

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4/11/09  
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.50pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Brad Andrew, Belinda Sherry and Paul Donovan.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

*Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009.*

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued. Clint Bowen is now preparing a draft document.
2. Promotions - Proposal still to be sought from Splash Publications.
3. Constitution for 13's - Further discussions to take place.
4. NSW Association Auditor - Nominations to be sought for this position.
5. 13ft skiffs - Hulls have all been weighed and all are on or above minimum weight. Hulls are still to be measured.
6. 13ft skiff sail measuring - template being made for working sails;
  - consideration still being given to spinnaker measuring;
  - it was suggested that information sessions should be held on how to measure sails and hulls.
7. Christmas dinner - it was decided to hold this year's evening at the Georges River Club (9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm; meeting beforehand to start at 6.30pm).

It was moved Mark Graham and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Drummoyne - 3 skiff registrations (\$210)
2. St George - 2 skiff registrations ("Joe Walsh" & "Ancient Mariners") (\$140)
3. Illawarra - 1 skiff registration ("D'Luxe") (\$70)
4. Middle Harbour - 1 x 13ft skiff entry for 1 day St George ("Livewire") (\$20)
  - 1 x 13ft skiff registration ("One Scrap") (\$35)
  - 1 x 13ft entry for combined regattas ("One Scrap") (\$120)
5. Georges River - 2 skiff registrations (\$140)
  - 1 entry 2 days at St George (\$80)

- 1 entry for Port Hunter, States, Drummoyne (\$240)

6. Port Hunter - 1 entry for Port Hunter (“The Pumper”).

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Moved Ian Heritage and seconded Riv Robson that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$6,562.77.
2. The following account for payment was submitted:-
  - i) Musto Australasia P/L – cost of two additional jackets for “Riley Marine Fittings” – 2008-09 season point scores – invoice 10543 - **\$350.90** (these are in addition to 5 jackets purchased in August, however, the skiff won the State Championship as well as the scratch and handicap point scores for the season).
  - ii) Musto Australasia P/L - invoice 9860 – for 5 jackets “Riley Marine Fittings” winner of 2008-09 State Championship and handicap and scratch point scores - **\$1,014.75** (NB. this account was actually paid in August 2009).

Moved Alex Deakin and seconded Michael McMahon that the Treasurer’s Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. The results for Port Hunter Regatta held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009 were tabled and adopted. There were 26 starters and 20 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. Scratch won by “OAS” (Bel) from “Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri” (Bel), “Straight Azz Tiling” (Bel), “Sutech Building Consultants” (Man) and “Eco Smart Energy” (Man). Handicap won by “McGrath Hoyhaul” (PH) from “The Pumper” (PH), “Eco Smart Energy” (Man), “Gill” (GR) and “OAS” (Bel).
2. Insignias - it was noted that some skiffs’ sail insignias still did not comply with the Rules.

COMMODORE: Lloyd thanked the Port Hunter Club, especially Kath, for lunch at their regatta. All went smoothly for the racing with a good turn out of 26 skiffs.

REGISTRAR: Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT: Nil report.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Australian Championships - further discussion on courses. It was ultimately agreed that separate courses should be sailed, although the 16’s start line would be used. There was also discussion on whether there should be more than 7 races, with some morning races. Mark Graham indicated that he had polled the Manly skiffs and the feedback from Queensland was that competitors preferred the 7 heats.

2. Boat measurements - Mark indicated that checks would be done on the following three key measurements:-
  - forestay measurement;
  - mast tip to mast step (before being rigged); and
  - bow pole length.
3. Port Jackson series - Mark mentioned that heat 2 of this series had been held recently at Middle Harbour.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Notice of Motion - the following motion was voted on and passed unanimously:-

Delete Rule 52 (“Auditor”) and insert the following new Rule:-

- (1) The Association must appoint an auditor. The auditor must be either a:
    - (a) registered company auditor for the purposes of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth); or
    - (b) firm of registered company auditors for the purposes of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth); or
    - (c) member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants (ASCPA) or Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICA).
  - (2) A member of the NSW 16ft Skiff Association Executive, as defined in Rule 11, shall not be appointed as an auditor of the Association.
2. Australian Championships - Bob Bower from IYC has offered his services for the upcoming Championships at Belmont. Gary Paton to be advised.
  3. St George Regatta - modified Club courses will be used for the Regatta (which includes heats 1 and 2 of States);
    - there will be lunch for officials at 12.30pm; and
    - the Club caterer has resigned, however, some food will be made available by volunteers.
  4. Masts - it was reported that there is difficulty getting mast sections from Capral as they require a minimum order of 40 of each type (big and small). It is believed that there are only a limited number left from current stock. It was agreed that it may be time to reconsider the possible use of carbon. To be referred for further discussion.

Meeting closed 10.05pm

**NEXT MEETING - Georges River Club** on Wednesday **25<sup>th</sup> November 2009** commencing at 7.30pm. The meeting was originally scheduled for Manly, however, it was agreed with the Club that they could book a function for an important sponsor as our meeting could be accommodated by GRSC.