

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8/10/08  
AT MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.40pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, John Andrew, Ben Dibley, Paul Donovan, Paul Linnett, Marilyn Sorensen, Greg Searant, Brad Andrew and Ben Bradley.

APOLOGIES: Mark Graham, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Alex Deakin and Belinda Sherry.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

*Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September 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. “Batwing” mainsails - issue needs to be resolved by the Australian Association, perhaps through the setting up of a Specification Committee (refer General Business for discussion on this issue).
3. Sail Measurer's Forum - still to be scheduled. Club representative names and contact numbers have been passed on to Clint Bowen.
4. Promotions - Proposal still to be sought from Splash Publications.
5. Constitution amendments for 13's - still to be completed by Michael McMahon and Mark Graham.
6. NoM re carbon poles and booms - Australian Secretary has advised that motion was defeated.

It was moved John Andrew and seconded Paul Linnett that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Illawarra - 2 skiff registration forms – “D’Luxe” and “UID” (\$140)  
- 2 entries for combined season regattas “UID” and “CST Composite” (\$480)
2. Belmont - 22 skiff registrations (\$1,540)  
- 10 entries for combined season regattas (\$2,400)  
- 2 entries for State Championships (\$320)  
- 2 entries for Manly Regatta (\$80)  
- 1 entry for Port Hunter – 2 days (\$80)  
- 1 entry for Port Hunter – 1 day (\$40)  
- 1 entry for Drummoyne (\$40)  
- 1 entry for St George (\$40)  
- 9 entries for Belmont (\$360)

3. Georges River - 6 skiff registration (\$420)
  - 2 entries for combined season regattas (\$480)
  - 3 entries for Georges River – 2 days (\$240)
  - 3 entries for St George (\$120)
  
4. Manly - 30 skiff registrations (\$2,100)
  - 10 entries for combined season regattas (\$3,360)
  - 16 entries for Manly (\$640)
  - 1 entry for Port Hunter - 2 days (\$80)
  - 1 entry for Georges River – 2 days (\$80)
  - 1 entry Georges River – 1 day (\$40)
  
5. Middle Harbour - 7 skiff registrations (\$490)
  - 5 entries for combined season regattas (\$1,200)
  - 2 entries for Manly (\$80)
  - 1 entry for Belmont (\$40)
  - 1 entry for St George (\$40)
  
6. Manly - 11 x 13ft skiff registrations (\$385)
  - 7 entries for 13ft skiff State Championships (\$560)
  - 1 entry for 13ft skiff Manly (\$20)
  
7. Middle Harbour - 6 x 13ft skiff registrations (\$210)
  - 4 entries for 13ft skiff State Championships (\$320)
  - 5 entries for Manly Regatta (\$100)

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.

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

TREASURER:

1. Balance of current account is \$3,189.67cr.

Moved Brad Andrew and seconded Paul Linnett that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

Nil report.

COMMODORE:

Nil report.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. Protest Committee - there was some discussion about who was going to be the Chair of the Protest Committee for this season's Australian Championships and whether one had

been organised. It was agreed that an independent person is definitely the way to go. Bob Bower from IYC was suggested and Paul Linnett undertook to speak with him. If he was in a position to officiate, we could recommend him to the Australian Association. Lister Hughes was mentioned as another option.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Age limit - there was further discussion on the ruling agreed to at the last meeting and the consensus was that these should be retained. One of the prime purposes of starting the Class was to encourage progression through to 16's. The concern is that, with little or no age restriction, people would get too comfortable in the Class and not progress through.
2. Sail Measuring - it was agreed that sails should be measured and checked before the State Championships. Brad Andrew undertook to follow up, with a measuring form to be issued.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. "Batwing" mainsails - Greg Searant raised the issue of the "batwing" mainsails. In his opinion, and also the measurers at Belmont, these mainsails qualified with the Class Rules. John Andrew was of the view that they would not qualify as Rule 10.6 specified that a headboard of only 130mm square to the luff was allowed. Greg pointed out that, if these sails did not have a headboard, this rule would not apply and Rule 10.5 was the only appropriate rule.

There was considerable discussion on this issue, with differing views on how the current Class Rules should be interpreted. In the end, it was acknowledged that the NSW Association, as such, did not have any power with respect to the Class Rules and Greg was advised that he should refer the matter to the Australian Association to cover himself. The Australian Association has the option of appointing a Specification Committee to investigate the issue further and come back with a formal ruling.

The ruling on this issue, given by the NSW Association on several occasions, had only been the opinion of a group of our State measurers. These rulings or opinions would not be binding, as the final authority for Class Rules is the Australian Association.

2. Manly Regatta - Brad advised that:-
  - A ferry had been booked for the Regatta; tickets could be purchased from the Club.
  - There is \$5,500 in prizemoney (\$1,000 for scratch winner and \$800 for handicap).
  - Reinforced that the Maritime Authority had introduced an exclusion zone rule for Manly ferries whilst they were underway; fines are applicable; Brad reminded competitors that there would be a special Sailing Instruction to cover this issue.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

NEXT MEETING will be at the **Georges River Club** on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2008**.