

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10/11/10
AT MANLY 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.52pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Clint Bowen, Marilyn Sorensen, Belinda Sherry, Paul Donovan and Ben Bradley.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 20th October 2010.

1. Voting on NSW representative to Australian Association - Voting was as follows:

	Troy	Clint
Belmont	2	
Manly		2
Drummoyne		2
Illawarra		2
Middle Harbour	2	
Georges River	Abstain	
Port Hunter	No Vote	
St. George	No Vote	
Commodore	Abstain	
Secretary	Abstain	
President	Abstain	

Clint Bowen has been elected as the NSW representative to Australian Association by 6 votes to 4.

2. “Recruiting the next generation” project: - Clint Bowen has supplied a summary of progress to date.

There has been a compilation of all the ideas collected from various stakeholders with some common themes and ideas being identified. Information was gathered from meetings and phone calls to various club representatives.

Project coordinator Niki has been developing an online survey based upon this collected information. The aim is to have it ready by mid December with a trial before release so it can be refined if necessary. It may be possible to have computers available at RQ during the Australian titles as another option encouraging people to participate.

Clint has indicated he is open to any constructive suggestions.

3. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - The NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued. Awaiting final approval by Australian Association.

4. 13ft Skiff National Titles - The company Zhik has agreed to be the overall sponsor for the 13ft skiff titles. It is hoped that a fleet of about 20 13ft skiffs will compete. Mark Graham has spoken with Ian Kennedy from QLD about organising trophies and prizes to reward success in races rather than money. Mark has also spoken with Lee Hanlon about the '10 years of 13ft skiff sailing' celebrations.
5. Race Committee for 2010/11 - Rob Wasson has confirmed that the race committee will comprise Rob Wasson, Michael McMahon, Mark Graham, John Andrew, and two representatives from RQYS.
6. 13ft skiff sail measuring template - second template yet to be supplied. Mark Graham is to speak with Robert Atkins next week.
7. St George outstanding debt - still to be finalised, but should be by early 2011.
8. Dates for Skiff National Titles – The previously proposed dates for Hervey Bay have now been confirmed (i.e.2011/12 Australian Championships). 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)

It was moved Ed Darmanin and seconded Paul Linnett that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Drummoyne - 3 skiff registrations (\$210).
 - 7 entries for 1 day (Saturday) at Drummoyne (\$280).
2. Belmont - voting for position of NSW State Representative (Troy Dobinson).
3. Manly - voting for the position of NSW State Representative (Clint Bowen).

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil.

Moved Alex Deakin and seconded John Andrew that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$13,646.29 cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Belinda Sherry – Treasurer's expenses (internet and ink cartridges) – **(\$186.68)**.
 - ii) Lloyd Mulholland – out of pocket expenses – attending State Heats at Salamander Bay - **(\$120)**.
 - iii) Riv Robson - out of pocket expenses – attending State Heats at Salamander Bay – **(\$140)**.

- iv) Ian Heritage - out of pocket expenses – attending State Heats at Salamander Bay – **(\$140)**.
- v) Michael McMahon - out of pocket expenses – attending State Heats at Salamander Bay – (\$140); Secretary’s Honorarium for June, July and August (\$1,000) – total **(\$1,140)**.

Moved Mark Graham and seconded Paul Linnett that the Treasurer’s Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. The results for Belmont Regatta and Race 1 of the State Championship held on Saturday 30th October 2010 at Salamander Bay were tabled and adopted. There were 35 starters and 31 finished. 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:

Race 1 – Salamander Bay – Scratch Summary	
FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen
TYPHOON	Craig Nicholls
BOB JANE T-MARTS / CST	Nathan Wilmot
PIRTEK NEWCASTLE	Robert Flanagan
FIRE STOPPING	James Dorrn

Race 1 – Salamander Bay - Handicap Summary	
VK THOMAS	Daniel Watterson
LINCRAFT	Drew Spring
PIRTEK NEWCASTLE	Robert Flanagan
INTEGRATOS	Clare Hozack
JOHN ROMANOUS CONSULTING ENGINEERS	Yvette Lewis

2. Race 2 of the State Championship on Sunday 31st October 2010 at Salamander Bay was started on time at 2.30pm in a 12-17 knot East-North-East breeze but had to be abandoned at approximately 3.30pm due to the onset of an electrical thunder storm and the breeze becoming inconsistent and variable, affecting the fairness of the racing. There were 34 starters. There were no beach entries.
3. The Australian 16ft Skiff Association web site is being updated and will be ready for use from tomorrow evening.

