

NSW 16FT SKIFF ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 8/8/15
AT MANLY 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Meeting opened at 2.20pm.

PRESENT: Mark Graham (Chair), Michael McMahon, Riv Robson, Lloyd Mulholland, Chris Mulholland, Paul Linnett, Peter Tinworth, John Andrew, Bill Riley, Clint Bowen and Damon Zemanek.

APOLOGIES: Marilyn Sorensen, Roger Steel, James Griffiths, Alex Deakin and Chris Andrew.

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

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:
Meeting 9 August 2014.

1. Chas Wood Handicap Point Score trophy was found in late 2014 in a little used trophy storage room at the Belmont Club.
2. Association auditor – Brian Treleaven retired at the end of the 2013/14 season and we have yet to find a willing volunteer to replace him.
3. Revision to Association Point Scores - Michael advised that, as yet, he has not been able to come up with a suitable method to try and allow Clubs with smaller fleets to still be in a position to win these point scores, although it is noted that the Middle Harbour Club did win the 2014/15 club handicap point score.
4. Volunteers for Association positions - it was noted that there were still no new nominations for Association positions for the upcoming season.
5. “China Skiff” - see report under “General Business” for update.

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

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. All clubs - Notice of today’s meeting including Agenda.

PRESENTATION OF 2014/15 REPORT:

Michael McMahon formally presented the 2014/15 Annual Report to the meeting. Printed copies were circulated, however, it will also be published on the skiff website following this meeting.

In presenting the report, Michael summarised some of the key points from the season – the number of skiffs registered had increased by 2 to 77 and NSW Association’s involvement with Manly and Belmont Clubs and Australian Association in the introduction of the new “China skiffs”.

Moved Riv Robson and seconded Lloyd Mulholland that the report be taken as read.
CARRIED.

PRESENTATION OF 2014/15 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE,
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Mark Graham presented the accounts. He noted that the accounts showed a net loss this season of \$864. The two main reasons for the decrease were a further reduction in income from regatta entry fees, due to a reduction in the number of regattas, and an increase in prizemoney paid for the State Championship series.

Mark particularly highlighted the loan that the Association has provided to the Australian Association towards the purchase of the prototype of the "China skiff" and to enable them to rig it so that it can be used to help promote the new skiffs. Purchase of a new, rigged "China skiff" should provide savings of at least \$20,000 to prospective buyers, compared to putting a boat built in Australia on to the water. The recovery of the \$30,000 by the NSW Association will depend on the eventual sale price of the prototype skiff.

It was noted that the Memorandum of Understanding entered into with the Belmont and Manly Clubs last year to loan them a total of \$30,000 in connection with the purchase of 8 hulls from China had lapsed as both Clubs were underwriting the purchases themselves.

The Association had looked at having the Association trophies revalued, however, it was decided not to proceed and retain the current values completed in 2006/07. The ultimate real value of the trophies is subjective and, for that reason, the Association has also decided to not insure the trophies.

Mark mentioned that we have still been unable to find someone to fill the role of Honorary Auditor. As such, the accounts had not been audited for this season. A member from the Manly Club had indicated an interest, but had withdrawn at the last minute. John Andrew said that he would approach his daughter, Shannon, to see whether she might be prepared to assist volunteer for the role.

Michael McMahon mentioned that, whilst the accounts had not been audited, the Association was always happy to provide details on any income and expense item(s) shown in the accounts to any sailing member of our member clubs.

It was moved Peter Tinworth and seconded Riv Robson that the Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position for the 2014/15 season be adopted.
CARRIED.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS:

The following nominations have been received:-

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
President	Mark Graham
Vice-President	Riv Robson
Commodore	Lloyd Mulholland
Vice-Commodore	John Andrew
Secretary	Michael McMahon
Assistant Secretary	Roger Steel
Treasurer	Marilyn Sorensen

RACE OFFICERS	
Starter & Judge	Riv Robson
Assistant Starter & Judge	Michael McMahan
Timekeeper	Lloyd Mulholland
Assistant Timekeeper	Roger Steel
Chairman of Handicapping Committee	Paul Linnett
Handicapping Committee member	Michael McMahan
Handicapping Committee member	Roger Steel
Measurement Committee (Northern Zone)	(vacant – looking for nomination)
Measurement Committee (Central Zone)	Phillip West
Measurement Committee (Southern Zone)	Graeme Fairbairn
Boat Registrar	Craig Corke
OTHER POSITIONS	
Patron	Bill Riley
NSW Rep. to Australian 16ft Skiff Assoc.	Clint Bowen
Historian	Michael McMahan / Mark Graham
Auditor	(vacant – looking for nomination)

Moved John Andrew and seconded Riv Robson that the officials as listed be elected. CARRIED.

SCHEDULE OF AUTHORISED AMOUNTS:

A draft list of amounts was presented to the meeting. There was discussion that, given the level of funds held by the Association, some of these fees could be reduced. The agreed changes are now reflected in the schedule below.

It was moved Riv Robson and seconded Roger Steel that the following “*Schedule of Authorised Amounts*” be approved. CARRIED.

