

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 23/10/13  
AT DRUMMOYNE SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.57pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Marilyn Sorensen, Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Riv Robson, Paul Linnett, Kathy Grudzinskas, Roger Steel, Neil Tavener and Greg Muirhead.

APOLOGIES: Nil

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

*Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013.*

1. Craig Nicholls compensation claim - The Commodore reported on investigations into more comprehensive personal accident insurance than that offered by YNSW. His conclusion was that such sports insurance would be prohibitively expensive. It was found that the insurance offered as part of YNSW membership provided very limited coverage.
2. Association officials liability insurance cover - Michael confirmed that the current liability policy held by the Association does cover all directors and officers of the Association whilst they are carrying out their duties on behalf of the Association.
3. Point Score System - The need to revisit the Association Scratch and Handicap Point Scores was restated. It has not been addressed, however, the Secretary agreed to distribute the current spreadsheet used to calculate results for consideration.
4. State Championship Prizemoney - Prizemoney is to be paid to a greater number of participants. \$4,300 was paid to the first 10 places on scratch and handicap last year. This year it is planned to pay \$5,000 across the first 15 places.

MOTION - To be eligible to receive prizemoney, participants need to have started (been within vicinity of the start) in 5 of the 6 heats of the State Championships. In the case of the Youth Championship, there will be a prize of \$450 for first place and \$200 for second place on, scratch only, for participants also in 5 of the 6 heats. **MOVED** Lloyd Mullholand and **SECONDED** Mark Graham. **CARRIED**.

5. Prizemoney for Gosford State heats - after some discussion, it was agreed that the Association not offer any prizemoney for the Gosford weekend. It has previously been the Association's policy not to offer prizemoney to clubs for interclub racing as it can set a benchmark and precedent for all interclub races and the Association may not be in a position to fund potential claims from all its member (or even non-member) clubs. In that regard, it was noted that the Association had increased prizemoney for the overall State Championship results.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Illawarra - 2 skiff registrations.
2. Drummoyne - 1 skiff registration.
3. Craig Nicholls Statement of Claim - Secretary has received this from a Process Server. It has been referred to our insurance broker.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Nil

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

TREASURER

1. Balance of working account as at today's date is \$15,274.38.

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Mark Graham that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted. CARRIED.

SECRETARY

1. The results for Port Hunter Regatta held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were tabled and adopted. There was a disappointing attendance with only 10 starters and 9 finishers. Part of the reason was believed to be that the Belmont Club did not have the regatta listed on their Programme, as they usually get a few of their boats attending (only 1 attended). There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with a 10-15 knot East-North-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Port Hunter Regatta – Scratch Summary	
1 BRYDENS LAWYERS	Adam Piper
2. HUBBLE CLEANING PRODUCTS	James Ward
3. SOUTHERN BEACHES RUGBY	Rod Carter
4. BRANDCENTS CONSULTANCY	Alexandra Deakin
5. LAKEVIEW CONSTRUCTIONS	Ross Massey

Port Hunter Regatta - Handicap Summary	
1. SILVER BULLET	Grahame Dingle
2. LAKEVIEW CONSTRUCTIONS	Ross Massey
3. BRANDCENTS CONSULTANCY	Alexandra Deakin
4. KILOS	David Croft
5. THURLOW FISHER LAWYERS	Matthew Peat

1. State Championships - There have been 32 entries received for the upcoming heats 1 and 2 at Lake Illawarra.

COMMODORE

1. Port Hunter Regatta - The hospitality of the Port Hunter club was once again excellent. Lloyd particularly mentioned Cath Holmes for the excellent meals that she provided in the Club's revamped facilities. The regatta was very well run.

## REGISTRAR

Nil report.

## AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Preparations for National Titles - Greg Muirhead reported on the Drummoyne Club's preparations for the upcoming national Titles. There will be parking made available for one car and one boat trailer per competing skiff. There have been 42 car parking places assigned for competitors and 21 places for officials and volunteers. Trailers will be able to be stored in the park up from the beach adjacent to the Club. These arrangements take into account both 13ft and 16ft skiffs.

The rigging area will be set up as an exclusion zone. There is the starting boat and 5 or 6 rescue boats. Sponsorship has been obtained for 5 of the 7 races to date and an overall sponsor has been found. The Drummoyne club board is said to be fully behind the event.

There are attempts being made at present to arrange child care facilities for the children of competitors. The organisers are presently investigating media coverage.

There are plans for GPS tracking (<http://www.tractrac.com/>) of skiffs during the races, allowing the progress of the race to be followed remotely online.

Courses are unlikely to be solely Windward-Leeward courses due to the challenges of the waterway at the Drummoyne Club. It will likely be a combination of Triangle and Windward-Leeward courses depending on the direction of the breeze.

The 13ft skiffs will compete on the same courses as the 16ft skiffs but will be started 10 minutes later.

## 13FT SKIFFS

1. Mark Graham advised that only Manly club have 13ft skiffs registered for this season, with 14 or 15 registrations and 10 or 11 skiffs competing regularly.
2. It was agreed that Bernie Kerr should be asked to be a Race Committee member for the 13's for the upcoming Nationals and State Championships.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Social Media – Mark Graham reported on a need to use social media more widely by the skiff association. It was suggested there be an Association twitter account created. It was felt that it would need to be fully embraced to be useful, with someone needing to provide daily or weekly comments. It was felt someone young and motivated would be needed to make this happen effectively as they were more in touch with this form of technology. It was noted that James Bury currently looks after a FaceBook page for the Australian Association. No conclusion was reached, but if a suitable person could be found to further explore and initiate any social media activity, then we would seriously consider the initiative.

Meeting closed 9.03 pm

NEXT MEETING - at Middle Harbour Club on Wednesday **13<sup>th</sup> November 2013** commencing at 7.30pm.