

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11/12/13
AT DRUMMOYNE SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 6.59pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Paul Linnett, Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Kathy Grudzinskas, Roger Steel, Chris Andrew, John Andrew, Greg Muirhead and Riv Robson.

APOLOGIES: Nil

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Manly/St George, Belmont, Port Hunter, Illawarra and Drummoyne.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 13th November 2013.

1. Craig Nicholls compensation claim - This matter has been resolved, in that the plaintiff has withdrawn their claim against the Skiff Association. This leaves Graham Fairbairn as the sole respondent in the claim. There is still a requirement to pay costs in this matter, however, this may on investigation, be covered by our insurance company.
2. Mainsails – The motion from Belmont club concerning the angle allowed at the head of the mainsail, has been distributed to clubs with no amendments made. It is now in the voting period, pending the outcome of that vote.
3. Class Promotion – It was noted that an article has been published in the December 2013 edition of the AFLOAT magazine concerning the NSW 16ft Skiff State Titles. Another article relating to the upcoming National Titles has been published on the magazine's website with the hope it may appear in the January 2014 hard copy of the magazine.
4. Association Point Score System - a review has still to be completed to see how it can be improved to allow for the differences in the strength of the fleet at each club.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. A letter from solicitors firm Morey and Agnew indicting the matter of the Craig Nicholls compensation case has been resolved in that the plaintiff has withdrawn his claim against the NSW 16ft Skiff Association, with payment of costs still to be determined.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Georges River 16ft Sailing Club Co-Op Ltd - informing the Club that, with no skiff registrations from their Club for this season, they are no longer considered to be affiliated with the NSW 16ft Skiff Association.
2. Gosford Sailing Club - email sent to the Club regarding their Board's suggestion that a fee may be due for hosting the 16ft Skiff State Titles in November. Michael McMahon explained to the Club that this was not mentioned during negotiations leading up to the event. He went on to explain that hosting clubs usually bear any costs associated with

running such an event, recognising however that the Gosford Sailing Club have not been affiliated with our Association for some 23 years. He went on to explain that we had provided our own race officials and that all of the race management was conducted by our Association.

Moved Mark Graham and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Balance of working account as at 29th November 2013 is \$13,152.38. The current balance will be slightly less, as cheques for prize winners are being cashed.
2. Mark Graham sought reimbursement of \$152 for the purchase of prizes (bottles of wine) for heats 5 & 6 of the State titles held at Gosford Sailing Club, as there was no prizemoney or other prizes allocated to the two heats.

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Roger Steel that the sum of \$152 be paid to Mark Graham as reimbursement for the purchase of prizes. CARRIED.

3. The Treasurer's quarterly honorarium is due for payment.

Moved Mark Graham and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that the Treasurer's honorarium (\$1,000) be paid. CARRIED.

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Riv Robson that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted. CARRIED.

SECRETARY

1. State Championships - The overall results of the NSW 16ft Skiff State Titles and the results of heats 5 & 6 held at Gosford Sailing Club, are included.
2. The results for Heat 5 of the NSW State Championships held on Saturday 23rd November 2013 were tabled and adopted. There were 23 starters and 21 finishers. There was one beach entry ("Equilibrium"). There were no protests. The conditions were fine, but partly cloudy with an 8-15 knot North-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Heat 5 State Championships at Gosford – Scratch Summary	
1. EMPTY JETS.COM.AU	Robert Flanagan
2. AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges
3. HUBBLE CLEANING SOLUTIONS	Claire Hozack
4. SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner
5. FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen

Heat 5 State Championships at Gosford - Handicap Summary	
1. DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU	Bruce Moore
2. EAC ELECTRICAL	Yvette Heritage
3. TJS SERVICES	Jarrad Turner
4. AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Ben Bruniges
5. CHAPMAN HIGH PERFORMANCE SAIL	Evan Darmanin

3. The results for Heat 6 of the NSW State Championships held on Sunday 24th November 2013 were tabled and adopted. There were 21 starters and 20 finishers. There was one

beach entry (“Equilibrium”). There were no protests. The conditions were fine with an 8-16 knot South-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Heat 6 State Championships at Gosford – Scratch Summary	
1. EMPTY JETS.COM.AU	Robert Flanagan
2. SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner
3. BRYDENS LAWYERS	Lee Knapton
4. FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen
5. STRAIGHT AZZ WALL & FLOOR TILING	Kieran Humphries

Heat 6 State Championships at Gosford - Handicap Summary	
1. EMPTY JETS.COM.AU	Robert Flanagan
2. FAB	Sam Featherstone
3. KOFM 102.9	Jack Andrew
4. EQUILIBRIUM	Michael Bochner
5. SOUTHERN BEACHES RUGBY	Rod Carter

4. The overall results for the State Championships were as follows:-

1	BRYDENS LAWYERS	Lee Knapton	Man	11 pts
2	SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner	Man	13
3	EMPTY JETS.COM.AU	Robert Flanagan	Bel	14
4	FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen	Man	18
5	AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Adam Piper	Bel	21
6	STRAIGHT AZZ WALL & FLOOR TILING	Joel Rose	Bel	28
7	ATB MORTON	Danny Anderson	Bel	30
8	HERALD	Graham McKellar	Bel	39
9	KOFM 102.9	Jack Andrew	Bel	55
10	FIRE STOPPING	Declan Reilly	Man	61

