

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 13/8/16
AT St GEORGE SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 2.15pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon (Man), Riv Robson (Drum), Lloyd Mulholland (Bel), Chris Mulholland (Bel), Peter Tinworth (MH), Clint Bowen (Man), Bethany Sherry (Bel), Roger Steel (Bel), Mish Ivanesa (IYC), Richard Nardone (IYC), Shane Lackey (StG), Andrew McWhirter (StG), Tamara Sheehan (Bel) and Matt Rhys-Jones (Bel).

APOLOGIES: Marilyn Sorensen (MH), Phil West (MH), Paul Linnett (IYC) and Paul Donovan (StG).

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

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Meeting 8 August 2015.

1. Association auditor – following Brian Treleven retiring at the end of the 2013/14 season, we had been unable to fill the position at the 2015 AGM. Subsequent to that meeting Andrew McWhirter volunteered his services.
2. Volunteers for Association positions - it was noted that there were still no new nominations for Association positions for the upcoming season. This is a concern as it is considered that the injection of “new blood” is critical to take the Association and the Class forward.
3. “China Skiff” - see report under “General Business” for update.

It was moved Riv Robson seconded Peter Tinworth that these minutes be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Drummoyne - nominations for various Association positions for 2016/17.
2. Manly - email in support of the proposal for skiff registration fee increase (refer “Schedule of Fees”).

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. All clubs - Notice of today’s meeting including Agenda.

PRESENTATION OF 2015/16 REPORT:

Michael McMahon formally presented the 2015/16 Annual Report to the meeting. Printed copies were circulated, however, it will also be published on the skiff website following this meeting.

In presenting the report, Michael summarised some of the key points from the season – the number of skiffs registered had increased by 9 to 86 and NSW Association’s involvement in discussions with the Queensland and Australian Associations on the Australian Association’s role and moving the Class forward. He also noted the major financial contribution made by the NSW Association to the Australian Association over the last two seasons.

Moved Clint Bowen and seconded Riv Robson that the report be taken as read. CARRIED.

PRESENTATION OF 2015/16 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE, STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND AUDITOR’S REPORT:

Mark Graham presented the accounts. He noted that whilst the accounts showed a net loss this season of \$46,481, this figure includes an extraordinary expense item of \$50,000 being the amount that the NSW Association has granted to the assist the Australian Association with its running expenses. With this figure excluded the NSW Association accounts show a profit of \$3,519.

Mark mentioned that it was pleasing to see the increase in the number skiffs registered in this State, placing much of the credit for this to the new “China skiff” initiative of the Australian Association and to which some of the funds that we have granted to that Association have been utilised.

He again noted that the Association had looked at having the Association trophies revalued, however, it was again decided not to proceed and retain the current values completed in 2006/07. The ultimate real value of the trophies is subjective and, for that reason, the Association has also decided to not insure the trophies.

Mark mentioned that we had been fortunate to have Andrew McWhirter step forward to volunteer to fill the role of Honorary Auditor. He thanked Andrew again for generously giving his time and diligence to the audit this year.

It was moved Riv Robson and seconded Peter Tinworth that the Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position for the 2015/16 season be adopted. CARRIED.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS:

The following nominations have been received:-

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
President	Mark Graham
Vice-President	Riv Robson
Commodore	Lloyd Mulholland
Vice-Commodore	(vacant – looking for nomination)
Secretary	Michael McMahan
Assistant Secretary	Roger Steel
Treasurer	Marilyn Sorensen
RACE OFFICERS	
Starter & Judge	Riv Robson
Assistant Starter & Judge	Michael McMahan
Timekeeper	Lloyd Mulholland
Assistant Timekeeper	Roger Steel
Chairman of Handicapping Committee	Paul Linnett
Handicapping Committee member	Michael McMahan
Handicapping Committee member	Roger Steel
Measurement Committee (Northern Zone)	(vacant – looking for nomination)
Measurement Committee (Central Zone)	Phillip West
Measurement Committee (Southern Zone)	Graeme Fairbairn

Boat Registrar	Craig Corke
OTHER POSITIONS	
Patron	Riv Robson
NSW Rep. to Australian 16ft Skiff Assoc.	Clint Bowen
Historian	Michael McMahon / Mark Graham
Auditor	Andrew McWhirter

As these are the only nominations, it was moved Peter Tinworth and seconded Clint Bowen that the officials as listed be elected. CARRIED.

SCHEDULE OF AUTHORISED AMOUNTS:

A draft list of amounts was presented to the meeting.

There was discussion on the proposed raising of the skiff registration fees. All, except \$50 per boat, of this fee will be granted to the Australian Association to assist with their running expenses. Concern was raised as to the impact of the steep increase on skiffs registered at Port Hunter, given its limited finances. This point was recognised and it was proposed that the NSW Association underwrite the fee increase for those skiffs (ie. the amount above the current \$70 fee that has been in place for many years). This was unanimously agreed to.

