



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
YMCA Sailing Club, Yarralumla Bay
Wednesday 17 December 2014 at 6.30pm

Present: D. Bagnall (Chair), N. Hunter, C. Bowyer, V. McMahon, V. Newman, P. Davoren, M. Cusack, A. Randell (Head Coach - ACTAS Rowing Unit).

Apologies: A. Butorac

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 19 November 2014 were read and confirmed.

Matters Arising: Spectator Area - positive comments on the condition of the spectator area have followed efforts to ensure area was clean and mowed. Facility will be further improved with more rubbish bins and a RACT tent.

Transition to New Committee: Meeting discussed formation of the Board under the new RACT rules. V. McMahon and P. Davoren were appointed to the positions of Director of Finance and Secretary, respectively. C. Bowyer and N. Hunter will occupy their positions for two year terms. The current terms of other directors will terminate at the 2015 Annual General Meeting. Geoff Northam was appointed as Chief Boat Race Official. Committee discussed potential appointments to the two vacant Board positions.

Treasurer's Report: Current financial position is \$234.5k. Regatta entries are running close to 2013-14 levels. Debts have increased but remain low. Creditors remain low taking account of delay in resolving Robson Environmental Report.

Lake Users Group: NCA is ready to facilitate installation of pontoon mooring points at Weston Park. M. Cusack to circulate development application documentation. Matter of greater consideration for rowers by operators of large power boats was addressed.

Rowing Case Management : A successful case management meeting was held with ACT Sport and Recreation (Simon Dolesji) that will lead to development of agreed goals for 2015. S. Dolesji was interested in proposed survey of Year 12 rowers to see what they were looking for in the sport, including the possibility of less intensive programs that might encourage higher participation.

ACTAS Rowing Unit: Andrew Randell briefed the meeting on current activities. A senior pathway camp was held on 30 November for senior school rowers. A rowing camp with a technical emphasis for school rowers in their final school year will be held from 13-16 January 2015. A senior camp for all ACT senior rowers will be run at Jindabyne from 3-12

January. A State team camp will be held between Christmas and New Year. A. Randell briefed the meeting on talent identification and development activities taking place under the Talent Search, Talent Transfer (athletes from other sports) and University Pathways programs. Issues for the unit including charges for strength and conditioning were discussed. N. Hunter agreed to pursue this matter. The meeting expressed its satisfaction at the management and performance of the unit.

Regatta Seat Fees – Cancellation of Regattas: The meeting confirmed RACT's position that fees will not be charged in the event of prior day cancellations but will be charged if a regatta is cancelled on the day of the regatta or terminated after it has commenced. Fines will not be charged for terminated regattas.

RACT By Laws Review: It was agreed that comments on draft by-laws be provided to V. McMahon so that a Member Club consultation draft can be finalised at the January meeting.

School Regattas: The meeting discussed the Association's support for school regattas noting that school clubs have been asked to advise the Association of the preferred dates for these events. Meeting agreed that school members of non-school clubs should have the opportunity to participate in such events.

Novice Status Update: Meeting discussed approaches to ensuring compliance with the novice status rule under which novice races are restricted to rowers in their first year of registration. S. Croot advised it is not feasible to amend Rowing Manager to bar ineligible entries. However, the system can warn clubs when an ineligible entry is made.

Buoy Purchase Update: Executive Officer reported that NCA has been very helpful with early procurement of replacement buoys for the buoyed 1800 metre course and placed an order for further buoys. K. Gibson of NCA is the point of contact, rather than Ecoways, the NCA contractor.

Joint Facility on Black Mountain Peninsula: Executive Officer reported that site assessment contractor, Robson Environmental Pty Ltd, will provide a report taking account of RACT comments early in the New Year.

Risk Management: Meeting discussed the Daramalan College RC sculler temporarily unaccounted for by the Club after abandonment of the last regatta due to lightning hazard. DCRC has been asked for an incident report on this matter so that it can be fully considered.

State Masters Selection: Meeting agreed the basis of selection and appointed D. Bagnall as selector. The crews will be selected after time trials conducted on 21 February 2015. VIII selections will be based on races between coxed fours and the quads from single scull races. D. Bagnall to advise clubs.

Meeting Closed: 8.11 pm

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Chairman
21 January 2015