

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25/11/09
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.40pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Brad Andrew, Belinda Sherry, Alexandra Deakin, Paul Donovan and Mark Graham.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 4th November 2009.

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued. Clint Bowen is now preparing a draft document. Michael McMahon to follow up how this is progressing.
2. Promotions - Proposal still to be sought from Splash Publications.
3. Constitution for 13's - Further discussions still to take place.
4. NSW Association Auditor - Nominations to be sought for this position. A note to be included in the next circular.
5. 13ft skiffs - Key hull measurements (as listed in the minutes for 4/11/09 have been carried out on the Manly boats. The only non-compliance was "Northside Airconditioning" with respect to its forestay being 8mm over-length. Boats are still yet to be weighed.
6. 13ft skiff sail measuring - template is now available for working sails;
- consideration still being given to spinnaker measuring;
7. Australian Championships - Gary Paton is currently organising the Race Committee members. Michael McMahon expressed an opinion that a committee with 5 members would be the optimum for effective management and would be sufficient to get the diversity of members to make a successful carnival.
8. Masts - it has been suggested that a forum being held during the upcoming Australian Championships to raise any issues affecting the Class and its future direction.

It was moved Paul Linnett and seconded Ben Bradley that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Drummoyne - 3 skiff registrations (\$210)
- 6 entries for Drummoyne (\$240)
2. Illawarra - 1 entry for Manly (2 days) and Drummoyne ("IGD")(\$120)

3. Brad Andrew - resignation as Assistant Secretary of the Association (he has bought a business in Tuncurry (lower North Coast) and will be moving up there in early December). Nominations to be called for in the next circular.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Moved Ian Heritage and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$6,152.77.
2. The initial invoices for the season covering registrations and race entries have been sent to clubs.
3. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Belinda Sherry - out of pocket expenses – internet and computer expenses - **\$119.85**.
 - ii) Michael McMahon – Secretary's honorarium for September, October and November (**\$750**).

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded John Andrew that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. The results for St George Regatta and Heat 1 of the State Championship held on 14th November 2009 were tabled and adopted. There were 44 starters and 36 finished. There were no beach entries. There was one protest – "Hahn Super Dry" v "Infinite Property Solutions" alleging that Infinite breached RRS 11 at the start of the race. As a result "Hahn" received a broken spinnaker pole and withdrew from the race. Protest upheld – "Infinite" disqualified and "Hahn" granted average points for the series. Scratch won by "Fire Stopping" (Man) from "Brydens Compensation Lawyers" (GR), "OAS" (Bel), "Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri" (Bel) and "Straight Azz Tiling" (Bel). Handicap won by "Sheads First National" (MH) from "John Romanous Consulting Engineers" (IYC), "Fire Stopping" (Man), "Bruce Gault Boat Builders and Repairs" (StG) and "Too Bee" (Man).
2. The results for St George Regatta and Heat 2 of the State Championship held on 15th November 2009 were tabled and adopted. There were 39 starters and 30 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. Scratch won by "Brydens Compensation Lawyers" (GR) from "Fluid Building Services" (Man), "Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri" (Bel), "Fire Stopping" (Man) and "Sutech Building Consultants" (Man). Handicap won by "Independent Gaming" (Bel) from "Hahn Super Dry" (Bel), "Truenergy" (IYC), "Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri" (Bel) and "John Romanous Consulting Engineers" (StG).

COMMODORE: Lloyd thanked the St George Club for lunch at their regatta. The on-water organisation was very good.

REGISTRAR: Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. Sailing Instructions - Gary Paton has issued a draft copy of the SI's for the upcoming Championships.
2. Championship Entries - entries for the Championships close on 1 December.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. Australian Championships - Mark Graham is still trying to resolve the courses for their Championships. It has been agreed that separate courses will be sailed, the main issue at present is whether they will use the same start as the 16's and what the first mark will be (ie. the same as the 16's or a separate 13 one).
2. Courses at St George - it was mentioned that there was some congestion with the South-East course at St George during Heat 2 of the State Championships. Some legs of the course crossed over each other leading to some congestion between 16's and 13's and also 16's and 16's.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Mainsail measuring - John Andrew indicated that there had been an issue with the measurement of the skiff "Gill's" big mainsail. The issue resolved around the leech and whether, depending on the shape of the leech, it should be divided up into several triangles rather than one and then a large "round". It was noted that the mainsail measuring form only provided for one triangle, however, the Class Rules does allow a measurer to use as many triangles as is necessary to minimise any "cheating" of area. It was agreed that the State measurers should document examples of how, and in what circumstances, mainsails should be measured (it was noted at this point that Clint Bowen is currently working on draft measuring instructions).
2. Skiff Forum content - Michael McMahon asked for guidance as to what degree he should moderate the "Skiff Forum". There have been a few instances over time where "girlie" type photos might be considered by some people as offensive and inappropriate for a skiff website. He recently received an email complaint about one particular posting and removed it. The consensus of the meeting was that it was a sailing (skiff) website and that was the image that we wanted to portray. Material that might be considered overly offensive by a reasonable person, male or female, should be removed.

Meeting closed 9.05pm

NEXT MEETING - Georges River Club on Wednesday 9th December 2009 commencing at 6.30pm. The meeting will be followed by our usual Christmas celebration.