COMMODORE:

1. Salamander Bay Regatta was an outstanding success with nothing but positive feedback received.
2. Discussion has begun about the possibility of the Salamander Bay venue being suitable for an Australian Title series. This may need to occur in the 3rd or 4th week of January. The waterways in the area would be quiet during the early part of January, however, the difficulty may be with accommodation due to Salamander Bay being a popular holiday destination.

The owners of the hotel where Association officials stayed, have indicated an accommodation deal for the skiffs could only be provided later in January. Some of the Association officials reported having difficulties in relation to paying for their

accommodation for the recent State Heats (a deal had been negotiated by Belmont, but some had difficulty in getting it). Any deal on accommodation will need to be clarified.

Salamander Bay is viewed as a good family location, however, there is some concern that late January may not suit Queensland sailors. There is a need to check when Queensland educational institutions restart after the holiday season. There is also the issue of organising a reasonable starting boat. This may be an expensive exercise for the Association, though it was said this has been a similar issue in relation to Hervey Bay regattas.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. The motion to adopt carbon spars has been adopted.

REGISTRAR:

Nil.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. The results for Race 1 of the 13ft skiff State Championship held on Saturday 30th October 2010 at Salamander Bay were tabled and adopted. There were 5 starters and 5 finished. 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:

Race 1 – Salamander Bay – Scratch Summary	
COASTWIDE ENGINEERING	Adam Jones
SYDNEY SWANS	Harry West
SHEADS.COM.AU	Tom Potter
NORTHSIDE AIRCONDITIONING	Fiona Walker
SLAM	Simon Williams

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SLAM	Simon Williams

2. Race 2 of the State Championship on Sunday 31st October 2010 at Salamander Bay was started on time at 2.40pm in a 12-17 knot East-North-East breeze but had to be abandoned at approximately 3.30pm due to the onset of an electrical thunder storm and breeze becoming inconsistent and variable, affecting the fairness of the racing. There were 5 starters. There were no beach entries.
3. There was discussion on the small number of entries for the States. There were only 5 starters for the first two races. It is believed this may be due to University Examinations and the Higher School Certificate being held at this time. The dates for this event may need to be reconsidered next year, with perhaps four heats (mid to late November). Mark Graham to get feedback from current 13ft sailors.
4. Mark Graham spoke about a need to conduct pre-registration checks of 13ft skiffs for the upcoming Australian Championships in the hope that sail measurement can be performed locally rather than in Queensland.

5. Mark Graham read an email he received from Rob Wasson proposing a rule change for 13ft skiffs. The Queenslanders would like to allow female skippers to continue sailing to 30 years of age, but with the condition they have a crew member under the regulation age (23).

The meeting felt the need to see female sailors progress to 16ft skiffs, citing numerous examples of successful female skippers and crews who have made the transition. It was felt that if confidence is an issue, this should be addressed. There is also concern about the ramifications of creating gender-based rules. The concern amongst the meeting was the risk of creating a separate class. It is meant to be a transient class, with sailors only intended to spend 2 to 3 years before progressing to 16ft skiffs. There would also be a follow on effect for the second hand boat market if fewer 13's are in the market due to crews holding on to them. It was revealed that growth in 13ft skiff numbers has plateaued in NSW, at this stage, but is still growing in QLD.

It is recognised that such changes could be applied at the club level or by the QLD Association, however, it was felt this is not desirable, nationally.

Some other issues raised included the smaller supply of 16ft skiffs in Queensland and a desire to see sailors move out of Flying 11's into 13ft skiffs earlier.

Mark will write to Rob Wasson rejecting the rule change request.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Camel packs & water packs - Michael McMahon has done some research into the issue of water packs. He found the 'blue book' specifically prohibits their use and that ISAF has also prohibited their use.
2. St George – membership status with the Association. Concern over the membership rights for the St George club, after amalgamation with Manly, were raised. The current association rules/constitution requires each club be an incorporated entity to have membership and voting rights. This may not be the case once St George is amalgamated with the Manly Club. They may be one entity supporting 2 sailing clubs. This needs some investigation. Michael McMahon said that the Manly club intend to allow St George to have an autonomous sailing committee, however, others expressed concern that Manly may have the ability to influence the St George committee's vote on important issues. It was suggested that Belmont might potentially be able to influence Port Hunter's vote in the same manner, because Belmont provide them with financial support from time to time.

This is an issue that will need to be discussed with member clubs to see whether a rule change is desirable to enable St. George to continue to have separate voting rights.

3. The QLD association have approached the NSW association in the hope that we might sponsor a heat of the Australian Titles. This was not well received, in part because our association already provide a significant level of support to Qld and it could set a precedent for clubs hosting the series in future to make the same approach.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm

NEXT MEETING - Georges River Club on Wednesday 8th December 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.