

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9/3/16
VIA SKYPE

Meeting opened at 8.05pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Riv Robson, Paul Linnett and Lloyd Mulholland.

APOLOGIES: Marilyn Sorensen

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 10th February 2016.

1. Restructured Association – discussions continue at the Australian Association level, at this stage. Clubs have been circulated to get feedback on a suggested fee scale for skiff registrations.
2. Expenditure – Following the donation of \$20,000 to the Australian Association, a quarterly breakdown of expenditure by the National Association will be sought. Nothing has been provided, to date. Michael to chase up.
3. 13ft skiff website - 13ft skiff site has yet to be upgraded to newer version of Joomla.
4. New Association Patron - Michael has still to write to clubs seeking any nomination that they may have for Association Patron, following the passing of Bill Riley in September.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Australian Association - points for discussion by clubs – should only one race per day be sailed in Australian Championships; feedback on a location for 2018/19 Aust Championships (Airlie Beach has been suggested); and suggestions on new PRO for Aust. Championships.
2. Belmont – Notice of Motion to limit State Championships to only boats that have entered for the whole series.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of Meeting – email sent to clubs and delegates.
2. Belmont - email to Danny Anderson to clarify rule number and other possible impacts from their NoM.

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

TREASURER

1. Balance of working account is \$16,512.50cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Michael McMahon – Secretary’s honorarium (December/January/February) - **\$1,100.**

Moved Lloyd Mulholland and seconded Riv Robson that the Treasurer’s report be received and adopted and that the account for payment be paid. CARRIED.

SECRETARY

1. The results for the Botany Bay Championship held on Saturday 27th February 2016 at St George were tabled and adopted. There were 14 starters and 13 finishers. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with a 10 to 16 knot Easterly breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Botany Bay Championship – Scratch Summary	
1. BRYDENS LAWYERS	Gerard Smith
2. FIRE STOPPING	Joe Turner
3. FLUID BUILDING	Clint Bowen
4. FLUID REMEDIAL	Matt Stenta
5. BOTANY ACCESS	Chris Thomas

Botany Bay Championship – Handicap Summary	
1. TORO	Brad Leicester
2. SKIFF_ROPES.COM	Amy Lee
3. DRIFT MOB	Felix Daverio
4. FLUID REMEDIAL	Matt Stenta
5. BRYDENS LAWYERS	Gerard Smith

COMMODORE

1. Botany Bay Championship - Lloyd thanked the St George Club for their hospitality, however, he noted that there were several on-water problems on the day:
 - pin mark was taken up early;
 - no Outer Towra mark had been laid for the 13’s (one was finally laid just in time);
 - starter’s boat (“Bill Riley”) broke down during the race, meaning that an alternative finish boat had to be found quickly and this was in position at the very last minute; and
 - there was confusion at the finish because the finish boat had been moored on the wrong side of the finish mark.

Michael to speak with Manly/St George Commodore Grant Windsham to see what can be done in future years to avoid these problems which were partly due to the fact that there was a very small band of dedicated (but ageing) volunteers at the St George Club.

REGISTRAR

Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Revised “China” skiff pricing list - a revised pricing schedule has been issued for “China” skiffs that will be arriving for the 2016/17 season. Full details available on the skiff website, but basic pricing is as follows:

- Hull \$30,580
- Spars (2 masts, 1 boom and 1 spinnaker pole – all carbon) \$8,500
- Sails (2 mains, 3 jibs, 2 spinnakers) \$13,200

(fitout of hull and spars not included)

It was mentioned that there had been some negative comments from a handful of sailors at Belmont about the “China” hull. It was agreed that these seem to be ill informed. Whilst there has been some teething issues with the first batch of boats, these have all been rectified and will not be an issue in the next batch.

13FT SKIFFS

1. The results for Heat 3 of the NSW State Championships held on Saturday 13th February 2016 at Manly were tabled and adopted. There were 6 starters and 5 finishers. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with a 10 to 16 knot North-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

State Title Heat 3 (Manly) – Scratch Summary	
1 VIPER	Nathan Lilley
2. INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMISTS	Jessica Iles
3. DIMENSION POLYANT	Alex South
4. SYDNEY SWANS	Kiah Hodgkinson

State Title Heat 3 (Manly) – Handicap Summary	
1. DIMENSION POLYANT	Alex South
2. VIPER	Nathan Lilley
3. VINIDEX	Lisa Leicester
4. SYDNEY SWANS	Kiah Hodgkinson

2. The results for Heat 4 of the NSW State Championships held on Saturday 13th February 2016 at Manly were tabled and adopted. There were 5 starters and 5 finishers. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with a 15 to 22 knot North-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

State Title Heat 4 (Manly) – Scratch Summary	
1 INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMISTS	Jessica Iles
2. DIMENSION POLYANT	Alex South
3. SYDNEY SWANS	Kiah Hodgkinson
4. VIPER	Nathan Lilley
5. VINIDEX	Lisa Leicester

State Title Heat 4 (Manly) – Handicap Summary	
1. DIMENSION POLYANT	Jordan Ferguson
2. INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMISTS	Jessica Iles
3. SYDNEY SWANS	Kiah Hodgkinson
4. VINIDEX	Lisa Leicester
5. VIPER	Nathan Lilley

3. The overall results for the State Championships were as follows:-

1	VIPER VENDETTA	Nathan Lilley	Man	3 pts
2	INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMISTS	Jessica Iles	Man	5
3	DIMENSION POLYANT	Jordan Ferguson	Man	10
4	SYDNEY SWANS	Kiah Hodgkinson	Man	11
5	MIGHTY-MITE	David McKay	Man	14

Overall final results for the State Championships (Handicap):

1	DIMENSION POLYANT	Jordan Ferguson	Man	5 pts
2	VIPER	Nathan Lilley	Man	8
3	SYDNEY SWANS	Kiah Hodgkinson	Man	8
4	INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMISTS	Jessica Iles	Man	10
5	MIGHTY-MITE	David McKay	Man	12

4. The results for the Botany Bay Championship held on Saturday 27th February 2016 at St George were tabled and adopted. There were 5 starters and 4 finishers. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with a 10 to 16 knot North-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Botany Bay Championship – Scratch Summary		
1	VIPER	Nathan Lilley
2.	INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMISTS	Jessica Iles
3.	DIMENSION POLYANT	Jordan Ferguson
4.	HOLMES MARINE	Daniel Nugent
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Botany Bay Championship – Handicap Summary		
1.	VIPER	Nathan Lilley
2.	DIMENSION POLYANT	Jordan Ferguson
3.	INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMISTS	Jessica Iles
4.	HOLMES MARINE	Daniel Nugent
5.	-	-

5. Marketing of 13's – After discussions with some parents involved in the Class, Mark Graham mentioned that we need to expand the marketing of 13's to other classes, in particular 29ers and Flying 11's. Several sailors who have sailed in the 13s this season have been involved with 29ers and prefer the 13s. If we can expand the Class to other clubs and States that will also make it more attractive for younger ones seeking take their sailing careers to a higher level.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Association Auditor - Michael indicated that Andrew McWhirter had indicated earlier in the season that he would be happy to volunteer for the role.

Meeting closed 9.05pm

NEXT MEETING – via SKYPE on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 7.45pm.