

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14/12/11
AT MIDDLE HARBOUR 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Roger Steel, Kathy Grudzinskas, Chris Mulholland, Lloyd Mulholland, Paul Linnett, Marilyn Sorensen, Chris Andrew, John Andrew, Belinda Sherry, Alex Deakin and Riv Robson.

APOLOGIES: Ed Darmanin and Paul Donovan.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 23rd November 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. No progress has occurred at this stage.
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 this next meeting. Roger did circulate a draft of some ideas – refer discussion on this point in General Business.
3. Yachting NSW membership - the issue raised by Belmont re. YNSW membership fee base has yet to be resolved.
4. Association History - 1908-1990 is now published on the skiff website.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Manly - 1 skiff registration (\$70)
- 3 x 13ft skiff registrations (\$105)
2. Middle Harbour - 2 skiff registrations (\$70 – to be paid as direct credit to Association account by Marilyn Sorensen)

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil.

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 \$8,170.96cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - (i) Lloyd Mulholland – out of pocket expenses – expenses for attending Georges River Regatta weekend – motel (\$189) and petrol (\$100) - **\$289**.
 - (ii) Roger Steel - out of pocket expenses – attending Illawarra Regatta weekend – motel (\$80) and petrol (\$64.50) - **\$144.50**.
 - (iii) Splash Publications – annual fee for hosting skiff website (skiffs.org.au) - **\$330**.
 - (iv) Michael McMahon - Secretary's honorarium (September, October and November) - **\$1,000**.
 - (v) Prizemoney for States - **\$4,290** (as per tabled schedule).

Moved Riv Robson and seconded Alex Deakin that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY

1. The results for Georges River Regatta and Race 5 of the State Championship held on Saturday 26th November 2011 were tabled and adopted. There were 21 starters and 13 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with the start delayed to 3.15pm due to a very light northerly (2-5 knots). A gusty North-East breeze then freshened in 10-22 knots. A result summary for the race is as follows:

State Race 5 – Georges River – Scratch Summary	
1. BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Danny Anderson
2. SPATIAL INFO	Kieran Humphries
3. SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner
4. FIRE STOPPING	James Dorrn
5. AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges

State Race 5 – Georges River - Handicap Summary	
1. BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Danny Anderson
2. HOTONDO HOMES	Robert Flanagan
3. SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner
4. SPATIAL INFO	Kieran Humphries
5. CENTURY BATTERIES	Jim Kerrison

2. The results for Georges River Regatta and Race 6 of the State Championship held on Sunday 27th November 2011 were tabled and adopted. There were 19 starters and 16 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with a gusty 4-18 knot South-West breeze which shifted to the East-South-East as the fleet was finishing. A result summary for the race is as follows:

State Race 6 – Georges River – Scratch Summary	
1. AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges
2. NEWCASTLE HERALD	David Stewart
3. JOHN ROMANOUS CONSULTING ENGINEERS	Yvette Lewis
4. INFINITE PROPERTY SOLUTIONS	Rory Cox
5. GILL	James Ward

State Race 6 – Georges River - Handicap Summary	
1. JOHN ROMANOUS CONSULTING ENGINEERS	Yvette Lewis
2. BRUCE GAULT BOAT BUILDER & REPAIRS	Bruce Gault
3. INFINITE PROPERTY SOLUTIONS	Rory Cox
4. COMPO	Paul Linnett
5. GILL	James Ward

3. Overall final results for the State Championships:

1	FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen	Man	10 pts
2	SPATIAL INFO	Kieran Humphries	Bel	18
3	BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Danny Anderson	Bel	19
4	AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges	Bel	28
5	FIRE STOPPING	James Dorrton	Man	35
6	SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner	Man	37
7	STRAIGHT AZZ TILING	Joel Rose	Bel	44
8	VK THOMAS	Dan Watterson	MH	44
9	GILL	James Ward	GR	46
10	NEWCASTLE HERALD	David Stewart	Bel	51

Overall final results for the State Championships (Handicap):

