



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

ACT Sports House, Hackett
Thursday 12 September 2013 at 5.30pm

Present: D. Bagnall (Chair), P. Davoren, V. McMahon, B. Burbidge, N. Hunter, D. Wright, J. Hammond.

Apologies: V. Newman, A. Butorac.

Review of Rowing Australia: The committee received a presentation from DHW consulting represented by Dale Wood, Malcolm Speed and John Davies on their review of governance of Rowing Australia. The review panel discussed each of the draft recommendations on the structure and governance of Rowing Australia with the committee. The committee noted that a number of these recommendations require significant amendments to the constitutions of state bodies, including the Association, to achieve a more coherent and consistent framework for administration of the sport.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2013 were read and confirmed with amendment.

Matters Arising: The presentation function will be rescheduled.

President's Report: Draft traffic guidelines have been considered by the Lake User's Group and now need to go to clubs for comment. There has been considerable club interest in the slipway proposed for Black Mountain Peninsula. The issues raised have been about aesthetics, change in the nature of use of the Peninsula and potential environmental impacts rather than direct impacts on rowing. The Association's discussions with consultants about Kingston boat harbour had focussed on the need to ensure the survival of a member club rather than the issue of maintaining Kingston as a working boat harbour. Clubs will have the opportunity to comment further through the LUG and the planning process. Some have done so.

The committee considered that a biennial ACT Masters Championship regatta should be held over Easter commencing in 2015 provided that this is workable from the perspective of BROs and other volunteers. This proposal will be considered further.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer has been informally advised that the auditor's report will be signed next week. Treasurer reiterated his advice that there will be a decline in profitability to under \$10,000 in 2013-14. The committee needs to consider reducing costs as far as possible to address this projection.

Committee should consider whether to develop an agreement with the dragon boaters about use of the starting pontoon in view of the different understanding by rowing and dragon boating of what RACT's interest is in the pontoons. Treasurer foreshadowed further discussion of this matter in the committee.

Executive Officer Report: **Black Mountain Planning Report:** The consultant's report on the joint facility has been circulated for comment. **ACTAS Rowing Unit:** Awaiting the announcement by Rowing Australia of the successful applicant for the position of Head Coach. **Regatta Subcommittee** – The subcommittee is looking at the order of events. The 4- event has been separated from 4x to allow participation in both classes of boat. **State Teams:** Executive Officer has been reviewing state selection policies with a view to finalising the ACT selection policy by mid-October. Meeting agreed to limit eligibility for the interstate masters crews to athletes aged between 40 and 60 to eliminate the need for radical age averaging. The meeting endorsed the approach to selections proposed by the Executive Officer. It was agreed that potentially suitable selectors for non-masters events would be approached to determine their availability. The meeting discussed the procedure for identifying lead coaches. It was agreed that, pending the finalisation of the selection policy, an effort would be made to assemble squads so that the level of interest can be assessed prior to the call for nominations and selections. **Risk Management** – Executive Officer outlined the need for a more sophisticated approach to risk management highlighted by the government approval process for AMRC 2013. EO outlined efforts to secure professional input into risk management in cooperation with triathlon. This did not proceed because triathlon is proceeding alone with the support of its national body. Meeting agreed that there is a need for a cultural change to greater awareness of risk management within the Association and its volunteers. Discussion deferred. Request for approvals for conduct of 2013-14 events has been completed and submitted. **Grants** - Meeting advised EO of projects for which grant funding should be sought for 2014. These projects included an electronic race number board, BRO shelter and BRO boat storage facility at triathlon lock-up. **Weston Park** – Association is committed to a discussion paper on operating regattas from Weston Park. It was agreed that a trial of starting 1000m races from the 1500m start be conducted during the season following consultation with BROs.

Meeting Closed: 9.10 pm

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