Overall final results for the State Championships (Handicap):

1	DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU	Bruce Moore	Drum	24 pts
2	GIRO CONSTRUCTIONS	Richard Williams	Man	28
3	TJS SERVICES	Jarrad Turner	Bel	35
4	SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner	Man	35
5	KOFM 102.9	Jack Andrew	Bel	35
6	EMPTY JETS.COM.AU	Robert Flanagan	Bel	37
7	AB WINDOW FASHIONS	Adam Piper	Bel	42
8	ILLAWARRA GEAR & DIFF	Kevin Middleton	IYC	46
9	BRYDENS LAWYERS	Lee Knapton	Man	52
10	HERALD	Graham McKellar	Bel	55

COMMODORE

1. Gosford Regatta (Ht 5 & 6 States) - Commodore Lloyd Mulholland expressed regret that he was unable to attend on both days of the regatta. He stated that what he did see, and by all other accounts, the regatta was well run. Lloyd suggested it may be worthwhile for the Association to offer prize money for individual heats of the state titles where the hosting club is not affiliated with the NSW 16ft Skiff Association. The meeting consensus was that Gosford would be a suitable venue for future regattas.

REGISTRAR

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

Greg Muirhead of the Drummoyne Club reported on preparations for the upcoming National Titles to be held at his Club.

On water matters are organised, however there are issues around catering. There have been arrangements in place with the club caterers for the various events planned throughout the regatta. Unfortunately, the caterers have suddenly and unexpectedly ceased trading at the Club. A new catering firm is in the process of taking on this role and issues around the upcoming regatta will need to be renegotiated.

The organising committee has made arrangements for 'Fox Sports' to conduct an interview at the club during the regatta. There have also been arrangements 'pencilled in' for the 'Today Show' at Channel Nine to cross to the Club during the regatta. This will, however, depend on what other pressing stories may emerge.

James Bury from the Australian Association has informed Michael McMahon that 29, 16ft skiffs, have already registered for the Titles and that 8 registrations have been received from 13ft skiffs.

Greg went on to describe a service being offered by one of his club members. He has a vertical take off 'Drone' which can be used with a 'Go Pro' camera attached to film the racing. The operator makes use of virtual reality glasses to control the Drone while it is in the air. It is currently used at the Club to assist with the training of the Club's Sabot fleet. A good safety feature is that in the event that the operator loses control of the Drone, it will return to base on its own.

The Drummoyne Sailing Club's website has been upgraded to include useful information concerning the regatta. It is expected that course details and sailing instructions will be finalised this week.

13FT SKIFFS

1. Mark Graham spoke of interest expressed by Peter Walsh of Gosford Sailing Club, in adopting 13ft Skiffs at their club. At the moment Mark is in discussions with Peter.
2. It was reported that there is currently a shortage of 13ft skiff masts, with none currently in Australia. This was flagged as a potential problem for the upcoming 13ft Skiff National Titles if there are any mast breakages.
3. The results for Heat 1 of the NSW State Championships held on Saturday 23rd November 2013 were tabled and adopted. There were 8 starters and 7 finishers. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine, but partly cloudy with an 8-15 knot North-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Heat 1 State Championships at Gosford – Scratch Summary	
1. HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert
2. No. 7	Georgia Clancy
3. LED INNOVATIONS	Felix Daverio
4. TRANSFIELD	Natasha Ivshenko
5. NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI	Chris Stenta

Heat 1 State Championships at Gosford - Handicap Summary	
1. No. 7	Georgia Clancy
2. HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert
3. LED INNOVATIONS	Felix Daverio
4. TRANSFIELD	Natasha Ivshenko
5. NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI	Chris Stenta

4. The results for Heat 2 of the NSW State Championships held on Sunday 24th November 2013 were tabled and adopted. There were 7 starters and 6 finishers and 1 Retired After Finishing (RAF). There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with an 8-16 knot South-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Heat 2 State Championships at Gosford – Scratch Summary	
1 HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert
2. No. 7	Georgia Clancy
3. NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI	Chris Stenta
4. LED INNOVATIONS	Felix Daverio
5. AMBIGUOUS AMBITIONS	Jessica Iles

Heat 2 State Championships at Gosford - Handicap Summary	
1. No. 7	Georgia Clancy
2. NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI	Chris Stenta
3. LED INNOVATIONS	Felix Daverio
4. HOLEY DOLLAR RUM	Annalise Gilbert
5. AMBIGUOUS AMBITIONS	Jessica Iles

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Registrations – John Andrew asked about the level skiff registrations this season. Michael McMahon reported a reduction of about 10 skiffs this season leaving 74 skiffs registered in NSW, at present.

Meeting closed 7:52 pm.

NEXT MEETING - at Middle Harbour 16ft Sailing Club on Wednesday **12th February 2014** commencing at 7.30pm.