

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 23/9/15  
VIA SKYPE

Meeting opened at 8.10pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Paul Donovan.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

*Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> August 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 – the 8 hulls are understood to have arrived and the first ones are expected to be sailing at the Manly Club by 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
3. Maritime Museum (Newcastle) - the Belmont Club has decided not to pursue the purchase of the old skiff hull. No other Club is in a position to consider the purchase, at this stage.
4. 16ft and 13ft skiff websites - still not updated to a later version of Joomla.
5. Darling Point Sailing Squadron - no update yet on whether a second hand skiff has been donated.
6. Australian Association NoMs - voting closed 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015, but the results have yet to be circulated.
7. Possible new set-up for 16ft Skiffs and Australian Association - a part-time administrator has been employed by the Australian Association. Her name is Jenny Tutt and she commenced work yesterday. Her actual “duties” list is still only in draft mode and will be amended as all aspects of her role become clear. Mark Graham has prepared a Powerpoint presentation

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Nil.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email advising of tonight’s meeting.
2. Notice of Race for 16ft skiffs for 2015/16 season.

3. Circular – listing outcomes from the AGM and requesting Clubs to lodge Association registration forms as soon as possible.

#### TREASURER

1. Balance of working account is \$27,907.35cr.
2. No accounts for payment were submitted, however, did mentioned that he had incurred an expense of \$12.50 to have a new plate added to the Dumaresq Cup and the engraving updated. He will submit his claim when he lodges a claim for other expenses later in the season

Moved Michael McMahon and seconded Roger Steel that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted. CARRIED.

#### SECRETARY

1. Passing of Leslie Wilfred (Bill) Riley – Bill passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> September at the age of 96. He had been the Association's Patron for the last 20 years and was a long time member of the St George Sailing Club, having commenced sailing there in the 1934/35 season. He retired from sailing at the Club in the 1976/77 season, after winning a total of 6 Club Championships. Bill continued to support the St George Club and also supported the Association attending most Association Regattas right up until last season. Vale Bill Riley.
2. New Association Patron – it was firstly agreed that Bill Riley should be recorded as Life Patron of the Association, alongside Chas Wood. Preliminary discussions were held on whether we should consider appointing a new Association Patron.

#### COMMODORE

1. Nil.

#### REGISTRAR

1. Nil report.

#### AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. 2015/16 Australian Championships - Lloyd mentioned that the Queensland Association had approached the Australian Association to seek assistance with \$4,000 in funding being sought by the Maryborough Club to run the Championships. In the subsequent discussion it was mentioned that previously the State Association where the Championships are being held provide any shortfall in funding that may be required to run a series.

#### 13FT SKIFFS

1. Australian Championships – transport options - Mark Graham said that he had received an approach from David Doyle seeking the possible option of transport a few 13's to Harvey Bay in a shipping container. Mark will speak with Graeme Richer to check on whether this might be viable and, at what cost.
2. State Championships - Michael indicated that a decision needed to be made on the dates for the State Championships. After discussion it was decided to hold the first two

heats in conjunction with the 16ft Skiff States at St George on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> November (one heat each day). The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> heats would be held at Manly on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016 (heat 3 start at 12.30 and heat 4 at 3pm).

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Nil report.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

NEXT MEETING – next meeting – via Skype on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.45pm.