

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26/7/17
via Skype

Meeting opened at 7:55pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Lloyd Mulholland, Marilyn Sorensen, Riv Robson and Jack Andrew.

APOLOGIES: Roger Steel and Shane Lackey.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 31st May 2017.

1. Updated list of hull registrations - Michael has finally made contact with Craig Corke. He has advised that, unfortunately, the file on his computer which contains information on the later registrations has been corrupted, and there is no back-up copy. Unfortunately, the last available registration is 181 dating back to 2009. Contact will need to be made with clubs and annual skiff registration records reviewed to try and re-create the missing records. This could take some time.
2. St George Club - a Notice of Motion to allow clubs that are not incorporated entities, but have a parent club to be an Association member and have voting rights was circulated to member clubs for voting. Voting to be held at tonight's meeting (in General Business).
3. ASSA – NoM to amend Class Rule 10.38. An amendment was submitted by IYC. Voting still to be finalised on this proposed amendment.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Australian Association (ASSA) - emails in regard to correspondence received from North Sails about their 3Di sails.
2. Mark Thorpe Boatbuilding - details of work completed on the 13ft skiff mould and enclosing invoice for \$6,600.
3. Australian Sailing - email attaching invoices for Class Affiliation fees for 13's and 16's.
4. ASSA - email seeking NSW Association \$10,000 to the "Parts Shop".
5. Manly - email attaching draft race programme for 2017/18.
6. Middle Harbour - email attaching draft race programme for 2017/18.
7. Belmont - email attaching draft race programme for 2017/18.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of today's meeting.
2. All Clubs – email requesting draft race programme for 2017/18 season.
3. All Clubs - email advising date of AGM and requesting nominations for Association Committee positions.
4. Andrew McWhirter - email attaching details of financial accounts for 2016/17.

It was moved Michael McMahon and seconded Marilyn Sorensen that the correspondence be received. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Balance of working account is \$15,698.77cr.
2. Term Deposit - current balance is \$37,299.77. An amount of \$7,299.77 will need to be withdrawn to allow a sufficient balance in the cheque account and also pay the \$10,000 contribution to the ASSA towards the "Parts Shop". It was agreed that we should not reduce the Term Deposit any further to provide funding to the ASSA, as we need to maintain a reserve to cover any unforeseen expenses to our Association.
3. Audit of 2016/17 accounts - all information on the accounts has been consolidated and will be sent to Andrew McWhirter in the next few days. Mark Graham is just finalising the "notes to the accounts" to explain the payment to the ASSA collected from boat registration fees.
4. Royalty for use of 13ft skiff mould - in view of the cost of repairs to the 13ft skiff mould (\$6,600), it was agreed that some of this cost should be recovered from a royalty fee on any hulls manufactured from the mould. It was agreed that the proposed fee should be included on "schedule of fees" for 2017/18 to be submitted for approval at the upcoming AGM.
5. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Zhik Pty Ltd - cost off jackets for Association point scores and 16ft and 13ft State Championships for 2016/17 - **\$2,498.60** (note - this will be made in two equal payments of \$1,249.30, the first as a deposit and the second on completion of the order).
 - ii) Mark Thorpe Boatbuilding Pty Ltd - repairs to 13ft skiff mould - **\$6,600**.
 - iii) ASSA - agreed contribution to "Parts Shop" - **\$10,000** (note – as there will be insufficient funds in our account to pay this amount, \$7,299.77 will need to be drawn from the Term Deposit after the required one month's notice is given.

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Riv Robson that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted and that the accounts for payment be approved. CARRIED.

SECRETARY

1. AGM - reminder that AGM will be held at Belmont on 12 August at 2:00pm.

2. The following are the regatta dates for 2017/18 that have been advised. These will be included for confirmation at the upcoming AGM.
 - Middle Harbour Marathon (Middle Harbour) - Saturday 30th September 2017
 - Port Hunter Regatta Saturday 21st October 2017
 - Botany Bay Championship (St George) – Saturday 28th October 2017
 - Heats 1 & 2 of States - Illawarra – Saturday / Sunday 11th/12th November 2017
 - Heats 3 & 4 of States - Manly - Saturday / Sunday 25th/26th November 2017
 - Upper Harbour Championship (Drummoyne) – Saturday 9th December 2017
 - Belmont Sprints - Saturday 3rd February 2018
 - Belmont Bay Championship - Sunday 4th February 2018.

