

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27/5/15
VIA SKYPE

Meeting opened at 7.50pm.

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

APOLOGIES: John Andrew.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 22nd April 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 has arrived. Danny Anderson has measured the hull and is satisfied that it complies with the Class Rules. He was also satisfied that the quality of the hull looks good. Some fittings have been put on. The mast should arrive tomorrow, however, sails may not be available until later in June. The hull is believed to be well under weight, and could need up to 5kg weight correctors on each side.
3. Chas Wood Trophy - Dave Evans has requested the cost of repair upfront prior to completion of work to repair trophy. It was agreed that the Association send a cheque.

There was further discussion on whether the Association should pursue professional valuations for the Chas Wood Trophy, State Championship Trophy, Australian Championship Trophy and Dumaresq Cup. The previous valuations were done by Brooks in 2006. After discussion, it was agreed that there is minimal, if any, value in spending money to get valuations done. The main reason for the valuation is for the financial statements. It was ultimately agreed that we continue to use the 2006 valuations as a base and adjust for CPI.

In regard to 3-D laser scan of each of the trophies, Mark is to ask Dave Evans where this may best be done.

4. Commodore's Meeting - Michael reminded delegates that this meeting is to be held on 20 June and asked that all Commodores be encouraged to attend. The Australian President, Rob Wasson, will be attending. Michael will also approach Clint Bowen with a view to making the "China hull" available for inspection.
5. 2016/17 Australian Championships - the Middle Harbour Club has now lodged an expression of interest with the Australian Association. It is understood that the Australian Association will go out to member clubs with the two options that now exist (MH and Illawarra).
6. Craig Hughes - website recognition - Michael has yet to update the skiff website to include a recognition of Craig Hughes' design of current skiff hulls.

7. Maritime Museum (Newcastle) - Lloyd advised that the Belmont Club had discussed the possible purchase of the old clinker/cedar hull that the museum is looking to offload. The Club had offered \$3,000. Negotiations were continuing.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Middle Harbour - copy of expression of interest for 2016/17 Australian Championships (sent to Australian Association).
2. Port Hunter - cheque for \$990.
3. Australian Association - copy of a notice sent to member clubs re proposed levy on the clubs to help raise additional funds for running the Australian Championships. The second point for discussion is the proposed introduction of batwing mainsails up to 110 degrees (current maximum is 90 degrees).
4. Australian Association - notice of motion to make various amendments to the Australian Constitution. The changes are mainly procedural to update the Rules to reflect current practice.
5. Network Insurance Group - advising of renewal of the Association's public liability insurance policy for period 1 June 2015 to 30 April 2016.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Network Insurance Group – completed proposal for renewal of public liability insurance.

Moved Paul Linnett and seconded Michael McMahon that the correspondence be received and adopted. CARRIED.

TREASURER

1. Balance of working account is \$38,175.33cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Network Insurance Group – invoice 93296 for 2015/16 public liability insurance premium - **\$1,638.**
 - ii) Splash Internet - invoice SI-131761 for annual web hosting fee for 13ft skiff website - **\$330.**
 - iii) Splash Internet – invoice SI-131773 for renewal of 13ft skiff domain name - **\$22.**
 - iv) Lloyd Mulholland – out of pocket expenses to attend Manly Club presentation night (accommodation and parking) - **\$250.**
 - v) Riv Robson – out of pocket expenses for the 2014/15 season – petrol Port Hunter (\$136), accommodation Aust C/ships (\$500), petrol Aust C/ships (\$112), petrol Belmont (\$112), accommodation Belmont presentation (\$110) and petrol Belmont presentation (\$112) - **\$1,082.**
 - vi) Michael McMahon – Secretary's honorarium (March/April/May)(\$1,100), out of pocket expenses - petrol Belmont (\$107) and ink cartridges (\$107.58) - **\$1,321.58.**

Moved Paul Linnett and seconded Mark Graham that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted and that the accounts for payment be paid. CARRIED.

SECRETARY

1. Association Point Score pennant - Michael raised the question as to whether the traditional pennant should be purchased for the winning club. He considers that pennants are no longer relevant. The scratch point score has been shared between Manly and Belmont for some time now and neither Club has chosen to continue displaying the pennants. Current cost per annum is around \$260. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that we discontinue the presentation of a pennant.
2. Jackets for other point scores - Michael advised that the approximate cost for purchasing jackets for the winners of the 16ft and 13ft State Championship and the individual scratch and handicap point scores would be \$2,000.
3. 2014/15 Annual report - Michael asked Lloyd and Mark if they could provide the Commodore's Report, President's Report and 13ft Skiff Report (respectively).

COMMODORE

1. Annual Commodore's Meeting - a final 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.
2. Manly presentation night - Lloyd reported on his attendance at the Manly Club presentation night. He also mentioned that, this season, four clubs had their presentations on the same night (9th May) – Manly, Illawarra, St George and Drummoyne.
3. Belmont presentation night - Lloyd also reported on the Belmont presentation night which he also attended.

REGISTRAR

1. Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. "China Skiffs" - the possibility of the NSW Association funding a marketing campaign by the Australian Association for the "China skiffs" was also discussed (possible cost approx. \$10,000). The Australian Association has yet to provide a detailed proposal of how the Association was considering to spend the funds.

13FT SKIFFS

1. Nil report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. 16ft and 13ft Skiff websites - Michael advised that he had recently had a call from Kate Thomas who set up our websites about 6 years ago. She is concerned that we are still using a very early version of Joomla and that they have found that this version is very susceptible to hacking. Also, there are increasing compatibility issues with Internet Explorer and other web programs. She has recommended upgrading to the

latest version (of Joomla). Cost would be approximately \$1,000 per website. It was agreed that the upgrade be authorised.

2. Darling Point Sailing Squadron (Brisbane) - Lloyd mentioned that DPSS would welcome the donation of a second hand skiff for use as a Club boat to encourage their younger sailors. Delegates were requested to ask around their clubs for any second hand boats that may be lying around and not being used.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

NEXT MEETING – next meeting scheduled for Wednesday **22nd July 2015** via Skype at 7.45pm.