

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4/2/15
VIA SKYPE

Meeting opened at 7.55pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Roger Steel, Lloyd Mulholland, Paul Linnett and Marilyn Sorensen.

APOLOGIES: Riv Robson and Greg Muirhead.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 10th December 2014.

1. Association Point Score System - a review has still to be completed to see how, or whether, they can be improved to allow for the differences in the strength of the fleets at each club.
2. Skiff hulls from China - NSW Association contribution of \$30,000 (\$15,000 to each of the Belmont and Manly Clubs) have yet to be made. The Association now has the funds available, as the Term Deposit fell due on 21 January 2015.
3. Missing Association trophies - the Australian Championship trophy lid has now been found. Clint Bowen was able to locate the lid at the Drummoyne Club.
4. 13ft Skiff sponsorship of Flying 11's - a letter was eventually received from David Doyle seeking sponsorship of one of the F11's National Championship races in Brisbane. The letter was received on 17th December, but it was too late for the Association to consider any action.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Manly - 10 entries for Botany Bay Championship (\$300)
2. Belmont - 1 entry for Botany Bay Championship (\$30)
3. Illawarra - 1 entry for Belmont (\$30)
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4. Brad Colledge - 1 entry for Belmont (\$30) for "Data#3" (Brisbane).
5. Illawarra – cheque for \$1,260 in payment of invoice 171.
6. Commonwealth Bank - advising Term Deposit maturity and also a note about new rules for withdrawing a T/D before the due date – now need to give one month notice.
7. Yaffa Publications - requesting articles for Australian and State Championships for Australian Sailing. Due date is 24 February. Michael to try and compile and lodge a report for both 13's and 16's.

8. St George - 6 skiff registrations (\$420)
- 4 entries for Botany Bay Championship (\$120).

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. To all clubs – notice of tonight’s meeting.

Moved Roger Steel and seconded Mark Graham that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Balance of working account is \$55,113.19cr.
2. The following account for payment was submitted:-
 - i) Splash Public Relations – invoice SP14332 – set up photo gallery on website - **\$187.**
3. Term Deposit – deposit of \$80,967.50 fell due on 21 January 2015. Interest for the last 12 months was \$4,291.80 making the total principal \$85,258.78. As \$50,000 needed to be withdrawn to cover the Association’s contribution towards financing the “China skiffs”, the \$35,258.78 was renewed for 12 months @ 3% to be due on 21 January 2016.

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

SECRETARY

1. 13ft skiff prizemoney – Nationals - Michael said that he had been approached in regard to the prizemoney offered to 13ft skiffs during the recent Nationals at Belmont. He was told that none had been allocated for each race. Lloyd mentioned, however, that there was \$50 for 1st on scratch and \$50 for 1st on handicap each day. There was also an allocation for overall placings. It was agreed that, rather than focus on the prizemoney allocation for 13’s, we should continue with our previous policy that any payments/subsidies should be evenly spread amongst all boats. In that regard, it was understood that the Manly 13’s had received a reasonable subsidy from the Manly Club to attend the Championships. It was unanimously agreed that we should enquire as to whether the Qld 13’s had received any subsidy to attend and, depending on the amount, we allocate up to \$250 per boat (there were 3 for this series).
2. Belmont Bay Championship - Michael mentioned that 44 entries had been received for this event.
3. Chas Wood Trophy - the trophy was located prior to Christmas, however, the trophy is loose on the base. Mark Graham reported that he had tried to fix it, however, the connection is more complex than he thought. He has made enquiries with W.J. Sanders at Marrickville. Lloyd mentioned that we have previously used Evans Bros Jewellers at Carringbah. Dave Evans is an ex-skiff sailor. His contact details 0434 959 898.

COMMODORE

1. Lloyd raised an issue that the Belmont Club had recently struck with a Flying 11 regatta event. He raised the issue knowing that several of our clubs race the F11's. He mentioned that the boats had been made to stay on the water for quite a lengthy period (up to 6 or more hours) without a break to come ashore. The only boats that were provided with food or water were the fortunate ones that happened to have support boats on the water. When questioned the PRO for the event said that it was something that competitors needed to get accustomed to if they had Olympic or higher level sail racing. Lloyd mentioned that many competitors do not have such aspirations and did not appreciate lengthy periods on the water without a break. The Belmont Club has sent a letter to the F11 Association expressing their concerns.

REGISTRAR

1. Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Nil report.

13FT SKIFFS

1. NSW 13ft Skiff State Championship - it was noted that Heat 2 of the States had been abandoned because all boats failed to round the correct marks (raced on 23/11/14). Heats 3 and 4 are scheduled to be sailed at Manly on 28th February 2015. It was agreed that Heat 2 remain as being abandoned and not be re-sailed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Nil report.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

NEXT MEETING - Wednesday **4th March 2015** at 7.30pm at Drummoyne, although this may again be changed to Skype (decision to be made a week before).