

AUSTRALIAN 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE PRE-CARNIVAL CONFERENCE
MEETING HELD 28th DECEMBER 2014
AT BELMONT 16FT SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 9.30am.

Chairman: Lloyd Mulholland

APOLOGIES: Robert Wasson (Australian 16ft Skiff President), Kye Hawgood (BSS)

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Darling Point Sailing Squadron, Brisbane Sailing Squadron, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Belmont 16ft Sailing Club, Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club and Middle Harbour 16ft Skiff Club.

PRESENT: Lloyd Mulholland (Commodore), Clint Bowen (NSW Rep), James Bury (Secretary/Treasurer), Riv Robson (DSC), Harrison West (MH16ftSC), Peter Valpiani (MH16ftSC), Patrick Hanlon (DPSS), Keith Jones (DPSS), Ricky Bridge (M16ftSSC), Wayne Thomas (B16ftSC), S. Bourke (B16ftSC), Ron Rose (B16ftSC), Lyn Hanlon (DPSS), S. Geck (BSS), J. Scott (DPSS), Jason Marsh (B16ftSC), Jason Thomson (B16ftSC), Michael McMahon (M16ftSSC), Greg Muirhead (DSC), Rob Flanagan (B16ftSC).

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting held 5th January 2014

Meeting held 11th January 2014

Moved by Riv Robson and second by Lloyd Mulholland 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'S 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 working hard to 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 on the new boats and the contracts. The President also wishes all competitors an enjoyable regatta here at Belmont.

COMMODORES REPORT:

Lloyd welcomed all to Belmont 16ft Sailing Club and wished all a successful regatta. Lloyd also would like to thank Clint for the time and effort being put in by Clint Bowen on the new China boats. He also thanked all for attending the Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.

NSW REPORT: (report by Clint Bowen)

The NSW State titles were won by the Brydens Lawyers (Lee Knapton, Peter Mackie and Ricky Bridge). Clint also advised that the new prototype should be arriving in April 2015 and gave some info and background on the new boats. Once the prototype has been sailed and put in the jig and all other measurements completed he was hoping for the first batch of new boats to arrive in August 2015. The Association is going to bring the new boat to Belmont for a test sail once it has been commissioned.

Clint went on to thank the Belmont and Manly Clubs as well as the NSW 16ft Skiff Association and Rob Wasson for their help and financial contribution for the new boats to happen. Clint went on also to explain that, as part of ordering 9 new boats, he has been able to secure a deal with CST for a spar package and also a deal on the 9 new boats.

QLD REPORT: (report by Pat Hanlon)

Qld this year had 8 boats register for the state titles which is the biggest fleet in years. It was the most competitive racing we've had in some time which was also very promising for the future and had a number of newcomers to the class sailing throughout the title. Data 3 took the title in a count back.

We held another pre-season training day for the 16's which was a success. We had Rob Flanagan from the Belmont club come and take us through two days of training involving tuning/setup and on water skills. We will be on the lookout for a coach for next season as well, so if anyone is interested in coming up before or at the start of next season let us know. We will be looking to focus on the development of the 13ft skiff fleet in the second half of this season.

We have had some success from our efforts in getting juniors on skiffs last season with four 13's being purchased in the offseason. We have 3 attending the nationals this year which is a great achievement and positive sign for the future of 16's in Qld. We will be having some training days for the 13's in the New Year and hope to have a good fleet on the water for their state titles at season's end.

2015-16 Nationals

Organisation for the 2015-16 Nationals is well under way. The Qld Association is looking to build on the very successful event the Australian Association held there recently. The Association is aiming to make it a very family friendly social event. The organisers have been in talks with the Maryborough Sailing Club and have also had offers of support from both DPSS and BSS. The dates have been firmed as Heat 1 on (Tuesday) December 29th 2015 and Heat 7 wrapping up on (Sunday) January 3rd 2016. Measurement would be Monday the 28th of December 2015. There will be a lay day on New Year's Day and will two days with two races to keep the carnival condensed.

The idea behind keeping the carnival condensed in this way is to minimise the burden on our volunteers and also to allow competitors to have more time with their family before or after the event during this busy period. Any feedback on the proposed schedule can be emailed to Qld16ftskiffs@hotmail.com

The Qld Association is looking into QLD Government and local council grants and are following up on local sponsorship opportunities but if anyone has any leads on potential sponsors the Association would appreciate any the contact information.

The Qld Association will be following up with the Australian Association shortly to confirm the requirements of the titles including prize money and number of rescue craft etc.

13ft SKIFF REPORT:

The 13ft skiffs have continued with good numbers again this year.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS:

Nominations for the Australian Officials for the 2014-15 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 P. Hanlon and second by C. Bowen
 COMMODORE Lloyd Mulholland Proposed by R. Robson and Second by C. Bowen
 SECRETARY/ TREASUER James Bury Proposed by C. Bowen and second by L. Mulholland

As there was no more than one nomination for each position, they were unanimously elected as proposed.

2014/15 AUSTRALIAN RACE COMMITTEE:

AUSTRALIAN 16ft SKIFF RACE COMMITTEE	
Chairman & PRO (NSW)	Gary Bruniges
Member NSW	Lloyd Mulholland
Member QLD	Patrick Hanlon
Member (Belmont Representative)	John Anderson
Member (Manly Representative)	Michael McMahon

AUSTRALIAN 16FT & 13FT SKIFF RACE OFFICIALS	
Starter	Gary Bruniges
Starter	John Anderson
Time Keeper	Tony Waters
Scribe/Results	Michael McMahon
Scribe	Steve Gallagher
Course Layers	Lindon Roberts, Neil Doyle, Rob Abraham, Peter Stuart
Support Boats	Bruce McIntosh, David Johnson, David Williams, Scott Sherry

Radio Officers	Les Tocque, Terry Morgan
Measurement Committee Rep	Craig Corke

There were no objections to the above appointments.

PROTEST COMMITTEE:

A protest committee will be formed when required by the Belmont 16ft Sailing Club, with appropriate members when a protest has been received by the race committee. It was noted that a \$200 AUD non-refundable protest fee was applicable when lodging a protest. The Belmont Sailing Administrator has a list of suitably qualified people on standby.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The 2015-2016 Nationals to be hosted by QSSA and will be conducted at Hervey Bay Queensland will start on the 28th December, 2015.

The 2016- 2017 Nationals are still to be confirmed

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

There will be a competitors briefing at 11.30am in the down stairs outside the rigging lawn.

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

Rob Flanagan from the Belmont Club advised all to keep things locked up as they have had a little bit of theft happening around the Club on the past couple of weeks.

Meeting closed at 10.10am

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