

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10/12/08  
AT MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 6.45pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Marilyn Sorensen, Ian Heritage, Brad Andrew, John Andrew, Paul Donovan, Ben Dibley, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Ben Bradley, Mark Graham, Chris Andrew and Alexandra Deakin.

APOLOGIES: Belinda Sherry and Paul Linnett.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

*Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008.*

1. Mainsails (shape and measuring) - NSW interpretation and measuring instruction is still to be issued (after "Batwing" mainsail issue is resolved).
2. "Batwing" mainsails - report from Australian Association Specification Committee has been issued ruling against these mainsails. As a result, the ruling has to go to clubs for voting.
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. It was agreed that Bob Bower and/or Lister Hughes be approached to reconsider.
7. 13ft skiffs - subsidy for 2007-08 Australian Championships - payment has yet to be made. A payment of \$150 was supposed to be paid. Michael to follow up with Gary Paton.

It was moved Brad Andrew and seconded Ian Heritage that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Nil

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Fiona Walker - response concerning her request to race in 13ft skiff interclub races where one of the crew is ineligible (due to age). Association has agreed to the request, however, the boat cannot score points or win any trophies.

Moved Ben Bradley and seconded Ian Heritage that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER:

1. Bank balance (cheque account) - \$8,589.92cr.
2. The following account for payment was submitted:-
  - i) Belinda Sherry - out of pocket expenses for internet - \$119.85 and anti-virus – \$99.95 - total **\$219.80**.
  - ii) Mark Graham - out of pocket expenses for restoration of State Championship for 13ft skiffs - **\$165**.

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Brad Andrew that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY:

1. The results for Drummoyne Regatta held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008 were tabled and adopted. There were 14 starters and 12 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. Scratch won by "Thomas Hopper & Partners" (Man) from "Riley Marine Fittings" (Man), "Mitre 10 Kurri Kurri" (Bel), "Sheads First National" (MH) and "Energy Australia" (Man). Handicap won by "Express Boat Covers" (Drum) from "Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu" (Drum), "Thomas Hopper & Partners" (Man), "Fridgarama" (IYC) and "Bruce Gault Boat Builders and Repairs" (GR).
2. The Secretary noted that the skiff "Oliver Hire" was sailing at Middle Harbour, but a registration form has not been lodged. Invoice for \$70 to be sent to Middle Harbour to cover the registration fee.

COMMODORE:

Nil report.

REGISTRAR:

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION REPORT:

1. Draft Sailing Instructions issued - these have been reviewed by IYC officials and Michael McMahon, with some amendments suggested.
2. Racing Rules - whilst the new Racing Rules take effect from 1 January, the Australian Championships will be sailed under the 2005-2008 Rules.
3. AGM for Australian Association - the Australian Secretary has advised a tentative time for the meeting as 8.00am on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2009.
4. Sail registration - John Andrew advised that he was also prepared to be available on Saturday afternoon, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, between 1pm and 4pm to register and stamp sails for the 2008-09 Australian Championships.

13ft SKIFFS:

1. The results for Heat 2 State Championship held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at Middle Harbour were tabled and adopted. There were 9 starters and 5 finished. There were no protests. Scratch won by "Sheads" (MH) from "Fluid Building Services" (Man), "Northside Sailing School" (MH), "Livewire" (MH) and "MBH & Associates" (Man). Handicap won by "MBH & Associates" (Man) from "Fluid Building Services" (Man), "Sheads" (MH), "Northside Sailing School" (MH) and "Livewire" (MH).
2. The results for Heat 4 State Championship held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at Middle Harbour were tabled and adopted. There were 8 starters and 7 finished. There were no protests. Scratch won by "Sheads" (MH) from "Fluid Building Services" (Man), "Livewire" (MH), "Northside Sailing School" (MH) and "Fire Stopping" (Man). Handicap won by "Sheads" (MH) from "Fluid Building Services" (Man), "Livewire" (MH), "Northside Sailing School" (MH) and "Fire Stopping" (Man).
3. Overall State Championship results - Won by "Sheads" (Daniel Watterson – MH) on 3 points) from "Fluid Building Services" (Skye McFadyen – Man) on 5 points, followed by "Sydney Swans" (MH) on 10 points, "Northside Sailing School" (MH) 10 points (4<sup>th</sup> on countback) and "Livewire" (MH) 12 points.
4. Conference - Mark Graham advised that the 13's were planning to hold a meeting at the Australian Championships at Lake Illawarra. The purpose was to consider issues affecting the Class at this point of its development.
5. Queensland boats - Mark said that he had been advised that neither of the 13's supplied to Queensland would be attending the upcoming Australian Championships. He was concerned that this was contrary to an unwritten understanding when the boats were supplied to Queensland last year that at least one boat should attempt to sail in the series. There was concern expressed by some at the meeting that this was of concern and we should investigate exactly what measures and strategies are in place to try and develop the Class up there. At this stage, the skiffs could be put to use in NSW as demand and interest was strong.

Mark is to speak with Queensland President, Scott Ovenden, during the Australian series to find out what is happening. If the response is unsatisfactory, the Secretary is to draft a letter to the Queensland Association expressing our concern and reminding them of the purpose for NSW donating them two skiffs.

6. Australian Championship sponsor - Mark Graham advised that Zhik has been secured as sponsor of the upcoming Australian Championships.
7. Website - Mark advised that the 13ft skiff website had now been updated to reflect the revised Class rules concerning age limits.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil.

Meeting closed 7.20pm

**NEXT MEETING - Georges River Club on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.**