

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 9/8/14
AT PORT HUNTER 16FT SAILING SKIFF CLUB

Meeting opened at 2.30pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Riv Robson, Roger Steel, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Paul Linnett, James Griffiths, Peter Kershaw, Grahame Dingle, David Croft, Mick Molloy, Belinda Sherry and Arran Gore.

APOLOGIES: Marilyn Sorensen, John Andrew, Bruce Moore, David Bonnitca, Greg Muirhead, Annalise Gilbert and Robert Napper.

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

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 17 August 2013.

1. Chas Wood Handicap Point Score trophy is still missing.
2. "Recruiting the Next Generation" – it was noted that this initiative had stalled.
3. Revision to Association Point Scores - Michael advised that, as yet, he has not been able to come up with a suitable method to try and allow Clubs with smaller fleets to still be in a position to win these point scores.
4. Volunteers for Association positions - it was noted that there were still no new nominations for Association positions for the upcoming season.

It was moved Lloyd Mulholland seconded Riv Robson 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 2013/14 REPORT:

Michael McMahon formally presented the 2013/14 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 dropped by 10 to 75, possible change to 2014/15 State Championship format (to be voted on today) and NSW Association's involvement with Manly and Belmont Clubs and Australian Association to manufacture skiff hulls in China.

Moved Riv Robson and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that the report be taken as read. CARRIED.

**PRESENTATION OF 2013/14 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE,
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

Mark Graham presented the accounts. He noted that the accounts showed a reduction in profit for the season (\$2,177). The two main reasons for the decrease were a reduction in income from regatta entry fees, due to a reduction in the fee from \$40 to \$30, and an increase in prizemoney paid for the State Championship series.

Mark highlighted the contingent liability for the Chas Wood Trophy which went missing after the 2011 AGM. He flagged the Association's intent to write it off next season, if it is not located.

Mark thanked Brian Treleven for again carrying out the role of Honorary Auditor and mentioned that Brian has indicated that he will not be in a position to continue in that role. A new volunteer will need to be found. It was agreed to send a letter to Brian thanking him for his time over the last 5 years and also purchase a gift to be given to him.

It was noted that the Association had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Belmont and Manly Clubs to loan them a total of \$30,000 in connection with the purchase of 9 hulls from China. There has been a hold up in finalising the contract with the hull supplier and they are not expected to arrive now until early next year.

The Association has also agreed to purchase the prototype hull on behalf of the Australian Association so that they can have it rigged as used as a promotional/demonstration boat. The full value of this commitment is not yet known, but could be \$35-\$40,000.

It was moved Paul Linnett and seconded Michael McMahon that the Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position for the 2013/14 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:-

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
President	Mark Graham
Vice-President	Riv Robson
Commodore	Lloyd Mulholland
Vice-Commodore	John Andrew
Secretary	Michael McMahon
Assistant Secretary	Roger Steel
Treasurer	Marilyn Sorensen
RACE OFFICERS	
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 Heritage

Measurement Committee (Northern Zone)	(vacant – looking for nomination)
Measurement Committee (Central Zone)	(vacant – looking for nomination)
Measurement Committee (Southern Zone)	Graeme Fairbairn
Boat Registrar	(vacant)
OTHER POSITIONS	
Patron	Bill Riley
NSW Rep. to Australian 16ft Skiff Assoc.	Clint Bowen
Historian	Michael McMahon / Mark Graham
Auditor	(vacant – looking for nomination)

Moved Peter Kershaw and seconded Grahame Dingle 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 Riv Robson 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	\$70	\$35
Annual Subscription (for clubs)	\$170	*\$170
Beach Entry Fee (per race)	\$35	\$20
Combined Season State Championship and Interclub Race Entry Fee	\$200	N/A
Entrance Fee (for a club) to the Association	Nil	Nil
Interclub Race Entry Fee (per race)	\$30	\$10
New Hull Fee	Nil	Nil
Petty Cash advance	\$100	N/A
Secretary’s Honorarium	\$4,400	N/A
Webmaster Honorarium	Nil	N/A
Travel expenses for Association officials:		
• Motor vehicle (fuel, etc..)	Max. 40 cents per km**	N/A
• Accommodation – Sydney Metropolitan	\$200 per night	N/A
- Country (incl. Newcastle & Wollongong)	\$140 per night	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 approximately 55% of Australian Taxation Office fuel rate for mid-range motor vehicles

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND INTER-CLUB RACES FOR 2014/15 SEASON for 16ft SKIFFS:

It was moved Grahame Dingle and seconded Peter Kershaw that the following list of Regattas and interclub races be approved. CARRIED.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Saturday 8/11/2014	Heat 1 State Championship	Port Hunter
Sunday 9/11/2014	Heat 2 State Championship	Port Hunter
Saturday 22/11/2014	Heat 3 State Championship	Manly
Sunday 23/11/2014	Heat 4 State Championship	Manly
Saturday 6/12/2014	Upper Harbour Championship and Dumaresq Cup	Drummoyne
* Saturday 7/2/2015	Australian 16ft Skiff Sprint Series	Belmont
Sunday 8/2/2015	Belmont Bay Championship	Belmont
Saturday 14/2/2015	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 2014/15 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 22/11/2014	Heat 1 State Championship	Manly
Sunday 23/11/2014	Heat 2 State Championship	Manly
Date in February 2015 - to be decided	Heat 3 State Championship	Manly
Date in February 2015 - 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 Lawyers" at the final heat of the States last November. Zhik vouchers for each of the crew to purchase one pair of ZK seaboots 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 "Sporty Little Munchkins" from the Manly Club. No representative from the skiff was present but was accepted by Mark Graham.
5. The **Individual Handicap Point Score** was won by "Thurlow Fisher Lawyers" from the Drummoyne Club. No representative was present (apology given) but the jackets were accepted by Riv Robson on their behalf.
6. The **13ft Skiff State Championship** was won by "Holey Dollar Rum" from the Manly Club. No representative was present (apology given) but the jackets were accepted by Mark Graham on their behalf.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Association commitment to skiff hulls from China - it was noted that the Association had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Manly and Belmont Clubs in May 2014 to loan each of those Clubs \$15,000 towards the purchase of nine 16ft skiff hulls from China (refer minutes of meeting 28 May 2014). It was agreed that this arrangement should also be ratified by this meeting:

It was moved by Lloyd Mulholland and seconded by Michael McMahon that:

"The NSW 16ft Skiff Association commit to loaning \$15,000 to the Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club and \$15,000 to the Belmont 16ft Skiff Club for the purchase of nine 16ft skiff hulls, to be built in China and exported to Australia. Further, that the Association Secretary was authorised to execute the 'Heads of Agreement' deed presented to the Association meeting on 28 May 2014 and to draw the necessary funds, when required." CARRIED (unanimously).

2. Purchase of new prototype hull - the Australian Association has approached the NSW Association to seek our commitment to fund the purchase of the 16ft skiff prototype hull that the Australian Association is purchasing in China and to subsequently rig (masts and sails) that boat so that it can be used for promotional/demonstration purposes. The full cost is not known at this stage, but is likely to be up to \$40,000 (the hull component being \$20,000). If the boat is sold, the NSW Association would be entitled to recover any funds received.

It was moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Michael McMahon that the NSW Association commit up \$40,000 to the purchase of the prototype hull and its subsequent rigging with masts and sails to be used solely for promotional/demonstration purposes or as otherwise approved by the NSW 16ft Skiff Association. CARRIED unanimously.

Meeting closed 3.30pm

NEXT AGM is scheduled at Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club on Saturday 8th August 2015.