

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 17/8/13  
AT DRUMMOYNE SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 2.10pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Riv Robson, Roger Steel, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Alex Deakin, Paul Linnett, Annalise Gilbert, Bruce Moore, Greg Muirhead, Stephen Kerrison, Neil Tavener, George Hinings, John Andrew and Andrew McLachlan.

APOLOGIES: Paul Donovan, Marilyn Sorensen, Chris Andrew and Bill Riley.

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

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:  
*Meeting 4 August 2012.*

Chas Wood Handicap Point Score trophy is still missing.

“Recruiting the Next Generation” – it was noted that this initiative had stalled. The conclusions and summary of possible initiatives had been circulated to clubs, but had not been followed up. It was agreed to publish the results on the skiff website and that the Association should try and follow up during the coming season.

It was moved Riv Robson 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 2012/13 REPORT:

Michael McMahon formally presented the 2012/13 Annual Report to the meeting. Printed copies were circulated, however, it will also be published on the skiff website following this meeting.

In presenting the report, Michael summarised some of the key points from the season – the number of skiffs registered had stabilized at 85, continuation a six heat format State Championship, discussion on possibility of revised point scoring method for Association Club Scrtach and Handicap Point Scores and Executive's concern at lack of new volunteers to fill Association positions.

Moved Bruce Moore and seconded Paul Linnett that the report be taken as read. CARRIED.

There was considerable discussion on the point scoring systems and some possible alternatives. It was agreed that the existing Club Scratch and Handicap Point Scores were becoming irrelevant as they had been dominated by the Manly and Belmont Clubs over the last 10-12 years, principally because the number of skiffs that they had registered. The Secretary indicated that the Association Executive would be happy to look at any suggestions and asked that delegates spread the message at their clubs with a view to trying to get a change this season that would allow any club to be competitive if, proportionate to the number of skiffs they had registered, they had a good percentage of skiffs that were prepared to travel to interclub regattas.

With regard to the declining number of people nominating for Association positions. The Secretary noted that the Association Executive was concerned that there was only a handful of volunteers filling the positions, many were doubling up and tripling up in filling various roles, and had been doing it for a considerable number of years. If only a small number of these was to retire or resign the Association may face some difficulty in its ability to function. There was discussion on the matter, although no real solution could be seen, other than to make these concerns known at the club level.

PRESENTATION OF 2012/13 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE, STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Mark Graham presented the accounts. He noted that the accounts showed a slight rise in profit for the season (\$10,682). The prime contributor to this increase was a reduction in most expenses, with a rise in regatta fees, offsetting the reduction in interest on the Term Deposits.

Mark highlighted the creation of a contingent liability for the Chas Wood Trophy which went missing after the 2011 AGM. If it is not located during this season, its value will be written off our books.

There was discussion on the level of funds currently held by the Association, which over a number of years has continued to grow. Several options were discussed and will be looked at:

- Increasing publicity for the Class. Whilst this should be initiated at club level, it was acknowledged that the Association needed to ensure a co-ordinated approach. For clubs that were not as financially strong, it was suggested that they could apply to the Association for funding assistance. Such a request would need to be accompanied by a "business case" to allow the Association to make an informed decision. Other ideas for initiatives included such things as production of videos for uploading to Facebook.
- Subsidy for boats that travel to regattas.
- Increase in prizemoney for State Championships and pay back to say 20<sup>th</sup> place on handicap and scratch.

Mark thanked Brian Treleven for again carrying out the role of Honorary Auditor.

It was moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Riv Robson that the Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position for the 2012/13 season be adopted. CARRIED.

It was moved Michael McMahon and seconded Paul Linnett that the Auditor's report be adopted. CARRIED.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS:

The following nominations have been received:-

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	
President	Mark Graham
Vice-President	Riv Robson
Commodore	Lloyd Mulholland
Vice-Commodore	John Andrew
Secretary	Michael McMahon
Assistant Secretary	Roger Steel
Treasurer	Marilyn Sorensen
<b>RACE OFFICERS</b>	
Starter & Judge	Riv Robson
Assistant Starter & Judge	Michael McMahon
Timekeeper	Lloyd Mulholland
Assistant Timekeeper	Roger Steel
Chairman of Handicapping Committee	Paul Linnett
Handicapping Committee member	Michael McMahon
Handicapping Committee member	Yvette Lewis
Measurement Committee (Northern Zone)	(vacant)
Measurement Committee (Central Zone)	(vacant)
Measurement Committee (Southern Zone)	Graeme Fairbairn
Boat Registrar	(vacant)
<b>OTHER POSITIONS</b>	
Patron	Bill Riley
NSW Rep. to Australian 16ft Skiff Assoc.	Clint Bowen
Historian	Michael McMahon / Mark Graham
Auditor	Brian Treleaven

Moved Roger Steel and seconded Paul Linnett 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 that, given the level of funds held by the Association, some of these fees could be reduced. The agreed changes are now reflected in the schedule below.