Given the increase in accommodation expenses in the Sydney metropolitan area it was proposed to increase the allowance for that travel expense by Association officials to attend Association events.

The agreed changes are now reflected in the schedule below.

It was moved Clint Bowen and seconded Riv Robson that the following “*Schedule of Authorised Amounts*” be approved. CARRIED.

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Amount (16ft skiffs)</i>	<i>Amount (13ft skiffs)</i>
Annual Skiff Registration Fee – Manly & Belmont registered skiffs	\$400	\$35
Annual Skiff Registration Fee – skiffs registered with other clubs	\$175	\$35
Annual Subscription (for clubs)	\$170	*\$170
Beach Entry Fee (per race)	\$35	\$20
Entrance Fee (for a club) to the Association	Nil	Nil
Interclub Race Entry Fee (per race)	\$30	\$10
Petty Cash advance	\$100	N/A
Secretary’s Honorarium	\$4,400	N/A
Travel expenses for Association officials:		
• Motor vehicle (fuel, etc..)	Max. 40 cents per km**	N/A
• Accommodation – Sydney Metropolitan	\$220 per night	N/A
- Country (incl. Newcastle & Wollongong)	\$140 per night	N/A

- * this fee is only applicable if the club is not already affiliated with the NSW 16ft Skiff Association with a 16ft skiff fleet. Thus, any club is only required to pay one annual affiliation fee.
- ** Allowance amount is approximately 55% of Australian Taxation Office fuel rate for mid-range motor vehicles.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND INTER-CLUB RACES FOR 2016/17 SEASON for 16ft SKIFFS:

It was moved Michael McMahon and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that the following list of Regattas and interclub races be approved. CARRIED.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>
* Saturday 1/10/2016	Middle Harbour Regatta – Sydney Harbour marathon	Middle Harbour	21/9/16
Saturday 22/10/2016	Port Hunter Regatta	Port Hunter	12/10/16
Saturday 29/10/2016	Port Jackson Championship and Dumaresq Cup	Manly	12/10/16
Saturday 12/11/2016	Heat 1 State Championship	Middle Harbour	2/11/16
Sunday 13/11/2016	Heat 2 State Championship	Middle Harbour	2/11/16
Saturday 26/11/2016	Heat 3 State Championship	Belmont	2/11/16
Sunday 27/11/2016	Heat 4 State Championship	Belmont	2/11/16
Saturday 3/12/2016	Upper Harbour Championship	Drummoyne	23/11/16
* Saturday 4/2/2017	Australian 16ft Skiff Sprint Series	Belmont	tba
* Sunday 5/2/2017	Belmont Bay Championship	Belmont	25/1/17
Saturday 18/2/2017	Botany Bay Championship	St George	8/2/17

- * Special Event non-Association (not counted for the purpose of any Association Point Scores)

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND INTER-CLUB RACES FOR 2016/17 SEASON for 13ft SKIFFS:

The dates for the 13ft skiff State Championship will be discussed further, once the season gets under way. Class Secretary Lisa Leicester is currently consulting with the sailors.

BUSINESS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

Nil.

PRESENTATION OF PENNANTS and JACKETS:

1. It was noted that the **State Championship Trophy** had been presented to Lee Knapton and the crew of “Brydens Lawyers” at the final heat of the States last November. No prizes have been purchased at this stage as the crew have yet to respond to advise what

they would like. No representative was present at this meeting either. They also won the **Individual Scratch Point Score**.

2. The **Chas Wood Handicap Point Score Trophy** was won by the Belmont Club. Mark Graham presented the newly restored trophy to Tamara Sheehan, Sailing Secretary of the Belmont Club.
3. The **Dumaresq Cup** was won by the skiff "AJW Plumbing" from the Port Hunter Club. No representative from the skiff was present but was accepted by Lloyd Mulholland.
4. The **Individual Handicap Point Score** was won by "Loose Cannon" from the Drummoyne Club. No representative was present but the jackets were accepted by Riv Robson on their behalf.
5. The **13ft Skiff State Championship** was won by "Viper" from the Manly Club. No representative was present (apology given) but the jackets were accepted by Michael McMahon on their behalf.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. "China Skiff" - the 8 skiffs that were imported last season went to the Manly Club and were considered a big success. A further batch is currently under production and will arrive over the next two months. There were a few minor issues with last year's hulls that were able to be fixed as the season progressed. The Australian Association is confident that the latest boats will be very good quality.
2. State Championship Presentation - Clint Bowen suggested having a more formal presentation after the last heat of the State Championships. Including the trophy, perhaps some cheaper jackets or shirts could be presented, with the better jackets still being presented at the AGM. Michael McMahon mentioned that the overall prizemoney cheques were presented at the Gosford heat a couple of year ago. Perhaps this could be an option as well.

Meeting closed 3.10pm

NEXT AGM is scheduled at Belmont 16ft Sailing Club on Saturday 12th August 2017.