was to support and endorse the recommendations of the sub-committee (refer page 12 of their report).

There was, however, support from at least one club for the complete introduction of carbon, sooner rather than later. The final consensus was that the introduction of carbon masts would eventually be adopted, particularly as the technology continued to develop further and the price ultimately became competitive against the current alloy material, however, at this stage, it would not be in the best interest of the Class. There was, however, general support for an early introduction of carbon in other spars.

4. Notice of Motion (from the Belmont Club) - voting was conducted on the following Notice of Motion submitted by the Belmont Club at the meeting on 30th May. The motion, relating to incorporating the State Championship dates in the rules, was LOST.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Belmont - 2	Manly - 2	St George
Drummoyne - 2	Georges River - 2	Middle Harbour
	Illawarra - 2	
	Secretary - 1	
Total - 4	Total - 7	

Meeting closed 9.50pm

NEXT MEETING will be at the **Georges River Club** on **Wednesday 10th October 2007** at 7.30pm.