

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 2/11/16  
Via Skype

Meeting opened at 8:00pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Marilyn Sorensen

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

*Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016.*

1. Restructured Association – Discussion on the possible restructuring of the Association structures is on-going.
2. Updated list of hull registrations - Michael did email Craig Corke, but no response yet. To be followed up by a phone call.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Australian Association - advising interest in developing a package for a reasonable cost 13ft skiff, similar to the 16's; advising interest in repairing current mould to start this process and that Mark Thorpe is proposed boat builder; seeking \$5,000 from NSW Association to carry out mould repairs.
2. Australian Association - seeking clarification on current age restrictions in the 13ft skiff class rules.
3. Belmont - 24 skiff registrations
  - 8 entries for Port Hunter regatta
  - 7 entries Port Jackson C/ship
  - 16 entries for the State C/ships (MH & Bel)
  - 6 entries Belmont regatta (26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Nov)
  - 2 entries Upper Harbour C/ship
  - 22 entries Belmont Bay C/ship
  - 7 entries Botany Bay C/ship
4. Drummoyne - 5 skiff registrations
  - 1 entry for Port Hunter regatta
  - 2 entries for the State C/ships (MH & Bel)
  - 3 entries Upper Harbour C/ship
  - 3 entries Belmont Bay C/ship
  - 1 entry Botany Bay C/ship
5. Illawarra - 4 skiff registrations

- 1 entry for Port Hunter regatta
  - 4 entries Port Jackson C/ship
  - 3 entries for the State C/ships (MH & Bel)
  - 1 entry Belmont regatta (26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Nov)
  - 3 entries Belmont Bay C/ship
  - 2 entries Botany Bay C/ship
6. Manly - 28 skiff registrations
- 4 entries for Port Hunter regatta
  - 28 entries Port Jackson C/ship
  - 15 entries for the State C/ships (MH & Bel)
  - 3 entries Middle Harbour regatta (12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Nov)
  - 9 entries Upper Harbour C/ship
  - 8 entries Belmont Bay C/ship
  - 13 entries Botany Bay C/ship
7. Middle Harbour - 1 entry for Port Hunter regatta
- 8 entries Port Jackson C/ship
  - 3 entries for the State C/ships (MH & Bel)
  - 4 entries Middle Harbour regatta (12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Nov)
  - 3 entries Upper Harbour C/ship
  - 2 entries Belmont Bay C/ship
  - 4 entries Botany Bay C/ship
8. Port Hunter - 3 skiff registrations
- 3 entries for Port Hunter regatta
9. St George - 7 skiff registrations
- 1 entry for Port Hunter regatta
  - 3 entries Port Jackson C/ship
  - 3 entries for the State C/ships (MH & Bel)
  - 1 entry Upper Harbour C/ship
  - 1 entry Belmont Bay C/ship
  - 6 entries Botany Bay C/ship

#### OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of today's meeting.
2. Email to Clubs and contact list - enclosing Sailing Instructions for the 2016/17 season and prizemoney schedule for the Port Jackson Championship.

It was moved Mark Graham and seconded Michael McMahon that the correspondence be received. CARRIED.

#### TREASURER

1. Balance of working account is \$12,129.54cr. There is currently \$36,316 on term deposit (due 21 January 2017).

2. The following account for payment were submitted:-
- i) Secretary's honorarium - covering August/Sept/October - **\$1,100.**

Moved Mark Graham and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted and that the account for payment be paid. CARRIED.

### SECRETARY

1. The results for the Port Hunter Regatta held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 at Stockton were tabled and adopted. There were 12 starters and 11 finishers. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were mostly cloudy with a 9 to 15 knot North-Westerly breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Port Hunter Regatta – Scratch Summary	
1 SOUTHERN BEACHES RUGBY	Rod Carter
2. OAS	Ben Bruniges
3. REDICRETE	Danny Anderson
4. EMPTYJETS.COM	Rob Flanagan
5. LEE SAILS	Sarah Lee

Port Hunter Regatta - Handicap Summary	
1. JAMES & CO	Ben Bradley
2. YB FLAT	Danny Hore
3. DUNNO	Sam Featherstone
4. SOUTHERN BEACHES RUGBY	Rod Carter
5. LEE SAILS	Sarah Lee