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Fee Payable (16ft skiffs)</i>	<i>Fee Payable (13ft skiffs)</i>
Annual Skiff Registration Fee	\$70	\$35
Annual Subscription (for clubs)	\$170	*\$170
Beach Entry Fee (per race)	\$35	\$20
Entrance Fee (for a club) to the Association	Nil	Nil
Interclub Race Entry Fee (per race)	\$30	\$10
New Hull Fee	Nil	Nil
Petty Cash advance	\$100	N/A
Secretary’s Honorarium	\$4,400	N/A
Webmaster Honorarium	Nil	N/A
Travel expenses for Association officials:		
• Motor vehicle (fuel, etc..)	Max. 40 cents per km**	N/A
• Accommodation – Sydney Metropolitan	\$200 per night	N/A
- Country (incl. Newcastle & Wollongong)	\$140 per night	N/A

- * this fee is only applicable if the club is not already affiliated with the NSW 16ft Skiff Association with a 16ft skiff fleet. Thus, any club is only required to pay one annual affiliation fee.
- ** Allowance amount is approximately 55% of Australian Taxation Office fuel rate for mid-range motor vehicles

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND INTER-CLUB RACES FOR 2015/16 SEASON for 16ft SKIFFS:

It was moved Michael McMahon and seconded Paul Linnett that the following list of Regattas and interclub races be approved. CARRIED.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>
Saturday 31/10/15	Port Hunter Regatta and Dumaresq Cup	Port Hunter	21/10/15
Saturday 14/11/2015	Heat 1 State Championship and Upper Harbour C/Ship	Drummoyne	5/11/15
Sunday 15/11/2015	Heat 2 State Championship	Drummoyne	5/11/15
Saturday 28/11/2015	Heat 3 State Championship	St George	5/11/15
Sunday 29/11/2015	Heat 4 State Championship	St George	5/11/15
* Saturday 6/2/2016	Australian 16ft Skiff Sprint Series	Belmont	tba
Sunday 7/2/2016	Belmont Bay Championship	Belmont	27/1/16
*Saturday 27/2/2016	Botany Bay Championship	St George	17/2/16

- * Special Event non-Association (not counted for the purpose of any Association Point Scores)

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND INTER-CLUB RACES FOR 2015/16 SEASON for 13ft SKIFFS:

The dates for the 13ft skiff State Championship will be discussed further, once the season gets under way.

BUSINESS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

Nil.

PRESENTATION OF PENNANTS and JACKETS:

1. It was noted that the **State Championship Trophy** had been presented to Lee Knapton and the crew of "Brydens Lawyers" at the final heat of the States last November. No representative was present but the jackets were accepted by Mark Graham on their behalf. They also won the **Individual Scratch Point Score**.
2. The **Chas Wood Handicap Point Score Trophy** was won by the Middle Harbour Club. Mark Graham presented the newly restored trophy to Peter Tinworth, President of the Middle Harbour Club.

3. The **Dumaresq Cup** was won by the skiff “Echo Restaurant” from the Drummoyne Club. No representative from the skiff was present but was accepted by Riv Robson.
4. The **Individual Handicap Point Score** was won by “Thurlow Fisher Lawyers” from the Drummoyne Club. No representative was present (apology given) but the jackets were accepted by Riv Robson on their behalf.
5. The **13ft Skiff State Championship** was won by “Vendetta” from the Manly Club. No -821`representative was present but the jackets were accepted by Mark Graham on their behalf.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Association commitment to skiff hulls from China - the prototype has arrived, been rigged and has been sailing. All reports are very good about the quality of the boat’s construction. The boat is available for anyone who wishes to take it for a test sail. The remaining 8 hulls that are being built are not due until the end of August. No funds were required to be loaned to the Manly and Belmont Clubs by the NSW Association, as both clubs have been able to cover their own funding requirements.
2. “China Skiff” prototype hull - the NSW Association has loaned the Australian Association \$30,000 to cover the cost of purchasing the prototype hull and rigging it so that it can be used to demonstrate and market the new “China skiff”.
3. Structure of 16ft Skiff Administration/Marketing - with the “China skiff” initiative now gaining momentum, discussions have commenced between the Australian Association, NSW Association, Belmont Club and Manly Club about the best way to forward. At a recent meeting, it was suggested that it might be time to employ a part-time person to market and manage the “China Skiffs”. This would, of course, come at a cost, possibly around \$40,000 per annum. There was some discussion about combining the resources of the NSW and Queensland Associations and merging into the one Australian Association to try and manage this initiative and then have sub-committees in each state to manage the racing. Ways are also being considered on the best way to raise funds for this purpose. All member clubs will be consulted as part of the process.
4. Heritage 16ft skiff - Lloyd mentioned the approach in recent months by Newcastle Maritime Museum seeking interest from any clubs or persons who might be interested in a heritage skiff (from circa 1920’s). The Museum has indicated that they are moving away from displaying recreational boats to more commercial type vessels. They are looking for a donation of \$5,000 to take the skiff away. The Belmont Club has been considering taking the skiff, with the Club’s board to make a decision in the next few weeks.

Meeting closed 2.55pm

NEXT AGM is scheduled at St George Sailing Club on Saturday 13th August 2016.