

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 22/4/15
VIA SKYPE

Meeting opened at 7.50pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Mark Graham.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 4th March 2015.

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 - Prototype is now due to arrive on 2nd May – refer “Australian Association” report for more details.
3. Chas Wood Trophy - Dave Evans from Evans Bros Jewellers at Caringbah has provided a quote to repair and also to replace, as a further option. Cost to repair is \$1,680. The cost to essentially replace the trophy would be \$5,919. After discussion, it was agreed that the trophy be repaired, rather than replaced.

It was also agreed that Dave Evans be approached to get a quote to provide valuations for the Chas Wood Trophy, State Championship Trophy, Australian Championship Trophy and Dumaresq Cup. The quote should include the basis on which the valuation would be based – ie. intrinsic value or potential market value, or a combination of both. The previous valuations were done by Brooks.

It was also agreed that we look into get a 3-D laser scan of each of the trophies, just in case they may need to be replicated, if lost or misplaced.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Belmont - invoice no. 6086 for \$500 covering 1 keg for use at the presentation night for 2014/15 Australian 16ft Skiff Championships.
2. Dave Evans Jewellery - quote no. 2745388 with option to repair or replace Chas Wood Trophy.
3. Australian Association - information on the latest situation with the new “China Skiffs”, together with a request to have this information circulated through the NSW Association email list.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Port Hunter Club – seeking status of payment for Association invoice covering boat registrations and race entry fees for 2014/15 season.

Moved Roger Steel and seconded Paul Linnett that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Balance of working account is \$67,703.73cr.
2. Port Hunter - invoice for 2014/15 season remains unpaid. Michael is currently following up with Grahame Dingle.
3. The following account for payment was submitted:-
 - i) Belmont 16ft Sailing Club – invoice 6086 for keg at 2014/15 Australian Championships - **\$500**.

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

SECRETARY

1. Nil report.

COMMODORE

1. Annual Commodore's Meeting - a reminder that the annual NSW Association Commodore's Meeting is scheduled to be held at Manly on 20th June commencing at 12:15pm with lunch and then the meeting.

REGISTRAR

1. Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. "China Skiffs" - Michael reported on a discussion he had earlier this week with Australian Association President, Rob Wasson. The prototype is now scheduled to arrive on 2nd May. The other 8 boats that are to form part of the initial order have now been pre-sold. Going forward, the Australian Association is now looking at two different packages for the new boats. The first is hull only (with centreboard, rudder and cradle) – cost \$20,000 plus GST. The second is as per package one, plus sails (2 mains, 3 headsails, 2 spinnakers) and essential spars – cost \$46,000 plus GST.

Rob also advised Michael that neither the Manly or Belmont clubs would be seeking the \$15,000 each that was discussed several months ago. The fact that all boats have been pre-sold, even before they have arrived, is the primary reason. As such, Rob discussed the possibility of the NSW Association loaning a further \$10,000 over and above the original commitment of \$20,000 so that the prototype could be rigged as well. If the prototype can be set up ready to be sailed, the Australian Association is confident that it can be used to promote further sales of the "China Skiffs". In view of the fact that the two clubs no longer require any funding, the additional commitment by the NSW Association to the Australian Association was discussed by the meeting and agreed to.

Rob also flagged the possibility of the NSW Association funding a marketing campaign by the Australian Association for the “China skiffs”. He is looking at approximately \$10,000. After further discussion, the meeting agreed that get the Australian Association to provide a detailed proposal of how the Association was considering to spend the funds.

2. 2016/17 Australian Championships - Paul Linnett asked whether there had been any further discussion on Illawarra Yacht Clubs expression of interest to host the 2016/17 Australian 16ft Skiff Championships. Lloyd mentioned that he thought the Middle Harbour Club were also interested at one stage. Michael to check with Rob Wasson (the President of the Australian Association).

13FT SKIFFS

1. The results for Heat 3 of the NSW State Championships held on Saturday 21st March 2015 at Manly were tabled and adopted. There were 9 starters and 9 finishers. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine, but cloudy, with an 11-16 knot South-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

| Heat 3 State Championships at Manly – Scratch Summary | |
|---|----------------|
| 1. CONFUSION | Georgia Clancy |
| 2. VENDETTA | Felix Daverio |
| 3. NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI | Chris Stenta |
| 4. VINIDEX | Lisa Leicester |
| 5. INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMISTS | Jessica Iles |

| Heat 3 State Championships at Manly - Handicap Summary | |
|--|----------------|
| 1. VINIDEX | Lisa Leicester |
| 2. VENDETTA | Felix Daverio |
| 3. No. 9 | Pia Doyle |
| 4. CONFUSION | Georgia Clancy |
| 5. NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI | Chris Stenta |

2. The results for Heat 4 of the NSW State Championships held on Saturday 21st March 2015 at Manly were tabled and adopted. There were 10 starters and 9 finishers. There were no beach entries. There were no protests. The conditions were fine, but cloudy, with an 11-16 knot South-East breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

| Heat 4 State Championships at Manly– Scratch Summary | |
|--|----------------|
| 1 CONFUSION | Georgia Clancy |
| 2. NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI | Chris Stenta |
| 3. VENDETTA | Felix Daverio |
| 4. VIPER | Nathan Lilley |
| 5. INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMISTS | Jessica Iles |

| Heat 4 State Championships at Manly - Handicap Summary | |
|--|----------------|
| 1. VINIDEX | Lisa Leicester |
| 2. VIPER | Nathan Lilley |
| 3. No. 9 | Mat Crawford |
| 4. NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI | Chris Stenta |
| 5. CONFUSION | Georgia Clancy |

3. The overall results for the State Championships were as follows:-

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| 1 | VENDETTA | Felix Daverio | Man | 9 pts |
| 2 | NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI | Chris Stenta | Man | 16 |

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| 3 | NO. 9 | Pia Doyle | Man | 17 |
| 4 | VIPER | Nathan Lilley | Man | 17 |
| 5 | INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMISTS | Jessica Iles | Man | 17 |

Overall final results for the State Championships (Handicap):

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| 1 | NO. 9 | Pia Doyle | Man | 8 pts |
| 2 | VIPER | Nathan Lilley | Man | 13 |
| 3 | COASTWIDE ENGINEERING | James Lawira-Fernandez | Man | 17 |
| 4 | VENDETTA | Felix Daverio | Man | 18 |
| 5 | NAMOTU ISLAND FIJI | Chris Stenta | Man | 20 |

NOTE: Final results exclude “ineligible” boats – those who have sailed one or more races with a crew member over the maximum allowed age limit (Class Rule 12).

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Craig Hughes - Lloyd said that he had a discussion recently with Craig Hughes who designed the current 16ft skiff hull shape. Craig had mentioned that there was nothing on the Australian 16ft Skiff website mentioning or noting that fact. Michael will have a look and insert a reference, most likely in the “history” section.
2. Maritime Museum (Newcastle) - Roger mentioned that the Maritime Museum in Newcastle had two old cedar/carvel built skiffs that they were looking to dispose of due to a lack of space. They had shifted their focus more to leisure sailing and boating. Riv indicated that he was sure that the Maritime Museum in Sydney already had three to four older skiffs thanks to the involvement of Jack Ray with that organisation over 20 years ago. Roger is to check further with the Newcastle museum and a note to be sent to all Clubs and our contacts to see whether anyone is interested in taking over these boats from the Newcastle museum before they are destroyed.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

NEXT MEETING – after discussion it was agreed that the next meeting be Wednesday **27th May 2015** via Skype at 7.45pm.