



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

YMCA Sailing Club, Yarralumla Bay
Wednesday 3 February 2016 at 6.30pm

Present: D. Bagnall (Chair), V. McMahon, P. Davoren, J. Williams C. Bowyer, M. Cusack (Executive Officer).

Apologies: P. Marshall. A. Butorac. N. Hunter, R. Curtin.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2015 were read and confirmed.

Matters Arising: President reported that discussions with Black Mountain Rowing Club on their possible move to a new facility and RACT's acquisition of their current boatshed had commenced.

President's Report: New BMRC Boatshed - Discussions with BMRC on acquisition of their lease and boatshed have been positive. Most challenging aspect is to get a whole of Government approach to the issue by the ACT Government. As matters stand, surrender of the current lease by BMRC will not necessarily lead to it being transferred to RACT. Due weight needs to be given to the sports development advantages this would present and the benefits of RACT not requiring the support of a grant from ACT Sport and Recreation. YMCA aquatic program - Noted that has had no impact to date on rowing users of Yarralumla Bay. ACTAS Rowing Unit – All activities were proceeding satisfactorily. Senior Pathways Camp had been held at Jindabyne in which school rowers participated. Talent Identification and University pathway programs are quite active. ACT Tent at Nationals – President mentioned that clubs were prepared to contribute to cost of a tent site at the national regatta. Meeting agreed that this cost could appropriately be met by RACT given the range of club representation at the regatta.

Finance Report: Circulated report was received. Director of Finance is pursuing a number of debts from schools clubs outstanding over the holiday break.

Executive Officer's Report: Regatta Structure – EO has met with Alison Chin and Simon Dunphy (Chair regatta Subcommittee) to discuss alternative regatta structures that would facilitate shorter events. Current structure has significant support – especially from visiting clubs – because it allows multiple races for competitors. BRO shortage has become quite acute at the end of the season. Training of new BROs and setting a quota of BROs/volunteers for clubs at every regatta was discussed. Weston Park – EO acknowledged efforts of Marist rowers in getting used synthetic turf for the approaches to the landing pontoons. State Teams – EO reported that State Masters' crews are in training. ACT is likely

to be represented at the interstate regatta at SIRC by men's and women's single scullers and a lightweight men's four.

Safety: The Board considered the swamping incident involving a Radford College school girl quad in West Lake on 11 December 2015. Executive Officer was asked to obtain an incident report seeing that the ACT Police were called on to assist.

Meeting Closed: 7.19 pm

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