

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 23/11/11
AT GEORGES RIVER 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.58pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Roger Steel, Kathy Grudzinskas, Chris Mulholland, Lloyd Mulholland, Paul Linnett, Marilyn Sorensen, Chris Andrew, John Andrew, Paul Minter, Ed Darmanin and Riv Robson.

APOLOGIES: Belinda Sherry.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 19th October 2011.

1. Recruiting the next generation – Following Nikki Kirkwood’s presentation at the October meeting, it was agreed to forward a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to each club, providing each club with a club specific subset of the survey results, ask each club to identify 3 practical things they can do and 3 things our association can do to address issues arising from the survey and have delegates speak with their commodores/club meetings. In relation to the data analysis for each club, Mark shall follow up progress to date with Alex Oliver and Nikki Kirkwood.
2. Reimbursement of expenses – Following the controversy around claiming of expenses by the Treasurer and the Race Officials, Roger raised the need to do something about a schedule of fees payable for travelling race officials for Association Regattas. It was suggested he prepare something to distribute to the committee before the next meeting in December.
3. Yachting NSW membership - the issue raised by Belmont re. YNSW membership fee base has yet to be resolved.
4. Georges River Club - it was confirmed that they now have four boats registered there as their home club. A sponsor has been arranged (Brydens Compensation Lawyers), so there will also be prizemoney at the State Championship heats that they will be hosting next weekend.
5. Code Flags - Michael and Riv undertook a stock take of the Association’s race flags and the only missing flag was a code flag “M”. It was agreed to purchase two of these.

It was moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Riv Robson that the previous minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Drummoyne - 3 skiff registrations (\$210)
- 7 entries for Drummoyne (\$280)
2. St George - 3 skiff registrations (\$210)
- 1 entry for 1 day at Georges River (\$40)
- 1 entry for 2 days at Georges River (\$80)
- 2 entries for St George (\$80)

3. Manly - 3 skiff registrations (\$210)
 - 1 entry for 2 days at Georges River (\$80)
4. Georges River - 4 skiff registrations (\$280)
 - 2 entries for combined season regattas (\$480)
 - 1 entry for 1 day at Georges River (\$40)
 - 1 entry for 2 days at Georges River (\$80)
 - 1 entry for St George (\$40)
5. Glenn York - an email was received from Glenn York, asking that regatta fees be waived for the Botany Bay Championship for the St George boats as a way of helping the Club to regenerate. Michael replied, anticipating the meeting's response, that it would not be seen as fair to set this precedent. He recommended Glenn seek support from the Manly club which is now their parent Club.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Glenn York - response to his request for waiving entry fee for St George boats to Botany Bay Championship.
2. All clubs - An email was sent to clubs reminding them of the closing date for the upcoming heats of the State Titles.

Moved Riv Robson and seconded Paul Linnett that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Balance of Working Account as at today's date is \$9,512.26cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - (i) Lloyd Mulholland – out of pocket expenses – expenses for attending Illawarra Regatta weekend – motel (\$125) and petrol (\$100) - **\$225.**
 - (ii) Belinda Sherry - out of pocket expenses for 3 months internet - **\$239.70**
 - (iii) Michael McMahon - Secretary's honorarium (June, July and August) - **\$1,000.**

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Riv Robson that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and account for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY

1. Prizemoney for State Championships - Michael explained that \$4,290 had been committed in prize money last year for the overall State Title results (scratch and handicap).

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Mark Graham that the same schedule of prize money used last year be adopted for this year's State Title results. CARRIED.

2. The results for Illawarra Regatta and Race 1 of the State Championship held on Saturday 29th October 2011 were tabled and adopted. There were 28 starters and 28 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine but mostly cloudy with a 6-12 knot North-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

State Race 1 – Lake Illawarra – Scratch Summary	
1. FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen
2. TYPHOON	Craig Nicholls
3. BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Danny Anderson
4. SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner
5. SPATIAL INFO	Kieran Humphries

State Race 1 – Lake Illawarra - Handicap Summary	
1. BELL POTTER SECURITIES	Skye McFadyen
2. TYPHOON	Craig Nicholls
3. ENERGY AUSTRALIA	Pat Levy
4. BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Danny Anderson
5. ILLAWARRA GEAR & DIFF	Paul Linnett

3. The results for Illawarra Regatta and Race 2 of the State Championship held on Sunday 30th October 2011 were tabled and adopted. There were 29 starters and 25 finished. There was one beach entry (“Fridgarama” - \$40 cash paid). There were no protests. The conditions were fine with a gusty 12-25 knot South-West breeze which shifted to the South-East as the fleet was finishing. A result summary for the race is as follows:

State Race 2 – Lake Illawarra – Scratch Summary	
1. FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen
2. SPATIAL INFO	Kieran Humphries
3. BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Danny Anderson
4. FIRE STOPPING	Ben Bianco
5. SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner

State Race 2 – Lake Illawarra - Handicap Summary	
1. LAKEVIEW CONSTRUCTIONS	Ross Massey
2. INFINITE PROPERTY SOLUTIONS	Rory Cox
3. COMPO	Andrew Beazely
4. GILL	James Ward
5. BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Danny Anderson

