

AUSTRALIAN 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE PRE-CARNIVAL CONFERENCE  
MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014  
AT DRUMMOYNE SAILING CLUB NSW

Meeting opened at 9.40 a.m.

Chairman: Robert Wasson

APOLOGIES: James Griffiths (Belmont)

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Darling Point Sailing Squadron, Brisbane Sailing Squadron, Drummoyne, Belmont, Manly and Middle Harbour.

PRESENT: Robert Wasson, Lloyd Mulholland, Clint Bowen, James Bury, Riv Robson, Neil Travener, John Andrew, Chris Andrew, Bill Riley, Kye Hawgood, Henry Harding, Michael Roxburgh, Andrew Roxburgh, Matthew Roxburgh, Geoff Hawgood, Simon Walker, Lauren Walker, Bryce Waters, Chris Goluzd, Sarah Lee, Daniel Watterson, Jason Thomson, Shane Slattery, Rob Flanagan, Will Mueller, Adam Gillson, Dallas Dawson, Mark Graham, Stephen McTaggart, Tim Valtwies, Michael McMahon, Chris Mulholland, Sandra Wasson and Alana Clancy.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Moved by Mark Graham and second by Michael McMahon that both these minutes be accepted

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nil

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

- Notice of race was sent to all clubs.
- Sailing Instructions were circulated to all clubs for these championships.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

The President commented on what has been another positive year with regular meetings being held by the Australian executive, and is looking forward to moving forward with all 3 associations working closer together. Rob also mentioned that the Australian Executive is still trying to find a major sponsor for the class to raise money to help promote the class as a whole. Rob thanked the committee for their efforts this year especially Clint Bowen who has been working hard behind the scenes.

## COMMODORES REPORT:

Lloyd welcomed all to Drummoyne Sailing Club and wished all a successful regatta, it has been a good turnout for these nationals to help celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Drummoyne Sailing Club, Lloyd touched on how it was bit hesitant in the beginning to hold the titles at Drummoyne but felt it was the right decision in the end and thanked all competitors for attending. Lloyd briefed over the new skiffs being finalized and said they are close to being finalized.

## NSW REPORT:

Last year at Manly Gavin Cooke talked about the new boats, contracts were all ready for signing, he believed 35K was too expensive for a new hull and said the new boats from China were going to be under 20K for the new one design boat. Clint Bowen has now taken over the new boat design and will hand select a committee to discuss the deck layout, design features and the like and is hopeful of having 10 new boats built in time for the Belmont Nationals.

The NSW association had thanked the Drummoyne club for turning up to all inter club regattas this season and hope to see more of it in years to come, registrations this year are around 78 Skiffs with Brydens Lawyers winning the state title this year. The Association held 2 heats at Gosford Sailing Club this year with positive feedback and there was some interest in the 13ft skiffs at the Club.

## QLD REPORT:

Kye Hawgood spoke on behalf of the QSSA and mentioned they had 9 Skiffs attend the Easter regatta at Hervey Bay. The Association also had Clint Bowen fly up to Queensland to hold a training camp, which attracted a lot of interest from the current skiffs and also some of the juniors from other classes.

The Queensland state titles were won by RW Retail with 6 skiffs competing regularly, they have a good young prospect in David McKay sailing a 13 up in Queensland at the moment with only 1 x 13ft skiff competing regularly; they are hoping this will grow in the next season. The planning for the 2015- 2016 Nationals is well underway at this stage.

## 13ft SKIFF REPORT:

The 13ft skiffs have 8 registered boats for the nationals, and discussion was held in regard to the event being on when other classes were hosting their nationals, the NSW Association has ordered new booms and masts from C-Tech.

## ELECTION OF OFFICIALS:

Nominations for the Australian Officials for the 2013-14 season were called for and are as follows:

Michael McMahon was appointed temporarily to the chair for the process of elections.

PRESIDENT Robert Wasson proposed by R. Flanagan and second by C. Bowen  
COMMODORE Lloyd Mulholland Proposed by C. Bowen and Second by R. Robson  
SECRETARY/ TREASURER James Bury Proposed by R. Wasson and second by L. Mulholland

As there was not more than one nomination for each position, they were unanimously elected as proposed. Robert Wasson thanked Michael McMahon for temporarily filling the chair.

2013/14 AUSTRALIAN RACE COMMITTEE:

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| Michael McMahon  | (NSW) (Chairman and PRO) |
| Lloyd Mulholland | (NSW)                    |
| Robert Wasson    | (QLD)                    |
| Mark Graham      | (NSW)                    |
| Clint Bowen      | (NSW)                    |

There were no objections to the above appointments

PROTEST COMMITTEE:

A protest committee will be formed when required, with appropriate members when a protest has been received by the race committee. It was noted that a \$200 non-refundable protest fee was applicable when lodging a protest.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The 2014-2015 Nationals to be hosted by Belmont will start on the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2014, they are hoping to have this firmed up by February with 2 lay days.

The 2015- 2016 Nationals to be hosted by the QSSA in Hervey Bay with the proposed dates being the 29<sup>th</sup> Dec – 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Moved M. McMahon second by L. Mulholland.

The Sailing Instructions were confirmed and moved by R. Flanagan and second by R. Robson.

There will be a competitors briefing at 11.30am in the down stairs bar area of the Drummoyne Club.

A letter was received from Alex Deakin regarding the timing and format of the nationals with a view of every 3<sup>rd</sup> Nationals to be held in a holiday venue.

The Belmont club were looking into the possibility of nationals over in Perth and will get something to the ASSA to firm this idea up and circulate to the clubs.

All competitors were told that random weighing of boats will take place at these nationals.

Meeting closed at 10.25 am

Minutes taken by James Bury  
Hon. Secretary/ Treasurer  
Australian 16ft Skiff Association