It was moved Bruce Moore and seconded Roger Steel 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>\$50</b>	\$20
Combined Season State Championship and Interclub Race Entry Fee	<b>\$220</b>	N/A
Entrance Fee (for a club) to the Association	<b>Nil</b>	Nil

Interclub Race Entry Fee (per race)	<b>\$30</b>	\$10
New Hull Fee	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Petty Cash advance	<b>\$100</b>	N/A
Secretary's Honorarium	<b>\$4,000</b>	N/A
Webmaster Honorarium	<b>Nil</b>	N/A
Travel expenses for Association officials:		
• Motor vehicle (fuel, etc..)	<b>Max. 40 cents per km**</b>	N/A
• Accommodation – Sydney Metropolitan	<b>\$180 per night</b>	N/A
- Country (incl. Newcastle & Wollongong)	<b>\$120 per night</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.

\*\* Allowance amount is 55% of Australian Taxation Office fuel rate for mid-range motor vehicles

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND INTER-CLUB RACES FOR 2013/14 SEASON for 16ft SKIFFS:

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Saturday 12/10/2013	Port Hunter Regatta	Port Hunter
Saturday 26/10/2013	Heat 1 State Championship	Lake Illawarra
Sunday 27/10/2013	Heat 2 State Championship	Lake Illawarra
Saturday 9/11/2013	Heat 3 State Championship	Belmont
Sunday 10/11/2013	Heat 4 State Championship	Belmont
Saturday 23/11/2013	Heat 5 State Championship	Gosford
Sunday 24/11/2013	Heat 6 State Championship	Gosford
Saturday 14/12/2013	Upper Harbour Championship	Drummoyne
* Saturday 8/2/2014	Australian 16ft Skiff Sprint Series	Belmont
* Sunday 9/2/2014	Belmont Bay Championship	Belmont
Saturday 22/2/2014	Botany Bay Championship and Dumaresq Cup	St George

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

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND INTER-CLUB RACES FOR 2013/14 SEASON for 13ft SKIFFS:

The dates for the 13ft skiff State Championship were discussed and the following was decided.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Saturday 23/11/2013	Heat 1 State Championship	Gosford
Sunday 24/11/2013	Heat 2 State Championship	Gosford
Date in February 2014 - to be decided	Heat 3 State Championship	Manly
Date in February 2014 - to be decided	Heat 4 State Championship	Manly

BUSINESS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

Nil.

PRESENTATION OF PENNANTS and JACKETS:

1. It was noted that the **State Championship Trophy** had been presented to Lee Knapton and the crew of "Brydens Compensation Lawyers" at the final heat of the States last November. Zhik salopettes for each of the crew were accepted by Mark Graham for the crew who had offered apologies for being unable to attend this meeting. They also won the **Individual Scratch Point Score**.
2. Michael McMahon was invited to present the **Association Point Score Pennant** which was won by the Manly Club (accepted by Mark Graham on behalf of the Manly Club).
3. The **Chas Wood Handicap Point Score Trophy** was also won by the Manly Club. It was unable to be presented as it is currently missing. Attempts to locate it are continuing.
4. The **Dumaresq Cup** was won by the skiff "Ross Bell Electrical" from the Manly Club. No representative from the skiff was present but was accepted by Mark Graham.
5. Presentation of the **Individual Handicap Point Score** winner jackets was made to Alex Deakin and one of her crew ("BrandCents Consulting") by Lloyd Mulholland.
6. Individual presentation of the **13ft Skiff State Championship** jackets was made to Annalise Gilbert ("Holey Dollar Rum") by Mark Graham.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Pennant for Association Club Point Score - Lloyd Mulholland asked whether it was still worthwhile paying around \$300 for this pennant, given that it had been dominated by the Manly and Belmont Clubs over the last 10-12 years. His thoughts were that the Clubs are simply storing these, with no room to show them. After discussion, it was agreed that we would still purchase for next season, pending a possible change to the point scoring system.

Meeting closed 3.15pm

NEXT AGM is scheduled at Georges River 16ft Sailing Club on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2014.