COMMODORE

1. Class Flag - Lloyd advised that there had been discussion at a recent ASSA meeting about the Class flag. The current flag replicates the Code Flag “U” with the number 16 superimposed. As Code Flag “U” is now part of the starting flag options in the RRS, it has been suggested that we should consider a new flag to avoid any confusion. It was agreed that we should discuss this further at our AGM.

REGISTRAR

1. Hull Registration number register - refer to comments in “Business Arising From Previous Minutes” above.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

Nil report.

13FT SKIFFS

1. 13ft skiff States - with the Manly Club and IYC both hosting the 16ft skiff State Championships next season, it was agreed that it would be appropriate to hold the 13ft skiff States at the same time and venues as the 16’s. Both these clubs will be sailing 13’s in their fleets next season.
2. Australian Association - following repairs to the 13ft skiff mould, the Australian Association is currently arranging for a “package” to build and rig 13ft skiffs at a cost effective price to keep them affordable. Given that the Class is now in NSW and Queensland, they have also made approaches as to whether the NSW Association would consider handing over control of the Class so that they can promote the Class on a National basis. In principle, delegates were in favour of this proposal.
3. Class age limit - there was further discussion on the proposal to make the age limit 23 years across the board (male and female). Delegates were still of the view that the age limit of 23 had worked well for males, with a number moving through to the 16’s. It would also be appropriate to apply it for females. Michael is discuss with the Manly Club Commodore and get the views of that Club.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Notice of Motion - voting was held on the NoM submitted by the Association Executive to allow clubs that are subsidiaries of a parent club to be regarded as a member of the Association, in certain circumstances.

Amend Rule 5 of the NSW Constitution by deleting Rules 5(2), 5(3), 5(4) and 5(5) and substitute the following:

5 (2) A sailing club, which:

- (a) is a division/subsidiary of a club that is already an ordinary member of the Association (“parent club”); that
- (b) is located in New South Wales; and
- (c) operates from a clearly separate venue to its parent club; and
- (d) has registered with it three or more skiffs; and
- (e) either regularly conducts, or proposes to conduct races for skiffs during its sailing season independently to its parent club; and
- (d) undertakes to pay all fees and charges payable to the Association

may also apply to be an ordinary member of the Association.

(3) The application must:

- (a) be in writing; and
- (b) contain evidence that it satisfies the conditions set out in subrules 5(1) or 5(2); and
- (c) be accompanied by the entrance fee; and
- (d) given to the Secretary.

(4) The application must be considered at the next General Meeting.

(5) The Secretary must give voters notice of the application.

(6) If:

- (a) three quarters of votes cast are in favour of the application; and
- (b) the entrance fee is paid

the applicant is elected as an ordinary member of the Association.

REASON: The current NSW Constitution provides that a sailing club can only apply to be a member of the Association if it:

- a) is an incorporated entity; and
- b) has three skiffs or more registered with it; and
- c) either regularly conducts, or proposes to conduct races for skiffs during its sailing season; and
- d) undertakes to pay all fees and charges payable to the Association.

As a result of this rule, since the St George Sailing Club merged with the Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club a few years ago, it has not been eligible to have a vote on any Association matters, as it is no longer an incorporated entity and, as such, it cannot be a “member” of the Association.

The result is that, whilst it is the Manly Club’s intention that sailing at StGSC operate as independently as possible from Manly, the 16ft skiff sailors can’t vote independently to the Manly Club on Association matters. The proposed new sub-rule 5(2) seeks to try and address that situation by allowing a club, like StGSC, to still have an independent say in Association matters by being entitled to be a member of the Association in their own right.

VOTING: “**For**” – Manly, Belmont, Drummoyne, Middle Harbour, President, Commodore and Secretary.

“**Against**” - Nil

Motion carried unanimously - effective immediately.

Meeting closed 9:02pm

NEXT MEETING – to follow the AGM on Saturday **12th August 2017** which is scheduled to commence at 2:00pm.