

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 1/8/09  
AT ST GEORGE SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 2.30pm.

PRESENT: Riv Robson (Chair), Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, John Andrew, Belinda Sherry, Chris Mulholland, Mark Graham, Alexandra Deakin, L.W. (Bill) Riley, Brad Andrew, Paul Donovan, Ian Heritage, Vance Skinner, Roger Rowland, Henry Graham, Ed Darmanin, Paul Linnett, Reg Baker, Kieran Humphries, Norma Bonnitcha and Frank Bonnitcha.

APOLOGIES: Craig Corke, Marilyn Sorensen, Jack Andrew and Peter Kershaw.

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

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

*Meeting 2 August 2008.*

1. New hull fee - The new hull fees not collected during 2007/08 had now been recovered. In addition, at the 2008 AGM, it was recommended that the issue of continuing to charge the "new hull fee" be considered again this year. It was decided to discuss this issue further when fees are being considered later in the meeting.
2. Yachting NSW Board - Brad Andrew reported that ultimately three candidates from 16ft skiff club had been voted on to the Board last year. Elections for this year are coming up soon. Overall, there were less nominations. The three skiff clubs should be represented again. He also reported that YNSW income was depleting due to lower income. The proposed banding system of fees had been defeated by the three major yacht clubs. Of the 43 affiliated clubs, 30 had been in favour of the new scheme which would have seen a more proportionate fee regime. As it is now the three major yacht clubs do not pay much more than some of the smaller to medium size clubs.
3. CHS Regatta – 13ft skiff trophy - a trophy has now been secured for the 13ft skiffs in the annual CHS Regatta held at Belmont. It was donated by the Manly Club.

It was moved Brad Andrew seconded Paul Linnett that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. All clubs - Notice of today's meeting including Agenda.

PRESENTATION OF 2008/09 REPORT:

Michael McMahon formally presented the 2008/09 Annual Report to the meeting. He noted that following on from last year, the Report was again produced in house, saving

approximately \$2,000. Limited copies have been printed, but are available on request. A copy will also be placed on the Skiff website.

Moved John Andrew and seconded Paul Linnett that the report be taken as read. CARRIED.

There were no other comments from the floor.

**PRESENTATION OF 2008/09 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE, STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

Honorary Auditor, Mark Graham, presented the accounts. He noted that the accounts showed an operating profit for the season.

Income had remained similar to last season. Expenditure had reduced by around \$9,000, with the main reason being that there had been a one-off expense last season with the donation of two 13ft skiffs to Queensland.

It was moved Roger Rowland and seconded Alex Deakin that the Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position for the 2008/09 season be adopted. CARRIED.

It was moved Roger Rowland and seconded Alex Deakin that the Auditor's report be adopted. CARRIED.

**ELECTION OF OFFICIALS:**

The following nominations have been received:-

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	
President	Riv Robson
Vice-President	Mark Graham
Commodore	Lloyd Mulholland
Vice-Commodore	John Andrew
Secretary	Michael McMahon
Assistant Secretary	Brad Andrew
Treasurer	Belinda Sherry
<b>RACE OFFICERS</b>	
Starter & Judge	Riv Robson
Assistant Starter & Judge	Michael McMahon
Timekeeper	Lloyd Mulholland
Assistant Timekeeper	Ian Heritage
Chairman of Handicapping Committee	Paul Linnett
Handicapping Committee member	Michael McMahon
Handicapping Committee member	Ian Heritage
Measurement Committee (Northern Zone)	Kieran Humphries
Measurement Committee (Central Zone)	Clint Bowen
Measurement Committee (Southern Zone)	John Andrew
Boat Registrar	Craig Corke
<b>OTHER POSITIONS</b>	
Patron	Bill Riley
Historian	Frank Bonnitcha
Auditor	(vacant)

Moved Paul Donovan seconded Alex Deakin that the officials as listed be elected. CARRIED.

SCHEDULE OF AUTHORISED AMOUNTS:

A draft list of amounts was presented to the meeting.

There was discussion on the new hull fee. It was originally intended to recoup the cost of the royalty payments to the designer, Craig Hughes. The Secretary reported that a total amount of \$25,150 (incl. \$500 GST) had been paid to Craig Hughes over the life of the royalty agreement (finalised in 2003). To date, the Association had recouped \$24,750 of this amount in fees on new hulls constructed since 1996. After some discussion, it was decided to discontinue the fee, effective immediately.

Some discussion also took place on the annual skiff registration fee. It was agreed that from the 2010/11 season the fee should be increased - \$100 for 16ft skiffs and \$50 for 13ft skiffs. This fee has not increased for well over 10 years.

It was moved John Andrew and seconded Reg Baker that the following “*Schedule of Authorised Amounts*” be approved. CARRIED.