1	JOHN ROMANOUS CONSULT. ENG.	Yvette Lewis	IYC	14 pts
2	BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Danny Anderson	Bel	24
3	GILL	James Ward	GR	30
4	INFINITE PROPERTY SOLUTIONS	Rory Cox	GR	32
5	VK THOMAS	Dan Watterson	MH	37
6	HOTONDO HOMES	Robert Flanagan	Bel	41
7	ENERGY AUSTRALIA	Patrick Levy	Man	42
8	COMPO	Andrew Beazely	IYC	44
9	AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges	Bel	45
10	FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen	Man	50

4. The results for Drummoyne Regatta held on Saturday 3rd December 2011 were tabled and adopted. There were 14 starters and 14 finished. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with an 8-14 knot Easterly breeze shifting ENE at times. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Drummoyne – Scratch Summary	
1. FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen
2. BRYDENS COMPENSATION LAWYERS	Danny Anderson
3. SHEAD PROPERTY	Marilyn Sorensen
4. DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU	Bruce Moore
5. VK THOMAS	Dan Watterson

Drummoyne - Handicap Summary	
1. SHEAD PROPERTY	Marilyn Sorensen
2. ENERGY AUSTRALIA	Patrick Levy
3. THURLOW FISHER LAWYERS	Matthew Peat
4. BENTONS REAL ESTATE	Brett Pollitt
5. VK THOMAS	Dan Watterson

COMMODORE

1. Lloyd wished all a Merry Christmas and wished all those going to the State Championships in Hervey Bay the best of luck. He will be attending in his capacity as Australian Commodore.

REGISTRAR

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. National Title Entries – So far, there are 21 entries for 16ft skiffs and 10 for the 13ft skiffs.
2. Rob Wasson - Lloyd noted that Rob Wasson, Australian Association President, had put a huge amount of work into the organisation of the upcoming Australian Championships. It has involved a lot of work negotiating with Maryborough Sailing Club, organising sponsors and also negotiating with the local Fraser Coast Council, as well as several trips to Maryborough and Hervey Bay.

13FT SKIFF REPORT

1. State Titles – Further negotiations were continuing with a view to scheduling a Manly/Middle Harbour State Title regatta be held as four races run over the balance of the season. At this stage, they will probably be held in February / March 2012. Mark Graham is to follow up with Jackie Damiani (Sailing Manager at Manly).
2. Negative Internet Discussions – this matter was raised at the last meeting. It turns out that it was a Facebook entry and there was little that could be done.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Rates for Travel (and Treasurer's Expenses) – Following discussions at the last two meetings, Roger Steel submitted a proposal for further discussion on these two points.

Treasurer - be paid an annual honorarium of \$600 to cover out of pocket type expenses such as internet, postage, printing, stationary, etc...

Race Officials - be paid travel and accommodation expenses associated with attending Association race events. It is proposed that officials be paid on the basis of the following schedule, depending on where they live and the location of the event:

Home location *	Event location *	Daily accommodation rate (if more than a 1 day event)	Travel rate (per event/weekend)
Northern Zone	Southern Zone	\$125	\$125
Northern Zone	Central Zone	\$175	\$75
Central Zone	Northern Zone	\$125	\$75
Central Zone	Southern Zone	\$125	\$75
Southern Zone	Northern Zone	\$125	\$125
Southern Zone	Central Zone	\$175	\$75

- * Northern Zone - Belmont and Port Hunter (or associated Hunter area)
 Central Zone – Manly, Middle Harbour, Drummoyne, Georges River or St George (or associated Sydney Metropolitan area)
 Southern Zone - Lake Illawarra (or associated Illawarra Region south to Nowra)

It was further proposed that the above rates be the set rates and that no substantiation (receipts, etc..) would be required, other than confirmation that the official attended and acted in an official capacity at the event.

There was some discussion of the proposal, however, it was agreed that the matter should be held over to the next meeting for further discussion, consideration as to whether it would be valid under the current State Constitution and also seek feedback from member Clubs.

Meeting closed 7.40 pm

NEXT MEETING - **Middle Harbour** on Wednesday **1st February 2012** commencing at 7.30pm.