



**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**  
YMCA Sailing Club, Yarralumla Bay  
Wednesday 19 November 2014 at 6.30pm

**Present:** D. Bagnall (Chair), N. Hunter, A. Butorac, C. Bowyer, V. McMahon, V. Newman, P. Davoren, M. Cusack.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of 15 October 2014 were read and confirmed.

**Correspondence from Schools Concerning Regattas:** CGGS has written to the President concerning the limited competition arising from completely random draws. Daramalan advised its intention to boat from the regatta finish area because of its proximity to their boatshed. In view of matters of regatta administration raised by schools, it was resolved that several committee members should meet school representatives to hear their views. Executive Officer will seek an early meeting with school club representatives.

In relation to draws, the committee agreed that some adjustment can be made to promote greater competition and avoid events being largely comprised of crews from the one club. On location of the regatta hub, the Association's position and the concerns behind it are quite clear. Should clubs wish to boat from the finish, the Association will not be responsible for any consequent traffic or parking hazards this presents. Secretary to respond to Daramalan RC following the meeting with school clubs at which this matter is expected to be discussed.

Since finalisation of the regatta program there has been interest in holding school regattas. One regatta has been held. RACT is able to assist with these regattas if required provided they proceed within a satisfactory risk management regime.

**Weston Park Regatta Hub:** C. Bowyer mentioned there has been inadequate maintenance of Weston Park leading to adverse comments by visitors. Executive Officer has sought TAMS assistance in relation to grass mowing and maintenance of toilets. If necessary, portable toilets will be hired. It is important to progress pontoon moorings so that water hazards such as logs can be avoided. RACT representatives will be present at Weston Park during regattas to respond to enquiries and give out medals.

**Novice Sculling Status:** Meeting noted dissatisfaction with ineligible scullers competing in novice scull races. These events are open to rowers in their first year as registered competitors. Committee agreed that clubs breaching this practice will be fined. D. Bagnall will put a notice to this effect on the RACT website.

**Executive Officer's Report:** Regatta Equipment – EO mentioned need for an Association tent and renovation of the BRO equipment trailer. N. Hunter mentioned that ASC trailer planned for disposal might be suitable. A new trailer has been costed at \$3,290. Committee agrees to buying a new trailer if this is necessary and to buying a Rowing ACT tent up to a cost of \$1500. D. Bagnall to canvass options for equipment storage at Weston Park with ACT Government. Head of Molonglo – In bad conditions 6 boats contested this event of which 5 finished. Staff Management – EO drew attention to recent hours worked which exceeded agreed 38 hours per week. V. McMahon noted that excess hours during the season should be looked at in the context of the entire year including winter when there was less activity. Nevertheless, meeting agreed that hours need to be reduced. Regatta Draw - It was agreed that Kerri Hughes be engaged to develop regatta draw and program. To enable Kerri to do this work on the weekend and give her time to amend the draw in some events to enhance competition the closing time for entries will need to be moved forward to 5 pm Friday. EO to advise clubs of this change.

**President's Report:** State of Origin - RACT formulation on state of origin rule failed to get sufficient support within Rowing Australia. Meeting noted current rule has been applied punctiliously to interstate oarsman based in Canberra but less enthusiastically to ACT oarsman rowing interstate. Meeting agreed to insist on our rights in future. Grevillea Park Aquatic Precinct – CLRC is expected to be in its boatshed by late next year. This new boatshed space may present opportunities for storing boat race equipment. N. Hunter mentioned that ANUBC could be relocated to West Basin as part of a prospective ANU “City to the Lake” project. This may permit use by community bodies such as RACT.

**Treasurer's Report:** Circulated report. Currently have about \$246k in cash, another \$2k in accounts receivable. Regatta 2 invoices have not yet been issued. On the liability side, subject to clarification, accounts payable total around \$0.5k and there are about \$1.3k in tax and super liabilities. These amounts are low and consistent with good accounting practice and quick responses from Clubs. Jubilee medallions have been well received by boat race officials who received them at the BRO dinner. Remaining BRO medals will be distributed at regatta 3.

**Noise in East Basin:** N. Hunter mentioned that a resident in the Boat Harbour development had advised him of early morning noise from rowing coaches. Meeting agreed that action is required to pre-empt any restrictions on coaching activities in East Basin. EO to advise members to exercise more care in use of megaphones near residences early in the morning.

**Risk Management:** School quad collision with BRO boat and crews taking a short cut when returning from the dam were discussed. Committee resolved that LUG agreement be obtained for use of buoys to clarify traffic flows near the dam.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.35 pm

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Chairman  
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