

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19/11/14  
VIA SKYPE

Meeting opened at 7.40pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Riv Robson and Paul Donovan.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

*Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October 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 - no further action, at this stage.
3. Missing Association trophies - the Chas Wood Association Point Score Trophy, which has been missing for several years now, has now been located. Roger Steel reported that he had found the trophy whilst going through a little used trophy cabinet at the Belmont Club. The last engraving was for the 2006/07 season, suggesting that it had been in the trophy cabinet for that long. Belmont had won the trophy four years running from the 2006/07 season.

In the mean time, the lid to the Australian Championship trophy has now been reported missing. It was last seen at the presentation night for last season's Championship. Searches at Drummoyne have not found the lid. Further checks to be carried out at the Manly Club.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Belmont - 1 skiff registrations (\$70)
  - 1 beach entry for Manly x 2 days (\$70)
  - 1 entry for Belmont (\$30)
2. Drummoyne - 1 entry for Manly (\$60)
3. Manly - 2 skiff registrations (\$140)
  - 1 entry for Manly x 2 days (\$60)
  - 1 beach entry for Manly x 2 days (\$70)
  - 2 beach entries for Manly x 1 day (\$70)
4. Middle Harbour - 1 beach entry for Port Hunter x 2 days (\$70)
  - 1 beach entry for Manly x 2 days (\$70)
  - 1 beach entry for Manly x 1 day (\$35)

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 \$12,653.28cr.
2. The following account for payment was submitted:-
  - i) Michael McMahon – Secretary’s honorarium (September, October and November) - **\$1,100.**

Moved Mark Graham and seconded Marilyn Sorensen that the Treasurer’s report be received and adopted and that the account for payment be paid. CARRIED.

SECRETARY

1. Prizemoney for State Championships - an amount of \$5,830 was agreed to for the State Championships to be allocated as follows:

Placing	Handicap	Scratch	Youth Div.
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$500	\$500	\$400
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$400	\$400	\$250
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$325	\$325	-
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$250	\$250	-
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$225	\$225	-
6 <sup>th</sup>	\$175	\$175	-
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$150	\$150	-
8 <sup>th</sup>	\$125	\$125	-
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$110	\$110	-
10 <sup>th</sup>	\$80	\$80	-
11 <sup>th</sup>	\$70	\$70	-
12 <sup>th</sup>	\$60	\$60	-
13 <sup>th</sup>	\$50	\$50	-
14 <sup>th</sup>	\$40	\$40	-
15 <sup>th</sup>	\$30	\$30	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,590</b>	<b>\$2,590</b>	<b>\$650</b>

2. The results for Heat 1 of the NSW State Championships held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Port Hunter were tabled and adopted. There were 34 starters and 29 finishers. There was one beach entry. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with a 10-15 knot Easterly breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Heat 1 State Championships at Port Hunter – Scratch Summary	
1 BRYDENS LAWYERS	Lee Knapton
2. ATB MORTON	Danny Anderson
3. SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner

4. ARISTOCRAT	Henry Makin
5. FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen

Heat 1 State Championships at Port Hunter - Handicap Summary	
1. KILOS	David Croft
2. HUBBLE CLEANING SOLUTIONS	James Ward
3. ARISTOCRAT	Henry Makin
4. ERIC'S REMOVALS	Harry West
5. EAC ELECTRICAL	Yvette Heritage

3. The results for Heat 2 of the NSW State Championships held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Port Hunter were tabled and adopted. There were 33 starters and 29 finishers. There was one beach entry. There were no protests. The conditions were fine with an 8-15 knot Southerly breeze. A result summary for the race is as follows:

Heat 2 State Championships at Port Hunter – Scratch Summary	
1 BRYDENS LAWYERS	Lee Knapton
2. SOUTHERN BEACHES RUGBY	Rod Carter
3. FLUID BUILDING SERVICES	Clint Bowen
4. SUTECH BUILDING CONSULTANTS	Daniel Turner
5. HERALD	Graham McKellar

Heat 2 State Championships at Port Hunter - Handicap Summary	
1. THURLOW FISHER LAWYERS	Matthew Peat
2. SOUTHERN BEACHES RUGBY	Rod Carter
3. HERALD	Graham McKellar
4. ENERGY AUSTRALIA	Phil Bower
5. SHEAD	Marilyn Sorensen

4. Start Time for Sunday Races - there was some discussion on the new arrangements this season for a potentially earlier start time Sunday interclub races. The SI's say that the warning signal will be no earlier than 1255 hours. The decision on start time, having regard to the breeze conditions, is then up to the Race Committee. Whilst there was an earlier start at Port Hunter (2pm) this was more dictated by the shipping movements.

In other locations, there was a view expressed that this meant that crews needed to be at the venue by probably 11am, whereas with the traditional 2.30pm start time, 12.30pm would be more than sufficient. If an earlier start is possible, it does of course mean that crews can unrig and head for home earlier, however, if the decision is made to have a later start, crews have to simply wait around the regatta venue to await the start.

It was agreed that we trial the situation at the upcoming Manly heat of the States on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and discuss further after that event.

#### COMMODORE

1. Lloyd sincerely thanked the Port Hunter Club for their hospitality over the regatta weekend and, in particular, Cath Holmes for the meals provided.

#### REGISTRAR

1. Nil report.

#### AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION

1. Notice of Race for Australian Championships - the NoR for the upcoming Australian Championships at Belmont has been issued.
2. It is likely that there are some 29er sailors who will be sailing in 13's at the upcoming Australian Championships.

#### 13FT SKIFFS

1. Nil report.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Photos on Association website - Roger asked whether provision could be made for photos to be uploaded on to the Association website after races. Michael to make enquiries with Kate Thomas.
2. 29er sailors - it has been reported that some 29er sailors are not happy with the regimentation with owning and racing a 29er. They don't really have a specific base and regattas, which are compulsory, are held at a variety of locations. This is one reason why the Manly Club was approached during the last off-season to allow 29ers to race at the Club (the move was rejected). Lloyd advised that the Belmont Club are to adopt 29ers, but a number of their sailors are not happy with the regimentation of the Class.

Meeting closed 8.15pm

NEXT MEETING - Wednesday **10<sup>th</sup> December 2014** at 6.30pm at Drummoyne.