

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10/10/07
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 8.00pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, John Andrew, Paul Linnett, Mark Graham, Chris Jones, Paul Donovan, Kate Thomas, Brad Andrew and Steve Ward.

APOLOGIES: Belinda Sherry and Alexandra Deakin.

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

1. Michael McMahon introduced Kate Thomas from Splash PR who had been invited to the meeting to discuss the possibilities that the Association might be able to pursue in promotion and marketing.
2. Kate indicated that before proceeding any further we needed to ask WHY we want to pursue promotional activity and WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?
3. Some time was spent discussing these questions. A number of points were raised:-
 - aim is to attract new sailors and more sponsors;
 - sailing as a sport appears to be dropping in numbers, particularly in many of the larger dinghy classes;
 - target market is current sailors;
 - 16ft skiffs, at least, was not a suitable class for novices;
 - retaining mid to late teen kids is a problem;
 - we should target yacht sailors and other mid to larger dinghy sailors;
 - target a wide range of clubs to try and interest them in 13ft skiffs;
 - mentoring is considered an important strategy;
 - we need to ensure that there is no elitist attitude among 16ft sailors (this has allegedly been apparent in some clubs);
 - it was considered important in clubs with 16ft skiff fleets that they have a good junior base.
4. The final outcome of the discussion was an agreement that we should pursue the following four aims with any marketing activity:-
 - Increase number of skiffs;
 - Lift profile of NSW 16ft Skiff Association;
 - Increase sponsorship;
 - Converting juniors to seniors.
5. Kate to now go away and prepare a proposal for consideration at a future meeting.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 12th September 2007.

1. 16ft skiff jig - is still at Middle Harbour.
2. Carbon Spar Committee - Middle Harbour has lodged a NoM with the Australian Association. Michael McMahon pointed out that the affect of their motion as it stood would be to allow carbon in ALL spars.
3. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - further discussion held over to general business.

It was moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Paul Linnett that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Illawarra - 2 skiff registration forms (\$140)
 - 1 entry for combined season regattas (\$220)
 - 1 entry for State Championships (\$160)
2. Belmont - 23 skiff registrations (\$1,610)
 - 14 entries for combined season regattas (\$3,080)
 - 1 entry for State Championships (\$160)
 - 3 entries for Port Hunter (\$120)
 - 5 entries for Belmont
3. Drummoyne - 5 skiff registration forms (\$350)
 - 1 entry for combined season regattas (\$220)
4. Georges River - 5 skiff registration (\$350)
 - 4 entries for combined season regattas (\$880)
5. Manly - 25 skiff registrations (\$1,750)
 - 9 entries for combined season regattas (\$1,980)
 - 2 entries for State Championships (\$320)
 - 6 entries for Manly – 2 days (\$480)
 - 3 entries for Manly - 1 day (\$120)
 - 2 entries for Drummoyne (\$80)
 - 1 entry Belmont (\$40)
6. Middle Harbour - 13 skiff registrations (\$910)
 - 6 entries for combined season regattas (\$1,320)
 - 1 entry for Belmont (\$40)
 - 1 entry for St George (\$40)
7. Port Hunter - 5 skiff registrations (\$350)
 - 4 entries for Port Hunter (\$160)
 - 1 entry for Belmont (\$40)
8. St George - 4 skiff registrations (\$280)
 - 1 entry Illawarra – 2 days (\$80)
 - 1 entry for Belmont (\$40)
 - 1 entry for St George

9. Manly - 11 x 13ft skiff registrations (\$385)
 - 8 entries for 13ft skiff State Championships (\$640)
 - 1 entry for 13ft skiff Illawarra – 2 days (\$40)
 - 2 entries for 13ft skiff Manly (\$80)
10. Middle Harbour - 4 x 13ft skiff registrations (\$140)
 - 3 entries for combined season regattas (\$330)
11. Bill Riley - list of his sailing history to be passed on to Association Historian, Frank Bonnitca.
12. Commonwealth Bank - confirmation of renewal of Term Deposit.
13. Manly - list of key Club officials for 2007/08 season.
14. Middle Harbour - list of all their Sailing officials for 2007/08 season.
15. Yachting NSW - September issue of “On Board”.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight’s meeting.
2. To all clubs - Notice of Race for Interclub regattas (incl. States)

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

TREASURER:

1. Balance of current account is \$10,723.45cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Mark Hunter - cost of 13ft skiff (“Cure Our Kids”) to be donated to Qld Assoc. - \$5,000
 - ii) Alex Deakin - cost of 13ft skiff (“Hap-Hazard”) to be donated to Qld Assoc. - \$3,000
3. Term Deposit - Michael McMahon that the T/D for \$46,238.30 which fell due on 21 September with interest of \$722.58 had been reinvested (total \$46,960.88) for 7 months at 6.9%.

