

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10/9/08
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.40pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, John Andrew, Chris Mulholland, Alexandra Deakin, Ben Dibley, Paul Donovan, Ian Heritage, Paul Linnett and Ben Bradley.

APOLOGIES: Brad Andrew, Mark Graham and Belinda Sherry.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 2nd August 2008.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued. To be considered after the Sail Measuring Forum.
2. Sail Measurer's Forum - still to be scheduled. Club representative names and contact numbers have been obtained by the Secretary and he is to pass them on to Clint Bowen.
3. Promotions - Proposal still being sought from Splash Publications.
4. Constitution amendments for 13's - still to be completed by Michael McMahon and Mark Graham.
5. NoM re carbon poles and booms - Australian Secretary has advised that consideration period has passed. Votes have now been called for.

It was moved John Andrew and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Nil

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.
2. Notice of Race - NoR for 2008-09 season Association races circulated to all clubs.

Moved Ian Heritage and seconded Michael McMahon that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Balance of current account is \$3,189.67cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-

- i) Belinda Sherry - out of pocket expenses (5 months internet - \$199.75, printer cartridge - \$40, stamps - \$50) - \$289.75
- ii) Secretary's Honorarium – covering June, July and August - \$750
- iii) Michael McMahon - expenses for producing Annual Report - \$250

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Paul Linnett that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. Notice of Race - the NoR for this season's Association races has been published and forwarded to clubs.
2. Heats 3 and 4 – States - organisation for these heats is still progressing at GRSC.

COMMODORE:

1. Thanked Manly for their hospitality at the AGM. The Club donated the cost of all catering and drinks.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. NoM re. carbon poles & booms - consideration period has passed. Now awaiting votes.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Forum - the next Forum (the third) to discuss specific Class issues is scheduled for next Wednesday at the Manly Club.
2. Age limit - Alex Deakin raised the issue of age restrictions. When the Class started we placed an age limit of "under 21". The reason was that the Class was intended to be a feeder for the 16's, as well as fill a void that some clubs had in the intermediate class area. We did not want "kids" staying in the Class as it would have defeated one of its main purposes.

Since the inception of the Class, however, we have relaxed this restriction at varying times to try and build our numbers. Alex feels that we are now at a point where we either decided once and for all what the restriction should be, or at the very least, set a restriction at the commencement of a season that won't be changed during the season, so that crews know where they stand.

There was discussion on what that restriction should be. The following was agreed to:-

- For males, the restriction will be that they must be under 21 at the commencement of the relevant season (the first weekend of October, as per the NSW 16ft Skiff Association's Constitution);
- For females, after they reach the 21 year age restriction (as described above for males), they can only sail in the Class for a maximum of 5 years (seasons).
- An exception will be, that a parent (of any age) and sibling may sail together, providing the sibling is the skipper and is under the 21 year age restriction;

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Heats 3 and 4 State Championships - John Andrew reported that the Club will be using their Club courses. There was some concern expressed at the meeting about the SE and NW courses, particularly the relative short distance of the first work to windward. The Club was asked to look at a possible solution to this concern.
2. "Square top" mainsails - the issue was raised about the issue of "square top" mainsails and, particularly, those where it is proposed that the top point of the leach goes higher than the highest point on the luff. It is understood that there is at least one such sail at Belmont. It was agreed that the Association measurers need to reach a consensus about these sails and, if necessary, the issue be referred to the Australian Association Specification Committee.
3. Australian Championships - Mark Graham had asked IYC whether there would be an issue if the 13's obtained a sponsor and then including their name in promoting the championship for that Class (Mark has secured a sponsor). He had not been able to confirm that with anyone at the Club.

Camping - Paul Linnett advised that any crews or supporters wishing to camp adjacent to the Club MUST make arrangements with the Club as soon as possible. They should either contact Secretary/Manager, Scott Hawkin (scott@iyc.com.au), or the Commodore, Todd Lindsay.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

NEXT MEETING will be at the **Middle Harbour Club** on **Wednesday 8th October 2008**.