

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25/5/16  
VIA SKYPE

Meeting opened at 8.11pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Paul Linnett, Roger Steel, Lloyd Mulholland, Clint Bowen, Rob Wasson and Kye Hawgood.

APOLOGIES: Riv Robson, Marilyn Sorensen and Michael McMahon.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

*Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016.*

1. Restructured Association – Discussions around a possible restructured skiff association are to be discussed at the upcoming Commodores' meeting.
2. Skiff Association Website – It was explained the Australian 16ft Skiff Association had now taken control of the website formerly managed by the NSW Association. The future costs of running this site shall be incurred by the Australian Association. There shall be pages dedicated to each of the State associations.
3. New Association Patron - It was felt Riv Robson should be approached with a view to him taking on the role of the NSW Skiff Association patron.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Middle Harbour - Phil West confirming the club is able to host the Commodore's meeting.
2. St. George - Notice from Shane Lackey and Paul Donovan they will be the club representatives.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Nil

It was moved Paul Linnett and seconded Mark Graham that the correspondence be received. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Balance of working account is \$15,203.75cr.
2. No accounts payable.

Moved Lloyd Mullholland and seconded Paul Linnett that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted. CARRIED.

### SECRETARY

1. Results for the motion put forward by the Belmont Club:

4.2.5 - Only boats that enter for the State Championship series of races for that season shall be recognised as an entrant in any race that is designated as a State Championship Race for that season.

Reason – To remove confusion for competitors as to which boats are eligible for points in which race. The current system allows for a boat to be in the race and receive a finish and prizemoney for that race but they may not be entered in the State Championships and don't get points in that event.

Results to date are (Belmont FOR) (Manly and Illawarra AGAINST). We are still waiting on voting from Middle Harbour, Drummoyne and Port Hunter. To be finalised at the next meeting.

### COMMODORE

1. Commodore Lloyd thanked St. George for their hospitality at their presentation of prizes. He was particularly pleased they included juniors at the function. He explained the prospects for the Club's future looked promising.
2. The 16ft skiff prototype boat competed at the Combined High School regatta, crewed by some young students, and it won the event.

### REGISTRAR

Nil report.

### AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Possible constitutional changes - Clint Bowen and Ron Wasson were in attendance as representatives of the Australian Association. Discussions around the possibility of the Australian Association replacing the Queensland and New South Wales, i.e. combining 3 associations to form one. In particular discussion focuses on the levying of fees by the Australian Association only with some of the funds distributed to the state associations for the running of state title events.

It was suggested that a registration fee of \$400 per skiff would be levied on boats from the larger clubs and \$200 per skiff where they compete at smaller clubs. A figure of \$31,000 was felt achievable from which State running fees would be allocated. A sub committee for each state would be created. Communication had already been made with the larger Manly and Belmont Clubs in advance of further discussions at the Commodore's meeting.

Concern was also raised regarding constitutional issues.

13FT SKIFFS

Rob Wasson revealed that negotiations have been underway with New China Yachts to have packages, similar to those available when purchasing the new 16ft skiffs, available for those wanting to purchase 13ft skiffs.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil report.

Meeting closed 9.25pm

NEXT MEETING – via SKYPE on Wednesday **27<sup>th</sup> July 2016** at 7.45pm.