2. The results for the Port Jackson Championship and Dumaresq Cup held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Manly were tabled and adopted. There were 45 starters and 41 finishers. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine, but partly cloudy with a 10 to 17 knot East-North-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Port Jackson Championship – Scratch Summary	
1 FIRE STOPPING	Joe Turner
2. SOUTHERN BEACHES RUGBY	Rod Carter
3. FLUID BUILDING	Clint Bowen
4. BOTANY ACCESS	Chris Thomas
5. KORMAN MARINE COMPOSITES	Felix Grech

Port Jackson Championship – Handicap Summary	
1. TORO	Brad Leicester
2. SKIFF_ROPES.COM	Amy Lee
3. OLIVER HIRE COMPANY	Jake Slone
4. TOOGARA	Luke Booth
5. JAMES & CO	Ben Bradley

3. Prizemoney for State Championships - in view of the subsidy required to be paid to the Australian Association again this season it was agreed that prizemoney for the States will be the same as last season. As such, an amount of \$2,500 was agreed to for the State Championships to be allocated as follows:

Placing	Handicap	Scratch
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$450	\$450
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$350	\$350
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$250	\$250
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$125	\$125
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$75	\$75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>

It was agreed that **\$200** be paid for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Youth Division (ie. all crew under 25 years of age as at 1 October 2016).

### COMMODORE

1. Port Hunter Regatta - Lloyd thanked the Port Hunter Club for their hospitality, especially to Cath Holmes for the lunch and afternoon tea that was provided to the officials.
2. Manly Regatta - Lloyd also commended Manly a very successful day with the biggest fleet that we have had at a regatta for a couple of seasons and also for their hospitality to all crews with the complimentary BBQ and drinks after the race.

### REGISTRAR

Michael to follow up Craig Corke again to try and get an updated list of hull registrations.

### AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Skiff spare parts - Mark advised that this matter was discussed at the last ASSA meeting and is looking to definitely be progressed. Discussion at our meeting was supportive of the idea, but felt that, whilst it was good to offer the goods at cost, it would be better for the Association to recoup its costs at the very least. After further discussion, it was **unanimously agreed** that the NSW Association would loan \$10,000 to the ASSA in support of this project on the proviso that the funds are only used to purchase stock for the "spare parts shop" and that the ASSA seriously consider recovering the administrative cost of purchasing those parts. It is expected that the loan will be repaid if the "spare parts shop" is discontinued for whatever reason.
2. Possible engagement of marketing company - the ASSA is still considering engaging a company (Bang Foundations) to carry out the stages of researching, analysing and advising on a communications plan. A revised quote of \$12,000 has been received after review of work to be carried out. There was further discussion on this topic at our meeting. It was still considered that the Association should not rush into this exercise, albeit that we agree that some marketing does need to be done. The consensus of our Association is that we should look at getting a sub-committee of current younger skiff sailors to brainstorm what they feel would attract younger sailors and then report back to the Association with their thoughts and possible recommendations.
3. Auditor - the Australian Association is still keen to appoint an auditor to provide an independent and public verification of their financial transactions and accounting procedures. Rob Wasson is continuing to look for a possible person or company who would do the job for reduced price (to the normal fee).

4. ASSA Meeting Executive Meeting schedule - now on the skiff website.
5. Australian Championships - Seasons 2019/20 and 2020/21 are still open to find a suitable location.
6. 13ft Skiff age limit - this was recently raised by Rob Wasson. Further discussion at our meeting supported retaining the current arrangement, as per the Class Rules. It was felt that keeping the age limit would continue to encourage younger people to move on to 16's. It has certainly been the case at Manly.
7. 13ft skiff mould - The Australian Association have advised an interest in developing a package for a reasonable cost 13ft skiff, similar to the 16's. They have indicated that the current mould could be used but it needs repairs. Mark Thorpe is the proposed boat builder and he could carry out the repairs, as well. The Australian Association is seeking \$5,000 from NSW Association to carry out those mould repairs. After some discussion it was agreed to support this initiative. As such, it was also **unanimously agreed that the NSW Association would fund the necessary repairs to the mould.**

#### 13FT SKIFFS

1. NSW 13ft Skiff State Championships - to be held over the two days of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> November in conjunction with the first two heats of the 16ft skiff States. The 13's will, however, sail two heats each day, rather than spread it out over two weekends. First race each day is scheduled for noon, whilst the second heat will follow the 16ft skiff start.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil report.

Meeting closed 9:30pm

NEXT MEETING – via Skype on Wednesday **23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016** commencing at 7.45pm.