

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 23/9/09
AT GEORGE'S RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.50pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, John Andrew, Chris Mulholland, Mark Graham, Alexandra Deakin, Ian Heritage, Paul Linnett and Marilyn Sorensen.

APOLOGIES: Ed Darmanin, Brad Andrew and Belinda Sherry.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 1st August 2009.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued. Clint Bowen to be approached to draft a document.
2. "Batwing" mainsails - Belmont motion, as amended by Manly, has now been passed.
3. Promotions - Proposal still to be sought from Splash Publications.
4. Constitution for 13's - Mark Graham advised that a draft had been completed and a meeting held with key stakeholders to discuss. They were still undecided whether to recommend one National constitution or a separate one for each State and a National one. Further discussions will take place.
5. Website for 13's - Evan Darmanin has accepted the role of maintaining and updating the 13ft skiff website. In addition, Mark Graham advised that Kate Thomas from Splash Publications has a better and more user friendly program to run the site.
6. NSW Association Auditor - Mark Graham has drafted a wording to amend our Constitution to widen the field from which an auditor can be selected. To be presented to the next meeting.

It was moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Ian Heritage that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Manly - 27 skiff registrations (\$1,890)
 - 9 entries for combined season regattas (\$2,160)
 - 5 entries for State Championships (\$800)
 - 1 entry for Port Hunter (\$40)
 - 9 entries for Manly – 2 days (\$720)
 - 1 entry for Drummoyne (\$40)
 - 1 entry for Belmont (\$40)
 - 12 x 13ft skiff registrations (\$420)
 - 9 x 13ft skiff entries for combined season regattas (\$1,080)
 - 1 x 13ft skiff entry for State Championships (\$80)
 - 2 x 13ft skiff entries for Manly – 2 days (\$80)
 - 1 x 13ft skiff entry for Drummoyne (\$20)

2. Middle Harbour - 9 skiff registrations (\$630)
 - 6 entries for combined season regattas (\$1,440)
 - 2 entries for State Championships (\$320)
 - 1 entry for Belmont (\$40)
 - 4 x 13ft skiff registrations (\$140)
 - 4 x 13ft skiff entries for combined season regattas (\$480)
3. Illawarra - 7 skiff registrations (\$490)
 - 4 entries for combined season regattas (\$960)
 - 1 entry for State Championships (\$160)
 - 2 entries for Illawarra – 2 days (\$160)
 - 1 entry for St George – 2 days (\$80)
 - 1 entry for Belmont (\$40)
4. Georges River - 5 skiff registrations (\$350)
 - 3 entries for combined season regattas (\$720)
 - 1 entry for State Championships (\$160)
 - 1 entry for St George – 2 days (\$80)
5. Ben Dibley - advice that he would be closing his boat building business and that the 13ft skiff mould (owned by the Association) would need to be collected. He thanked the Association for its support in the past.
6. Manly - Notice of Motion to introduce one penalty turn in lieu of two, as provided in RRS 44.1 for NSW interclub racing.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of today's meeting.
2. Yachting Australia - request for dispensation from Regulation 5.01 of the YA Special Regulations Part 2 (for Off the Beach Boats).
3. National Library - enclosing copy of 2008-09 Annual Report.
4. To all clubs - advice concerning Manly NoM on penalty turns.

Moved Paul Linnett and seconded John Andrew that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - not available.
2. The following account for payment was submitted:-
 - i) Belinda Sherry - out of pocket expenses – 6 months internet (\$239.70) and internet security - **\$324.70**.
 - ii) Lloyd Mulholland – out of pocket expenses – gift for presentation to Treasurer at AGM - **\$50**.
 - iii) Michael McMahon – Secretary's honorarium for June, July and August (**\$750**).

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

SECRETARY:

1. Late lodgement of forms - the Secretary indicated that, as of tonight's meeting, only four clubs had lodged any skiff registration forms (Manly, IYC, Middle Harbour and Georges River). The closing date for these forms was tonight's meeting. He reported that this has become a trend over recent seasons and, in some cases, he has still been chasing forms up half way into the season. Michael indicated that, at the next AGM, he intended to recommend that a late lodgement fee be imposed on skiff registration forms to try and minimise the administrative time involved in having to chase them up.
2. Penalty turns - voting took place on the Notice of Motion lodged by the Manly Club to alter the 2009-10 Sailing Instructions to modify RRS 44.1 with one penalty turn in lieu of the prescribed two. Voting FOR – Manly, Drummoyne; Voting AGAINST – Port Hunter, Belmont, IYC, Georges River, Middle Harbour, President, Commodore. Motion lost.
3. Illawarra Regatta - Paul Linnett asked, for planning purposes, how many skiffs are likely to attend the Illawarra Regatta on the 3rd/4th October. Indications were that there is only likely to be around 12-14 boats.

COMMODORE: Nil report.

REGISTRAR: Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT: Nil report.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Weighing of hulls - Mark Graham indicated that it was intended to weigh all hulls after the long weekend in October. It was noted that Manly currently had the Association scales and that they had not been calibrated for several years. It was agreed that, if the Manly Club arranged for calibration, the Association would pay.
2. Courses for Australian Championships - Lloyd Mulholland indicated that Belmont had enough support craft to facilitate the sailing of separate courses (to the 16's) during the upcoming Australian Championships, providing the 13's could supply the personnel. The Belmont Club was flexible on what arrangements the 13's would like to make. Mark Graham said that he would seek feedback from the sailors and supporters and report back, hopefully, by the next Association meeting.
3. Queensland - Mark reported that the Manly Club had sent two more boats to Queensland. There were now seven boats up there. Hopefully, four to five would be attending the Nationals.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Handicaps for Illawarra Regatta - John Andrew said that there was concern from Georges River on handicapping of some of their boats for the upcoming regattas. He was advised that handicaps would be assessed on an individual basis rather than the club based handicapping system.
2. Airlie Beach (Qld) - Alex Deakin said, that after attending the recent August Yacht Race Week at Airlie Beach, we should give consideration to holding an Australian Championship series up there, or at the very least, suggested that the 16's also hold a

regatta in conjunction with the week. The Airlie Beach Yacht Club would be in a position to host such an event.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

NEXT MEETING - **Manly Club** on Wednesday **14th October 2009** commencing at 7.30pm.