4. The results for Port Hunter Regatta, Race 3 of the State Championship and Dumaresq Cup held on Saturday 12th November 2011 were tabled and adopted. There were 29 starters and 28 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests, however, one skiff (“Century Batteries”) was disqualified as “OCS”. The conditions were fine with a 8-14 knot Easterly breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

State Race 3 – Port Hunter – Scratch Summary	
1. FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen
2. FIRE STOPPING	Ben Bianco
3. AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges
4. NEWCASTLE HERALD	David Stewart
5. BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Danny Anderson

State Race 3 – Port Hunter- Handicap Summary	
1. ARISTOCRAT	Rodney Carter
2. AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges
3. JOHN ROMANOUS CONSULTING ENGINEERS	Yvette Lewis
4. NEWCATLE HERALD	David Stewart
5. BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Danny Anderson

5. The results for Port Hunter Regatta and Race 4 of the State Championship held on Sunday 13th November 2011 were tabled and adopted. There were 28 starters and 27 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with a light 5-10 knot South-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

State Race 4 – Port Hunter – Scratch Summary	
1. FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen
2. SPATIAL INFO	Kieran Humphries
3. ARISTOCRAT	Rodney Carter
4. STRAIGHT AZZ TILING	Joel Rose
5. LINCOLN, CROWNE & COMPANY	Fiona Walker

State Race 4 – Port Hunter - Handicap Summary	
1. JOHN ROMANOUS CONSULTING ENGINEERS	Yvette Lewis
2. THE PUMPER	Grahame Dingle
3. GILL	James Ward
4. ARISTOCRAT	Rodney Carter
5. WEATHERTEX	Jason Marsh

COMMODORE

1. Lloyd has ordered two code flag 'M', to be made by sail maker Grahame McKellar (the flag is used by a committee boat to indicate that it is replacing a missing mark).
2. Lloyd thanked the Illawarra and Port Hunter clubs for their hospitality during the State Title heats. In particular he wanted to thank Billie Holmes from Port Hunter club for her efforts. He also commented that the event was well attended.
3. An apology was forwarded from Robert Flanagan for having hit the starter's boat whilst skippering the skiff 'Hotondo Homes' before the third heat of the State Titles held at Port Hunter club. Robert wanted the boat owner, Peter Lowarch, to know that he was prepared to assist with any repairs to the affected area of the boat.

REGISTRAR

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. National Title Entries – James Bury reports that entry numbers are low at present and is chasing entries from competitors.
2. Prize Money - Lloyd indicated prize money for the national Titles has now been obtained.
3. Fraser Island Trip – Rob Wasson reports that organisation for the National Titles in Hervey Bay are well in hand. Robyn Thorburn has arranged a day trip to Fraser Island for competitors.
4. 13ft Skiffs – The 13's are arranging for a container to send boats to Hervey Bay. They are trying to determine where to best place the container on arrival, however, it is most likely to be at a transport depot about one kilometre from the rigging area. James Bury has offered to transport the 13's to ferry boats to and from the rigging venue at the beginning and end of the carnival.

13FT SKIFF REPORT

1. State Titles – Mark explained the 13ft Skiff State Titles have had to be cancelled due to only 2 entries being received. Marilyn suggested a possible Manly/Middle Harbour State Title regatta be held as four races run over the balance of the season. The possibility of morning races was raised. It was considered important to have a result recorded for the season.
2. Negative Internet Discussions – Problems with mischievous comments about Middle Harbour 13's sailors has been appearing online (perhaps Facebook). It would appear that a parent of 29er sailors may have been trying to stir up trouble between the Manly and Middle Harbour 13's sailors. Mark agreed to look into the matter with a view to blocking the offending parent. It appears there has been a complex history to this matter.
3. Queensland 13's – There are likely to be 9 boats from QLD competing at Hervey Bay which when added to the NSW boats, if sufficient attend, will be a significant fleet. Zhik products will be offered as prizes rather than cash prizes. There may be a cash incentive considered for those travelling.
4. 16's and 13's together – Ed suggested the combination of 13's sailing at the same location as 16's was not currently working. He felt it advisable for state titles to remain local to Sydney Harbour whilst there are only 2 clubs with 13's fleets. Marilyn also reiterated the need to ensure 13's State Titles are not scheduled near the Higher School Certificate examinations. She also suggested shorter races. Mark will speak with the sailors at the two clubs concerned to determine what they would like to see happen.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Handicapping – Chris Andrew expressed a view raised by Jack Andrew that handicaps should be sectional. For example, a handicap result for lower handicap boats and one for higher handicap boats.
2. Changes to Heats 5 and 6 of State Titles - Paul Minter outlined changes to the weekend regatta courses. They would not be the usual Georges River Club courses. He said there would be Windward-Leeward courses with a flag displayed from the committee boat, showing the number of laps, etc. Details will be included in the sailing instructions. There shall be pink inflatable buoys used and an area allocated for boat trailer parking adjacent to the rigging area. He also explained that prize money would be paid following the race.
3. Association History – Roger scanned a copy of the NSW Skiff Association History, compiled by Frank Bonnitcha in 1989, into a PDF file. This was delivered to Michael to publish on the website.

Meeting closed 9.14 pm

NEXT MEETING - Middle Harbour on Wednesday 14th December 2011 commencing at 6.30pm.