

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26/11/08
AT MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.55pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Paul Linnett, Marilyn Sorensen, Ian Heritage, Brad Andrew and Alexandra Deakin.

APOLOGIES: Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Mark Graham, Paul Donovan, John Andrew, Belinda Sherry and Ben Bradley.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 29th October 2008.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued.
2. “Batwing” mainsails - awaiting report from Australian Association Specification Committee. This really needs to be resolved sooner rather than later.
3. Sail Measuring Forms for 13’s - still awaiting development of a plan or template for sail measuring.
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. Australian Championships - no chairman found yet for protest committee. Secretary to speak with John Andrew concerning sail measuring and marking before the series.

It was moved Marilyn Sorensen and seconded Paul Linnett that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Drummoyne - 2 skiff registrations – (\$140) (no forms lodged, but regatta entry lodged for “Austex Marine Fabrics” and “Mountain Industries”)
- 5 entries for Drummoyne (\$200)
2. Commonwealth Bank - confirmation of renewal of term deposit (\$61,251.68 for 3 months @ 6% till 21/1/09).
3. Fiona Walker - submission concerning age restriction in 13ft skiffs (refer 13ft skiff report for further discussion).
4. Manly - advice concerning direct credit payment for \$6,370 in payment of invoice No. 82.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs - circular advising of tonight's meeting.
2. To all clubs - email advising of the date for resail of Heat 2 of the NSW 16ft and 13ft Skiff State Championships (decision made by Executive).

Moved Brad Andrew and seconded Ian Heritage that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. No balance available.
2. The following account for payment was submitted:-
 - i) Lloyd Mulholland - out of pocket expenses for Port Hunter Regatta - \$20 and Georges River \$250 – total **\$270**.
 - ii) Riv Robson - out of pocket expenses for Port Hunter Regatta - **\$100**.
 - iii) Ian Heritage – out of pocket expenses for Port Hunter - **\$50**.
 - iv) Michael McMahon - out of pocket expenses Port Hunter \$50; Secretary's Honorarium covering September, October and November \$750 ; Secretary's expenses (computer mouse \$19.95; postage stamps 50 @ 55c = \$55; large envelopes \$19.25; carry bag \$175; Netregistry for website hosting \$396) - total **\$1,465.20**.

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

SECRETARY:

1. The results for Port Hunter Regatta and Heat 1 State Championship held on 8th November 2008 were tabled and adopted. There were 43 starters and 39 finished. There were no beach entries. There was one protest. The skiff "OAS" protested "UID" for failing to keep proper clearance rounding a windward mark. Protest was upheld and "UID" who had provisionally won the race, was disqualified. Scratch won by "Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri" (Bel) from "Fire Stopping" (Man), "OAS" (Bel), "AB Window Fashions" (Bel) and "Energy Australia" (Man). Handicap won by "Dalbardi Vending" (IYC) from "ERA" (Man), "Infinite Property Solutions" (GR), "KOFM 102.9" (Bel) and "Oi" (PH).
2. Racing on the second day at Port Hunter for Heat 2 of the State Championship and the Dumaresq Cup was finally abandoned due to lack of wind at 3.45pm. The Race Committee and Association Executive decided that the State heat and Dumaresq Cup would be resailed at 12.30pm on Saturday 22nd November.
3. The results for the rescheduled Heat 2 State Championship and Dumaresq Cup held on 22nd November 2008 at Georges River (12.30pm start) were tabled and adopted. There were 22 starters and 2 finished. There were no protests. The race was shortened due to increasing wind strength, with some gusts (westerly) exceeding 30 knots. Scratch won by "Rile Marine Fittings" (Man) from "CST Composites" (IYC). Handicap won by "Riley Marine Fittings" (Man) from "CST Composites" (IYC). The Association Executive had agreed to commit \$1,000 prizemoney to this race.
4. The Georges River Regatta and Heat 3 of the State Championship, scheduled for a 2.30pm start on 22nd November, was rescheduled to 3.30pm, however, racing had to be

abandoned due to strong winds, averaging around 30 knots, but gusting to 38 knots. The race was rescheduled to be sailed at 11.00am on 23rd November.

