

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14/10/15
VIA SKYPE

Meeting opened at 8.00pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Marilyn Sorensen.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Meeting 23rd September 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 now on the water and sailing at the Manly Club. Some small leaks have become evident, but are not considered significant. Some fairing problems have also been identified.
3. 16ft and 13ft skiff websites - still not updated to a later version of Joomla.
4. Darling Point Sailing Squadron - no update yet on whether a second hand skiff has been donated.
5. Australian Association NoMs - voting closed 9th September 2015, results have been circulated. Website version of the Australian Association has been updated.
6. Possible new set-up for 16ft Skiffs and Australian Association - further discussions and consultations will take place during this season to consider the best way to take the Class forward.
7. 2015/16 Australian Championships - no further action has ensued on the Queensland Association request for \$4,000 to assist with Championship costs.
8. New Association Patron - further discussion required to decide whether a replacement be appointed to replace Bill Riley who passed away recently.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Australian Association – invoice for \$20,000 to assist with Association running expenses. This invoice is follow-up to an earlier request from the Association which was agreed to in principle. It will assist with payment of the cost of employing the new administrator. It was agreed to pay the amount, but the Australian Association must provide a detailed invoice on how the funds were spent.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email advising of tonight's meeting.

TREASURER

1. Balance of working account is \$27,895.35cr.
2. The following accounts for payment were submitted:-
 - i) Australian 16ft Skiff Association – subsidy to assist with administration expenses - **\$20,000.**

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. Registration Forms - none have been received yet. Michael asked delegates to follow-up with their Clubs.
2. Prizemoney for State Championships - in view of the subsidy required to be paid to the Australian Association this season it was agreed that prizemoney for the States will need to be reduced. As such, an amount of \$2,500 was agreed to for the State Championships to be allocated as follows:

Placing	Handicap	Scratch
1 st	\$450	\$450
2 nd	\$350	\$350
3 rd	\$250	\$250
4 th	\$125	\$125
5 th	\$75	\$75
TOTAL	\$1,250	\$1,250

It was agreed that any allocation to the Youth Division be put on hold for the moment. Entries for that Division over the last two seasons had been minimal.

COMMODORE

1. Nil.

REGISTRAR

1. Nil report.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Australian Championships – Lloyd mentioned that the Queensland Association had expressed some concerns about the direction that the Australian Association was taking. Lloyd indicated that the majority of the Australian Association executive were of the view that, as an Association, it needed to reinvent itself on the back of the China skiff initiative. They believe that this is the only way that the Class can grow again following almost 40 years of declining numbers.

2. 2018/19 Australian Championships - Rob Wasson has had some discussions with the Commodore at Geelong.
3. China Skiffs - there was discussion on the hulls and steps being taken to ensure that the next, and subsequent, batches have the existing faults rectified.

13FT SKIFFS

1. Australian Championships – transport options - further to the report last meeting concerning an approach from David Doyle seeking the possible option of transporting a few 13's to Harvey Bay in a shipping container. Whilst most are believed to be happy to trail their own boats, Mark indicated that possible transport options are still being pursued.
2. Promotion of the Class - it was agreed that we should look at getting the new Australian Association administrator to promote the 13ft skiff class.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Nil report.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

NEXT MEETING – next meeting – via Skype on Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 7.45pm.