Moved John Andrew and seconded Brad Andrew that the Treasurer’s Report be adopted. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

Nil report.

COMMODORE:

Nil report.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Nil report.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Hulls for Queensland - Mark Graham reported that the two boats for Queensland were now available to go and that Rob Wasson was to make the necessary arrangements for them to be transported.
2. New hulls - Mark advised that a third new hull had been built (making 3 altogether). One more to be completed. It was possible that a further one may be ordered.
3. States & Illawarra Regatta - Mark confirmed that the 13's will be going to IYC for heats 1 and 2 of the States.
4. Notice of Race - Mark asked whether a NoR had been done for the 13's for this season. The Secretary said no, but would organise asap.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Notice of Motion (from Belmont) - voting was conducted on the following Notice of Motion submitted by the Belmont Club at the meeting on 4th August. The motion was CARRIED and will become effective immediately.
 1. Delete rule 5.2 of the Conduct of 16ft Skiff Sailing in New South Wales Rules and insert the following:-

“Skiffs registered with a Club shall win points for that Club on the basis of the position the skiff finishes:

 - (a) in each scratch race that is an interclub race (including those allocated as a heat of the State Championship); and
 - (b) overall in the State Championship; and
 - (c) on adjusted handicap in the race nominated as the Dumaresq Cup race.”
 2. Delete rule 5.6 of the Conduct of 16ft Skiff Sailing in New South Wales Rules and insert the following:-

“Skiffs registered with a Club shall win points for that Club on the basis of the position the skiff finishes in the adjusted handicap race conducted in conjunction with each scratch race that is an interclub race.”
 3. Delete rule 5.11 of the Conduct of 16ft Skiff Sailing in New South Wales Rules and insert the following:-

“Skiffs shall be awarded points on the basis of where the skiff finishes in each scratch race that is an interclub race.”

4. Delete rule 5.14 of the Conduct of 16ft Skiff Sailing in New South Wales Rules and insert the following:-

“Skiffs shall be awarded points on the basis of where the skiff finishes in the adjusted handicap race held in conjunction with each scratch race that is an interclub race.”

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Belmont - 2		Georges River
Drummoyne - 2		Middle Harbour
Manly - 2		Port Hunter
Illawarra - 2		St George
Commodore - 1		
President - 1		
Secretary - 1		
Total - 11	Total - 0	

2. Mainsails - John Andrew indicated that the Measurers now agreed on an interpretation of Class Rules 10.5 and 10.6. He said that any mainsail with some form of reinforcing at the head would be regarded as having a headboard and that these could only extend out 130mm square from the luff. If the sail was to go higher up the leach then it must come back to that point (130mm square out from the luff), it could not go back to the luff itself. He also submitted a diagram of options on how mainsails should be measured.
3. Belmont Regatta / Sprints - Lloyd advised that the Belmont Club were offering approximately \$5,000 for their Regatta race (2nd February 2008) and approximately \$11,000 for the Sprint series the following day. Notices will be sent out well before the events.
4. Manly Regatta (Hts 3 & 4 of States) - Brad Andrew advised that there will be a ferry for the Sunday race (\$12 per head) and it will depart the Club at 1.45pm. Tickets available from the Club. Maximum passenger loading is 196. There will be entertainment for families on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons and also for the sailors on Saturday night. Total prizemoney on offer for the weekend is \$7,300. The weekend is being sponsored by Coopers.
5. Georges River Club - Steve Ward indicated that they should end up with a fleet of around 10 boats this season. He said that visiting skiffs would be welcome to sail on any Sunday with the Club. Visiting skiffs would be eligible for trophies, prizemoney, etc... The only trophy they would not be eligible to win is the Club Championship.

Meeting closed 10.00pm

NEXT MEETING will be at the **Middle Harbour Club** on **Wednesday 31st October 2007** at 7.30pm.