5. The results for Georges River Regatta and Heat 3 State Championship held on 23rd November 2008 were tabled and adopted. There were 17 starters and 9 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. Scratch won by "Aristocrat" (Bel) from "OAS" (Bel), "St George Bank" (Bel), "Riley Marine Fittings" (Man) and "Broke" (GR). Handicap won by "Aristocrat" (Bel) from "OAS" (Bel), "Broke" (GR), "St George Bank" (Bel) and "CST Composites" (IYC).
6. The Georges River Regatta and Heat 4 of the State Championship, scheduled for a 2.30pm start on 23rd November was abandoned due to strong winds at 2.40pm due to strong winds, averaging 33 knots and gusting 40 knots (southerly).
7. The overall State Championships results were tabled. They were based on the three completed heats and, as a result all heats counted. Won by "Riley Marine Fittings" (Jack Andrew) 11 pts, "CST Composites" (Peter Thorpe) 21 pts, "OAS" (Danny Anderson) 28 pts, "Aristocrat" (Rob Flanagan) 32 pts and "Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri" (Kieran Humphries) 30 pts. A schedule of the resulting prizemoney payments which now need to be made (as agreed at Association meeting of 29th October 2008) is attached.
8. Following the decision to resail Heat 2 of the State Championship at Georges River, for the record, the Executive also decided to allocate \$1,000 prizemoney from Association funds to the race, as an incentive for boats to compete. With only two boats finishing this payment will now only be \$360.
9. The State Championship trophy was not available for presentation after the last race and it was agreed that it should now be presented after the first heat of the Australian Championships at Illawarra.

COMMODORE:

1. On behalf of the Commodore, Michael McMahon thanked the Georges River Club, and in particular, Chris Andrew for providing lunch to the officials at the Georges River Regatta, especially the sit down lunch on the Sunday.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. Starting gun for Australian Championships - Riv Robson indicated that he would be able to bring the gun used at Drummoyne for the Championships at Illawarra.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Age limit - there was discussion on the letter lodged by Fiona Walker. She has requested that the restriction only apply to a crew's eligibility to win or be placed in an interclub regatta or Championship series. Fiona has argued that for the benefit of the Class and with the difficulty in finding suitable crew at times, boats should still be allowed to compete in races, but not be eligible to win a place. After some discussion, it was agreed that the age restrictions agreed to in September be applicable to a crew's eligibility to win or be placed in interclub events or Championship series. Skiffs

containing ineligible crews should not impede or unfairly disadvantage eligible crews during races. Their placing will be recorded, but their position will not count for the purpose of winning any trophies or for points in a particular series.

2. The results for Port Hunter Regatta and Heat 1 State Championship held on 8th November 2008 were tabled and adopted. There were 8 starters and 8 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. Scratch won by “Fluid Building Services” (Man) from “Sydney Swans” (MH), “Sheads” (MH), “Northside Sailing School” (MH) and “Livewire” (MH). Handicap won by “Sydney Swans” (MH) from “Northside Sailing School” (MH), “Busted” (Man), “Fluid Building Services” (Man) and “Sheads” (MH).
3. Racing on the second day at Port Hunter for Heat 2 of the State Championship was finally abandoned due to lack of wind at 3.45pm. The Race Committee and Association Executive decided that the State heat would be resailed in conjunction with the Port Jackson Championship at Middle Harbour on Saturday 6th December.
4. Heat 3 of the State Championship, originally scheduled for a 2.40pm start on 22nd November, was rescheduled to 3.30pm, however, racing had to be abandoned due to strong winds, averaging around 30 knots, but gusting to 38 knots. The race was rescheduled to be sailed at 11.10am on 23rd November.
5. The results for the rescheduled Heat 3 of the State Championship held on 23rd November 2008 were tabled and adopted. There were 5 starters and 4 finished. There were no protests. Scratch won by “Sheads” (MH) from “Bigfoot Promo Products” (Man), “Sydney Swans” (MH) and “Northside Sailing School” (MH). Handicap won by “Bigfoot Promo Products” (Man) from “Sheads” (MH), “Sydney Swans” (MH) and “Northside Sailing School” (MH).
6. Heat 4 of the State Championship scheduled for a 2.40pm start on 23rd November was abandoned due to strong winds at 2.40pm due to strong winds, averaging 33 knots and gusting 40 knots (southerly). The heat was rescheduled to be sailed at Middle Harbour on Saturday 6th December (being a second race on that day starting at 1.00pm).
7. Travel money for Brisbane - it was noted that travel money had still not been paid by the Australian Association for those skiffs that travelled to the Australian Championships in Brisbane last January.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

NEXT MEETING - Middle Harbour Club on Wednesday 10th December 2008
commencing at 6.30pm, then followed by dinner.