



**MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
ACT Sports House, Hackett  
Tuesday 13 September 2012 at 6.30pm

**Present:** D. Bagnall (Chair), P. Davoren, A. Butorac, B. Burbidge, V. McMahon, V. Newman, D. Gwynn-Jones, J. Hammond.

**Apologies:** N. Hunter, S. Cook.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2012 were read and confirmed.

**Matters Arising:** Arrangements for management of ACT rowing teams have been changed. Caroline Pijpers will be manager for the interstate regatta and Anthony Parry will be team manager for the Youth Olympic Festival.

**Presidents Report:** A symposium on causes of blue green algal blooms has suggested that nutrient levels might not be the critical factor. Rather, temperature inversions within the water column might be the main determinant suggesting that lowered Lake level could be a contributing factor. Advice to the Lake Users' Group is that the current low Lake levels will be with us until late 2013.

**Joint Rowing Triathlon Facility:** Meeting advised that planning for the facility is proceeding including work on possible operating models. This facility has not become an election platform matter for the Government, however, some provision for it is expected in the next budget.

**Grevillea Park Boatshed for CLRC:** This project is proceeding through the Land Development Agency. It originated in the agreements under which the Nissen Hut boatshed was demolished to make way for the Kingston foreshore redevelopment.

**Visit of UK Rowing Team:** Noted that this will proceed in the lead-up to the Sydney World Cup from 18-24 March 2013 and is being managed by Paul Thompson.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report was circulated prior to the meeting. Treasurer advised that Auditor is close to approving the accounts. There was discussion about announcement of the increase in fees. Treasurer will report back to the Committee on options for auditing the Association's accounts.

**2013 Australian Masters Rowing Championships:** D. Bagnall reported that the committee is working effectively, however, the budget has not been settled because of further

information required on costs. Current budgeting includes provision for a \$30,000 fee to Rowing Australia and \$45,000 for hiring facilities. Information has been distributed on accommodation. The first Information Bulletin is due out by the end of September. It will advise the seat fee, which has been the subject of discussion within the Masters' rowing community. AO reported on options for the course and finishing tower. V. Newman asked that the Committee be copied in on the minutes of the AMRC 2013 organising committee.

**Membership Statistics:** It was noted that statistics under represent activity by not including corporate rowers and learn to row activities of clubs. It was agreed that clubs should establish categories of membership to include these rowers to facilitate collection of reliable statistics and insurance where required.

**BRO Matters:** Martin Sessions has purchased a finish order camera. He has suggested that the Association apply a small fine to crews that are missing bow numbers. It was agreed that on a trial basis a fine of \$2 per boat be applied to crews that finish without their bow number.

**ACT Sports and Recreation Grants:** Ideas were canvassed for grant projects. It was suggested that registration compliance checks for boat trailers as offered by Lowe and Hennessy (SA) could be a possible project. This was considered to be a club responsibility. **BRO Boat Trailer:** Agreed that this needed to be upgraded. AO to check on the BRO requirement for a new trailer and, if agreed as a priority by BRO's, to proceed with replacement as a grant project. **BRO Shelter:** The current shelter does not extend over the finish judge and needs an extension. AO is working on the approvals necessary for this project. It was agreed that a pop up tent be bought in the interim at an estimated price of \$3,400. The grant applications close in mid-October. It was agreed to seek funding for the BRO trailer and temporary shelter.

**RACT Logo:** AO reported that he was seeking a logo that could be used at the presentation dinner, Head of the Molonglo, ACT Championships and Winter Time Trials. Concepts being considered are those not selected for AMRC 2013.

**Presentation Dinner:** AO reported that this will be held at the Southern Cross Club on 13 October at 7.00pm at a price of \$65 per seat.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.36 pm

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Chairman

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