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Fee Payable (16ft skiffs)</i>	<i>Fee Payable (13ft skiffs)</i>
Annual Skiff Registration Fee	<b>\$70</b>	\$35
Annual Subscription (for clubs)	<b>\$170</b>	*\$170
Beach Entry Fee (per race)	<b>\$60</b>	\$30
Combined Season State Championship and Interclub Race Entry Fee	<b>\$240</b>	\$120
Entrance Fee (for a club) to the Association	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Interclub Race Entry Fee (per race)	<b>\$40</b>	\$20
New Hull Fee	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Petty Cash advance	<b>\$100</b>	N/A
Secretary’s Honorarium	<b>\$3,000</b>	N/A
Webmaster Honorarium	<b>Nil</b>	N/A

\* this fee is only applicable if the club is not already affiliated with the NSW 16ft Skiff Association with a 16ft skiff fleet. Thus, any club is only required to pay one annual affiliation fee.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND INTER-CLUB RACES FOR 2009/10 SEASON for 16ft SKIFFS:

It was moved Michael McMahon and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that the following list of Regattas and interclub races be approved. CARRIED.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Saturday 3/10/2009	Illawarra Regatta	Illawarra

Sunday 4/10/2009	Illawarra Regatta	Illawarra
Saturday 31/10/2009	Port Hunter Regatta	Port Hunter
Saturday 14/11/2009	Heat 1 State Championship	St George
Sunday 15/11/2009	Heat 2 State Championship	St George
Saturday 28/11/2009	Heat 3 State Championship	Manly
Sunday 29/11/2009	Heat 4 State Championship & Dumaresq Cup	Manly
Saturday 5/12/2009	Drummoyne Regatta	Drummoyne
* Saturday 13/2/2010	Australian 16ft Skiff Sprint Series	Belmont
Sunday 14/2/2010	Belmont Bay Championship	Belmont
* Sunday 7/3/2010	Botany Bay Championship	St George

\* Special Event non-Association (not counted for the purpose of any Association Point Scores)

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND INTER-CLUB RACES FOR 2009/10 SEASON for 13ft SKIFFS:

It was moved Mark Graham and seconded Ed Darmanin that the following list of Regattas and interclub races be approved. CARRIED.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Saturday 3/10/2009	Illawarra Regatta	Illawarra
Sunday 4/10/2009	Illawarra Regatta	Illawarra
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2009	Port Jackson Series – Heat 1	Manly
Saturday 31/10/2009	Port Jackson Series – Heat 2	Middle Harbour
Saturday 14/11/2009	Heat 1 State Championship	St George
Sunday 15/11/2009	Heat 2 State Championship	St George
Saturday 28/11/2009	Heat 3 State Championship	Manly
Sunday 29/11/2009	Heat 4 State Championship	Manly
Saturday 5/12/2009	Port Jackson Series – Heat 3	Drummoyne
Sunday 21/2/2010	Port Jackson Series – Heat 4	Georges River
Sunday 7/3/2010	Botany Bay Championship	St George
Sunday 14/3/2010	13ft Skiff Sprint Championships	Middle Harbour

BUSINESS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

Nil.

PRESENTATION OF PENNANTS and JACKETS:

1. It was noted that the **State Championship prizemoney and Trophy** had been presented to Jack Andrew and the crew of “Riley Marine Fittings” at the final heat of the States last November. Suitably inscribed Musto jackets had been ordered and were due for delivery next week.
2. Michael McMahon was invited to present the **Association Point Score Pennant** (accepted by Brad Andrew on behalf of the Manly Club).
3. The **Chas Wood Handicap Point Score Trophy** was won by the Belmont Club for the third year running. It was not presented, however, as it was still located in the Belmont trophy cabinet.
4. Frank Bonnitcha was invited to present the **Dumaresq Cup** (accepted by Brad Andrew on behalf of the Manly Club – won by the skiff “Riley Marine Fittings”). Frank provided a brief history of the trophy which had been in the Association for nearly 90 years.
5. Individual presentations were also unable to be made for the **Individual Scratch Point Score** winner (“Riley Marine Fittings”) and **Individual Handicap Point Score** (“Riley Marine Fittings”) winner as the jackets were only recently ordered and not available till next week.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Presentation to Treasurer - Michael McMahon presented a small gift to Belinda Sherry in recognition of her time and effort in carrying out the Treasurer’s job once again during last season.
2. 13ft skiffs - Mark Graham indicated that Rob Size had travelled to Queensland a few months ago to carry out some training for their fledgling 13ft skiff fleet.
3. State Championship history - Frank Bonnitcha had presented a copy of the State Championship history at last year’s meeting. He asked whether it could be put on the internet (skiff website) along with the “Where are they now?” articles which centred on a number of State Champion skippers going back over the last 60 years or so. Michael McMahon is to arrange.

Meeting closed 3.25pm

NEXT AGM will be at Belmont 16ft Sailing Club on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2010.