

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14/9/11
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.52pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Riv Robson, Marilyn Sorensen, Chris Andrew, John Andrew, Roger Steel, Paul Linnett and Ed Darmanin.

APOLOGIES: Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Paul Donovan, Andrew McLachlan, Dan Watterson and Belinda Sherry.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 6th August 2011.

1. Disputed minutes: - A claim for travelling expenses of \$100 by Lloyd Mulholland to attend the 2011 NSW 16ft Skiff AGM appears in the minutes of the August general meeting (Treasurers Report – “Accounts for Payment”). Whilst the Secretary, Michael, had this matter listed in his written notes, Chris Andrew questioned whether the expenses had been raised at the meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed the travel claim would be approved and the minutes be accepted as prepared.
2. “Recruiting the next generation” project - No further progress. Clint Bowen to arrange for Nikki Kirkwood to brief the Association and Manly Club directors. The briefing is still scheduled for Association meeting of 19 October.
3. 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. No further action has occurred, at this stage.
4. 13ft Skiff State Champion presentation - Michael advised that he had attended the recent 2010/11 Season Presentation Night at Middle Harbour to present the 13ft Skiff State Championship jackets to the crew of “Sydney Swans”.
5. Flying Ants - It had been proposed that the Flying Ant Association would conduct a training day at Port Hunter sailing club on the Saturday of Heat 2 of the 16ft Skiff State Championships. Michael received an email from the Port Hunter club indicating they were not prepared to support this training day at their club. As such, it looks like the only possible combined event will only happen at the Botany Bay Championship in February 2012. Michael will write to the Flying Ant Association indicating that the Skiff Association are still interested in principal in supporting such events but the clubs have the final say about use of their facilities.
6. Minutes for meeting 13 July 2011 - copies have not been made available and no approval has been given. The Secretary to have them available by next meeting.

It was moved Paul Linnett and seconded Riv Robson that the previous minutes for 6/8/11 General Meeting be received and adopted. CARRIED.

DISCUSSION OF AN ISSUE ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

1. Further, and quite lengthy, discussion took place on what expenses should be claimable and approved for Association officials.

In summary, it was noted that out of pocket expenses for officials in relation to travel and accommodation to association meetings, regattas and social events such as club presentations, have only been paid in more recent times (around the last 5-6 years). It was acknowledged that this had partly occurred as it was getting more difficult to get officials to fill Association positions and paying some out of pocket expenses could provide some incentive.

Discussion also took place on the payment of out of pocket expenses in relation to phone calls, internet expenses, postage and other general expenses. It was agreed that these would be acceptable, providing a basis of apportionment was approved and the actual account (invoice) was submitted to an Association general meeting. In principle, it was also suggested that no out of pocket expenses should be paid by the Association unless prior approval of the amount or, where that is not exactly known a budget amount, has been sought and approved at an Association general meeting. Guidelines may need to be developed indicating what constitutes suitable expenses. The following motion was moved and discussed.

It was moved Mark Graham and seconded Marilyn Sorensen that:

Any 'out of pocket' expenses incurred by Association officials should have prior approval at an Association general meeting for payment to be approved. Such expenses must be incurred in conducting Association business with payment made on production of an invoice or receipt at a subsequent general meeting. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Drummoyne Sailing Club – details of proposed dates for the 2013-2014 National Titles and an indication that Canada Bay Council has agreed to provide a subsidy of \$15,000 for the Club's 100th year celebrations.
2. Contact details of the key sailing officials has been received from the following clubs: - Manly/St George, Middle Harbour, Drummoyne, Illawarra and Belmont.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. All clubs - Association Circular.
2. Department of Fair Trading - Annual Return for the Association for 2010/11.

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

TREASURER

1. A Treasurer's report was unavailable.

2. The following account for payment were submitted:-

- i) NSW Department of Fair Trading - fee for lodgement of Annual Return - **\$49**.

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

SECRETARY

Nil.

COMMODORE

Nil.

REGISTRAR

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. It was noted that a draft Notice of Race had been issued for the 2011/12 Australian 16ft Skiff Championships.
2. Michael indicated that the Australian Association had recently circulated member clubs with suggestions for a National Skiff logo.

13FT SKIFF REPORT

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Drummoyne's bid for 2013-14 National Titles - Riv reported proposed dates.

Invitation Race - Friday 3rd January 2014

Race 1 - Saturday 4th January 2014

Race 2 - Sunday 5th January 2014

Race 3 - Monday 6th January 2014

Race 4 - Tuesday 7th January 2014

LAY DAY – Wednesday 8th January 2014

Race 5 - Thursday 9th January 2014

Race 6 - Friday 10th January 2014

Race 7 - Saturday 11th January 2014

This coincides with the significant 100th anniversary for the Drummoyne club and the local Canada Bay Council has agreed to provide a subsidy of \$15,000 to the Club for events associated with that anniversary.

Michael explained that if other clubs wanted to bid with the Australian Association for the event, they will need to propose dates that suit their needs. Roger asked what the Association's position was on Belmont holding the event at Salamander Bay. Michael explained this is acceptable under the National constitution providing the Association Guidelines for holding and Australian Championship were followed. Issues such as the peak holiday period in January was discussed and the cost of accommodation in early January. Balancing that, some crews have difficulty in getting leave later in the month.

2. Altered Meeting Location - Michael indicated the Association meeting for Wednesday 19th October would be held at Middle Harbour club. Meetings were previously held on a rotation basis between Georges River and Middle Harbour, but the latter Club has been unavailable for the last 2½ years due to renovations. The new MH Club has a boardroom where Association meetings can be held.
3. YNSW Fee Calculations - Roger raised the difficulty that the Belmont club has had with YNSW's new flat fee structure. He explained the only option YNSW had offered was for Belmont to alter its constitution to create a separate class of members identified as sailing members. Whilst similar arrangements already exist at some other clubs, at this stage this is unacceptable to the Belmont club.

Michael said that the 16ft Skiff Association does not have any requirement for clubs to be affiliated with YNSW (or Yachting Australia). It may however be an issue for some of the junior classes competing at State and National level as they must race with clubs affiliated with YNSW.

4. Video of 16's - Chris Andrew mentioned that Keith Fleming, a previous member of St George, had previously taken professional quality videos of 16ft skiff racing. She felt it may be worthwhile asking him to produce a promotional video to send to organisations such as Fox Sports with a view to have the profile of the 16ft skiff class raised. Fox Sports currently broadcast other sailing which was felt to be less exciting than our skiff class. Michael suggested Chris 'sound Keith out' to determine whether he was interested in undertaking such a project and what expense would be involved.
5. Georges River Club - there still seems to be some doubt that Georges River will have enough skiffs to register with the Association to qualify as a member. Chris Andrew indicated that there would be no prizemoney for their Regatta to be sailed in conjunction with Heats 5 and 6 of the State Championships. Michael indicated that this had happened with other clubs, on occasions, in the past. He recommended that the Association once more commit funds for prizemoney for the overall State series.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

NEXT MEETING - Middle Harbour on Wednesday 19th October 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.