

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 6/10/10
AT MANLY 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Riv Robson, Michael McMahon, John Andrew, Paul Linnett, Ian Heritage, Ben Bradley, Clint Bowen, Chris Andrew, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Ed Darmanin and Marilyn Sorensen.

APOLOGIES: Paul Donovan, Roger Steel and Belinda Sherry.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 8th September 2010.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction has now been forwarded to the Australian Association for their approval before publishing on the website.
2. Constitution for 13's - Further discussions still to take place.
3. 13ft skiff sail measuring - still awaiting procurement of a new set of templates for NSW. Mark Graham has followed up. Robert Atkins will supply, but has not done so yet.
4. Australian Steering Committee - the amendment lodged by the Manly Club was voted against. The original motion as lodged by the Australian Association executive is to now be voted on by clubs. Voting closes 22 October.
5. St George – outstanding debt - skiff registration fees and regatta entries is still outstanding, however, following a vote last Thursday evening by St George members, the Club will now be taken over by the Manly Club. As such, all outstanding debts are expected to be paid, although this may take up to six months as it will take that long for the takeover process to be finalised.
6. 13ft skiff mould - is still in Brisbane and is under the care of the Queensland 16ft Skiff Association. It is currently being used to build several hulls. The QSSA has decided to pick up the transport cost of the mould to Brisbane. It is uncertain, at this stage, what will be done with the mould once the current boats are built. There is no suitable boat builder in NSW, at this point of time, who can build the boats in a timely manner. It may be better to have the boats built in Queensland. Mark Graham will discuss this matter further with Queensland.
7. Manly Club – Sailing Business Plan - to be discussed in General Business.
8. Yachting Australia Measurers Clinic - due to be held 16th October. No nominations were received from clubs. John Andrew is unable to attend, so we will not be represented.
9. 13ft Skiff enquiry from Victoria - Mark Graham has heard nothing further about the proposal to build 13ft skiffs in Victoria.

It was moved Riv Robson and seconded Paul Linnett that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Belmont - 17 skiff registrations (\$1,190)
 - 10 entries for combined season regattas (\$2,400)
 - 1 entry for Port Hunter (\$40)
 - 2 entries for Belmont – 2 days (\$160)
2. Georges River - Nil skiff registrations
 - 4 entries for combined seasons regattas (\$960)
3. Middle Harbour - 12 skiff registrations (\$840)
 - 5 entries for combined season regattas (\$1,200)
 - 3 entries for 2 days for Middle Harbour (\$240)
 - 1 entry for Botany Bay Championship (\$40)
 - 4 x 13ft skiff registrations (\$140)
 - 1 x 13ft skiff entry for State Championships (\$120)
4. Manly - 28 skiff registrations (\$1,960)
 - 9 entries for combined season regattas (\$2,160)
 - 1 entry for State Championships (\$240)
 - 6 entries for 2 days for Middle Harbour (\$480)
 - 1 entry for 1 day for Middle Harbour (\$40)
 - 1 entry for 2 days for Drummoyne (\$80)
 - 1 entry for 1 day for Drummoyne (\$40)
 - 2 entries for 2 days for Belmont (\$160)
 - 1 entry for Botany Bay Championship (\$40)
 - 10 x 13ft skiff registrations (\$350)
 - 4 x 13ft skiff entries for State Championships (\$480)
 - 1 x 13ft skiff entry for Middle Harbour (\$40)
5. Illawarra - 8 skiff registrations (\$560)
 - 3 entries for combined season regattas (\$720)
 - 1 entry for State Championships (\$240)
6. Port Hunter - 5 skiff registrations (\$350)
 - 4 entries for Port Hunter regatta (\$160)
7. Belmont - nomination of Troy Dobinson for position of NSW Representative on the Australian Association Executive.
8. Manly - nomination of Clint Bowen for position of NSW Representative on the Australian Association Executive.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular, including advice of tonight's meeting.
2. To all clubs - advice concerning need for NSW Association to formally appoint a representative to the Australian 16ft Skiff Association and calling for nominations.

Moved Riv Robson and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$14,152.24cr.

Moved Ian Heritage and seconded Ben Bradley that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.
CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. NSW representative to Australian Association - as two nominations have been received (Troy Dobinson and Clint Bowen), it was agreed that they should be referred to clubs for voting in the usual manner. Voting will close at the Association meeting scheduled for 10th November.
2. NSW Association scales - Clint Bowen reported that the scales have been missing since the last Australian Championship carnival at Belmont. He indicated that they are usually kept in a blue sports bag. Lloyd is to check the boatshed at Belmont. A check is also to be made with Kieran Humphries as he was involved with the hull weigh ins.

COMMODORE:

1. State Championships at Salamander Bay - Lloyd advised that Belmont have arranged for \$3,000 in prizemoney for heats 1 and 2 of the State Championships at Salamander Bay. The Corlette Bay club is to supply a starters boat and mark laying boat with crew. Belmont will supply one additional boat. Clint Bowen indicated that he will also have a boat available.

REGISTRAR:

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. Race Committee for 2010/11 - Michael advised that he had spoken with Rob Wasson about the possible make-up of the Race Committee for the upcoming Championships. Michael indicated that he would be attending along with Lloyd, John Andrew, Riv and Mark Graham. Rob will advise once the Australian Association has decided on the make-up of the Race Committee.
2. Darling Point Sailing Squadron - currently seeking registration with the Australian Association. Rob Wasson has indicated that the DPSS has a good relationship with RQYS, who will relinquish membership once it is granted to DPSS. RQ do not really wish to have skiff racing, but are very happy to support DPSS, where possible.

13FT SKIFFS:

1. Registrations - Mark advised that, to date, thirty registration numbers have been issued for the 13ft skiffs. There was some discussion about changing the sail number system (which correlates with the hull number) to have higher numbers. For example NSW would have the 200 series or 2000, whilst Queensland might have 400 or 4000 based on postcode prefixes. Other classes have done this to give the impression of bigger fleet numbers.

SKIFF PROJECT/BUSINESS PLAN:

Clint Bowen reported that Nikki Kirkwood has been slightly delayed with the project due to family commitments. She has made contact with a representative from most clubs. Each club has agreed to help circulate a survey which she is planning. There will be three separate ones – current sailors, retired sailors and former junior sailors (who did not progress to 16's). She will forward the surveys to the Association delegates before sending them out for any suggestions.

Her rough timeline, going forward is:

- surveys to clubs to circulate by end October;
- surveys completed by end November;
- topline results before Christmas;
- deeper analysis during January;
- recommendations by end January/early February.

She is concentrating on three objectives:

- Recruiting people straight into 16's;
- Recruiting people into feeder classes; and
- Keeping people sailing in 16's longer.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

NEXT MEETING - Georges River Club on Wednesday 20th October 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.