

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25/9/13  
AT MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Riv Robson, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Paul Linnett, and Marilyn Sorensen.

APOLOGIES: Paul Donovan and Roger Steel.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

*Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> August 2013.*

1. Craig Nicholls compensation claim - The Secretary reported that there had been further information requested and supplied to the Association's public liability insurance provider. There was further discussion on why Craig Nicholls was not able to obtain any benefit from the YNSW personal insurance cover for sailors. The reason for the refusal is not known. It was agreed that enquiries should be made with YNSW on exactly what is covered.

Further enquiries to be made by the Secretary on whether some form of personal accident sports insurance cover is available through Robert Masterman.

It was also agreed that Lloyd and Chris would make enquiries through their son in law on options that might be open to the Association or crews in regard to personal accident insurance.

2. Race Officer's Liability - is this covered by the Association's Third Party Liability insurance?
3. Recruiting the Next Generation - results to be published on the skiff website.
4. Trophy Valuation - mark Graham pointed out that this was last done about 6 years ago and should be carried out before the end of this season.
5. Point Score System - Michael pointed out that there was discussion at the AGM on the Association Scratch and Handicap Point Scores. These have been dominated in the last 10-12 years by the bigger clubs, due principally their greater numbers. Clubs have been asked to consider ways that these series could be scored more evenly, so that smaller clubs have a fighting chance.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Drummoyne - approach to seek Association assistance with payments to the Queensland skiffs for travel to this season's National Championships. After discussion, it was agreed that it could be setting a precedent to provide individual boat assistance to travel to Australian Championships. It has never been the practice of the NSW

Association to provide such assistance, even to its own boats. This has always been up to individual clubs.

2. Email from Bernie Kerr - requesting advice on 13ft skiff State Championships for this season. It was agreed that Heats 1 and 2 should be at Gosford on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November and Heats 3 and 4 at Manly on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.
3. Illawarra - 4 skiff registrations and 3 all of season regatta entries.

#### OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. All Association email recipients - notice of today's meeting.

Moved Lloyd Mullholand and seconded Paul Linnett that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

#### TREASURER

1. Balance of Working account as at today's date is unavailable due to the fact that the Treasurer has not received the books back from the audit for last season.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
  - i) Adam's Apple Pty Ltd - Annual scratch point score pennant – Invoice 1722 **(\$254.10)**.
  - ii) Department of Fair Trading - cost of lodgement of Annual Return for the Association - **\$52**.
  - iii) Michael McMahon - Secretary's honorarium (June, July, August) - **\$1,000**.

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

#### SECRETARY

1. State Championship Prizemoney - It was agreed that prizemoney would once again be paid on the final results of the State Championship. The amount to be finalised and possibly using some form of pro-rata method.
2. Prizemoney at Gosford - at this stage, there is no prizemoney allocated for the Gosford weekend. Further consideration will be given to the Association putting some funding forward.

#### COMMODORE

1. Australian Championships in Perth - Lloyd advised that the Belmont Club is currently carrying out a feasibility study to once again see an Australian Championship series hosted in Perth.
2. 2014-15 Australian Championships - due to be hosted by Belmont are highly likely to be at Salamander Bay. Will be confirmed soon.

#### REGISTRAR

Nil report.

### AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. 2013/14 Australian Championships - the Drummoyne Club has trialled the proposed Championship courses in their Club racing. Appear okay, so far. Their new Board Room is now complete (western side of Club).
2. Lower priced 16ft skiff - following the failure of the potential sourcing of skiffs offshore in Malaysia, there are currently discussions with Van Munster about the construction of a mould and hulls.

### 13FT SKIFFS

1. Mark Graham advised that it looks like Manly will be only club sailing 13's in NSW this season.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil Report.

Meeting closed 9.05 pm

NEXT MEETING - at Drummoyne Club on Wednesday **23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013** commencing at 7.30pm.