

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8/2/17
at DRUMMOYNE SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 7:55pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, Roger Steel, Shane Lackey, Riv Robson, Paul Linnett, Christine Mulholland, Rolf Cohen and Marilyn Sorensen.

APOLOGIES: Tamara Sheehan.

CLUBS REPRESENTED: Manly/St George, Drummoyne, Middle Harbour, Belmont and Illawarra.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 7th December 2016.

1. Restructured Association – Discussion on the possible restructuring of the Association structures is on-going.
2. Updated list of hull registrations - Michael has still not been able to obtain the list from Craig Corke.
3. Australian Association – for update see Australian Association Report.
4. St George Club - after further discussion it was agreed that the NSW Association Executive should propose a suitable Notice of Motion for the clubs to vote on to give the St George Club membership independent voting rights with the NSW Association.

It was moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Paul Linnett that the previous minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Commonwealth Bank - advice of upcoming term deposit maturity (\$36,316.54 - 21/1/17).
2. Commonwealth Bank – confirmation of Term Deposit renewal - \$37,299.77 @ 2.15% to mature 21 January 2018.
3. Manly – advice of direct credit in payment of invoice 192 - \$16,670.
4. St George – advice of direct credit in payment of invoice 195 - \$1,945.
5. Middle Harbour – cheque for \$3,170 in payment of invoice 193.
6. Illawarra – cheque for \$1,620 in payment of invoice 191.
7. A.P. Doyle - cheque for \$210 in payment of regatta entry fees for “Loose Cannon” from Drummoyne.

8. Australian Association – advice of purchase of a new, more modern Australian 13ft Skiff Championship Trophy. Cost \$240. Request as to whether NSW Association would like a similar trophy for NSW 13ft Skiff States.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of today's meeting.

It was moved Michael McMahon and Shane Lackey that the correspondence be received. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Balance of working account is \$26,660.94cr.
2. The Term Deposit fell due on 21 January 2017 and was renewed for a further 12 months. The renewed amount of \$37,299.77 will now be due on 21 January 2018. Interest rate is 2.15%.
3. The following account for payment were submitted:-
- i) State Championship prizemoney - payments approved as follows, based on overall results published in the minutes of the last meeting (7/12/16):
 - “Brydens Lawyers” – Peter Mackie - **\$125**
 - “TJS Services” – Anthony Makin - **\$450**
 - “Sutech Building Consultants” – Daniel Turner - **\$600**
 - “Fire Stopping” – James Bury - **\$450**
 - “Southern Beaches Rugby” – Adam Gillson - **\$75**
 - “Eric’s Removals” - Peter Tinworth - **\$450**
 - “Blacksmiths Family Meats” – Grant Sheldon - **\$350**
 - “Growthbuilt” - Ryan Wilmot - **\$125**
 - “Waterways Constructions” - David Mitchell - **\$75**
 - ii) Rob Wasson - reimbursement for prizes purchased for 13ft skiffs during the 2016/17 Australian 13ft Skiff Championships - **\$532.85**.
 - iii) Australian 16ft Skiff Association - payment of the agreed proportion of 2016/17 season NSW skiff registration fees - **\$22,550**.

Moved Mark Graham and seconded Riv Robson that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted and that the accounts for payment be paid. CARRIED.

SECRETARY

1. The Belmont Bay Championship scheduled to be sailed last Sunday 5th February 2017 was abandoned at 3:30pm due to light and fickle breeze and the fact that the starters were unable to set a fair course.
2. The Botany Bay Championship is scheduled to be sailed on 18th February.

COMMODORE

Nil to report.

REGISTRAR

Nil to report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Discussion on administration of Australian Association - there was further discussion on concerns raised at our last meeting about the way that the Australian Association was being administered. These concerns revolved around the way that the marketing company (Bang) had been engaged, the method of financial reporting to members (the clubs), sale of the skiff prototype and the general process for the making of significant decisions.

It appears that some decisions have not involved all members of the Executive Committee at their scheduled meetings, and where quick decisions have had to be made, attempts were not always made to contact all Exec Committee members. Some of these issues were also discussed at the recent Australian Association AGM at Illawarra Yacht Club.

It is apparent that the Executive Committee is also not operating fully in accordance with the Australian 16ft Skiff Constitution. For example, the roles of some committee members is different to that laid down by the Constitution.

Mark Graham acknowledged that in recent months the Australian President has invited both himself and Michael McMahon to be present as part of their scheduled Skype meetings. They have no voting rights, but are welcome to participate in discussions.

The meeting acknowledged the efforts, and even financial cost incurred, by some members of the Executive Committee, however, it is still important to follow the processes set out in the Constitution.

Mark Graham will raise some of these issues again at the next Australian Executive Meeting (scheduled for next week).

2. 2016/17 Australian Championship - it was recognised that the 2016/17 Australian Championship series at Lake Illawarra had been the closest for some years with a different heat winner for every race. Eventual winner was "TJS Services" sailed by Henry Makin from the Belmont Club.
3. Additional Funds for ASSA - it was noted that NSW Association had already agreed to provide funding raised from increased skiff registration fees this season. This would amount to just over \$22,000. The NSW Association has also agreed to contribute \$10,000 to fund the "Skiff Shop".

13FT SKIFFS

Nil to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil to report.

Meeting closed 9:25pm

NEXT MEETING – via Skype on Wednesday **8th March 2017** commencing at 7:45pm.