



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

ACT Sports House, Hackett

Wednesday 18 June 2014 at 6.30pm

Present: D. Bagnall (Chair), N. Hunter, B. Burbidge, P. Davoren, A. Butorac, D. Wright, V. Newman, J. Hammond, M. Cusack.

Apologies: V. McMahon.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 21 May 2014 read and confirmed with correction of reference to company limited by guarantee to “under consideration” rather than decided.

Matters Arising: Executive Officer Position - President advised that Michael Cusack had been appointed as the Association’s Executive Officer to succeed James Hammond.

ACTAS Rowing Unit - Meeting agreed that Joint Management Committee be advised of RACT’s preference that all ACTAS rowers be members of an ACT rowing club.

President’s Report: President reported on recent Council teleconference which covered changes in directors - Merrick Howes appointed to board - Australian Masters Championships - profit sharing reviewed – Rowing Data Base – synchronisation being pursued by Queensland and NSW using their preferred software (ROMS in Queensland and Rowing Manager in NSW) – Interstate Masters Championship – meeting supported event being restricted to Masters D crews.

Governance Principles: Meeting agreed that case for a move to company limited by guarantee was evenly balanced but that the need to comply as far as possible with the ASC governance principles suggested the change should be made. Meeting agreed that a Special Resolution be sought from the 2014 Annual General Meeting seeking members agreement to establishing the Association as a company limited by guarantee. Matter will be discussed further at the next Committee meeting.

Executive Officer Report: Member Data Base – Rowing Manager provides a means of setting up a data base capturing competing and recreational members. This would be useful in managing events such as WTTs and for assisting rowers to comply with rowing policies. At this stage it is proposed that the data base be developed for community clubs. EO will discuss with Steven Croot how to apply to members of school clubs that might not have an email address.

Simplification of Regatta Entry Process – EO outlined simplified entry process that will free up RACT resources while maintaining BRO input to ensure efficient conduct of regattas.

Regatta Subcommittee – EO reported on RSC views on Weston Park decision and support for a tinny protocol under which a penalty would be applied for careless tinny use on the course during regattas. The next RSC meeting will consider the order of events, entry timelines and hot weather policy. Regatta Program - cannot be finalised because of uncertainty about the dates for the NSW Championships. The program will include 5 standard regattas and the championships on 14-15 March 2015. The Head of the Molonglo will be held on 16 November following the CGS regatta. Managing Length of Regattas - A range of measures is under discussion by the RSC including restricting entries of novice 1x and 2x. Restricting individual entries is seen as too difficult to administer. Removing masters' events would be futile as entries would shift to other events.

Overseas Representative Fundraising – Singapore Airlines tickets would be decided by a silent auction with the results announced at the RACT presentation dinner.

Facility Update – Arrangements for Phase 2 contamination report are proceeding and will be progressed by incoming EO. The next steps on the joint facility project are to re-examine costings to reduce them to a level that is likely to attract government support, to lobby for funding with the ACT Government and influential individuals and organisations. Establishment of mooring points at Weston Park for the RACT pontoons is also a high priority. The Capital Lakes RC boatshed project is moving quickly with the Land Development Agency reporting that the boatshed in Grevillea Park will be available in June 2015 driven by the pace of development at Kingston.

Risk Management: No new risk management issues were identified.

Other Business: ACTAS Funding – invoice for RACT contribution will be issued in July.
RACT Office – Office in Sports House will be available for 12 months after which the office will need to move to the sports hub at the University of Canberra or to the first floor office of ACTAS at Yarralumla Bay. The ACTAS option is preferred from the perspective of space and location. Its availability will depend on ACTAS.

Meeting Closed: 8.10 pm

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Chairman
16 July 2014