

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 20/10/10
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.50pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Belinda Sherry, Paul Donovan and Alex Deakin.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 6th October 2010.

1. NSW representative to Australian Association - two nominations (Troy Dobinson and Clint Bowen) referred to clubs for voting in the usual manner. Voting will close at the Association meeting scheduled for 10th November.
2. NSW Association scales - Lloyd located the scales in the boatshed at Belmont. Now with Clint Bowen.
3. Race Committee for 2010/11 - the names of the available NSW representatives advised to Rob Wasson. Rob will advise once the Australian Association has decided on the make-up of the Race Committee.
4. 13ft skiff registrations - no further action at this stage on the possibility of changing the sail number system (which currently correlates with the hull number) to have higher numbers.
5. Skiff Project/Business Plan: - surveys have yet to be circulated.
6. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - still waiting for Australian Association endorsement of the draft measuring instructions.
7. Constitution for 13's - further discussion still to take place.
8. 13ft skiff sail measuring template - second template yet to be supplied.
9. St George outstanding debt - still to be finalised, but should be by early 2011.
10. 13ft skiff mould - still in Queensland.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Drummoyne - 4 skiff registrations (\$280).

2. Manly – 1 entry for State Championships (\$240)
 - 1 entry for 2 days at Belmont (Salamander Bay)(\$80)
 - 11 entries for 2 days at Middle Harbour (\$880)
 - 1 entry for 2 days at Drummoyne (\$80)
 - 2 entries for Botany Bay Championship (\$80)
 - 2 x 13ft skiff registration (\$70)
 - 1 x 13ft skiff State Championship entry (\$160)
 - 6 x 13ft skiff entries for 2 days at Middle Harbour (\$240)
3. St George - 4 skiff registrations (\$280)
4. Port Hunter - 1 entry for 2 days at Belmont (Salamander Bay)(\$80)
 - 1 entry for 2 days at Middle Harbour (\$80)
5. Middle Harbour - 2 x 13ft skiff registrations (\$70)
 - 2 x 13ft skiff entries for State Championships (\$320)
6. Belmont - 1 entry for 2 days at Belmont (Salamander Bay) (\$80)
7. Georges River - 4 skiff registrations (\$280).
8. Rob Wasson - email regarding dates for the 2011/2012 Australian Championships to be held at Hervey Bay (refer Australian Association Report).
9. Ian Kennedy - from Queensland 13ft skiffs. They have secured sponsorship for the 13ft skiffs of \$300 per race at the Australian Championships. It is proposed that no prize money be paid for these races. Suitable prizes may be purchased as an alternative.
10. Lyn Hanlon - from Queensland 13ft skiffs has written regarding the ten year anniversary of the 13ft skiff. She expressed a desire to see some sort of celebration held during the Australian Championships.
11. Queensland Association - request to allow a Carbon Fibre gooseneck on a 13ft skiff. This was rejected by the committee on the grounds of potential cost.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular, including advice of tonight's meeting.

Moved Riv Robson and seconded John Andrew that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$13,658.29 cr.

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Paul Linnett that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. Port Hunter regatta was abandoned due to excessive wind. Port Hunter officials expressed an interest to Lloyd that they would like to reschedule the regatta. Lloyd expressed the view this would be difficult due to the fixed nature of club programmes

and in turn the impact that would have on such matters as club championship heats. Feedback along these lines was given to Port Hunter officials.

The meeting expressed concern that a rescheduled regatta may be poorly attended due to club commitments and the fact that it is not a State Championship heat. This may in turn affect the Association point score.

This matter will be kept in abeyance until a formal request is made by the Port Hunter club. Such a request would need to include proposed dates.

COMMODORE:

1. The Commodore wished to commend the Port Hunter club for the hospitality they provided on the day of the regatta.

REGISTRAR:

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION:

1. 2011/12 Australian Championships - the proposed dates are:
 - Thursday 29th December 2011 (Race 1)
 - Friday 30th December 2011 (Race 2)
 - Saturday 31st December 2011 (Race 3)
 - LAY DAY Sunday 1st January 2012
 - Monday 2nd January 2012 (Race 4)
 - Tuesday 3rd January 2012 (Race 5)
 - Wednesday 4th January 2012 (Race 6)
 - Thursday 5th January 2012 (Race 7)

The presentation night is set for Thursday 5th January 2012 and as seen, there is only one Lay Day proposed. There is also no invitation race proposed.

The reason these dates have been proposed is because high tides increase after 5th January 2012. The days have been chosen after referencing tidal information. There is a concern that if wind comes from the north, problems may be caused for sailors trying to rig along the beach. Feedback is to be sought from the clubs

13ft SKIFFS:

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Water packs & camel packs - Paul Linnett made an enquiry about sailors wearing water packs. The meeting felt this fell under the same category as the wearing of weight jackets and therefore against the 16ft skiff class rules. The class rules indicate that no inside or outside ballast is allowed. Whilst it is common practice for skiff sailors to carry a small quantity of water on board for personal hydration it may not be stored on the individual.
2. Roger Steel asked whether the Association should promote events such as the upcoming state titles at Salamander Bay. The meeting indicated this was traditionally the responsibility of the club hosting the event. In the past, some clubs have had posters printed, placed advertisements in local newspapers or made use of local radio stations.

3. John Blevin - a popular, ex-skiff sailor from Georges River and St George had recently passed away.
4. Frank Bonnitca - Frank's condition has slowly continued to worsen, although he has survived longer than the original prognosis of three months.

Meeting closed 8.40pm

NEXT MEETING - Manly Club on Wednesday 10th November 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.