



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
YMCA Sailing Club, Yarralumla Bay
Wednesday 21 January 2015 at 6.30pm

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

Apologies: P. Davoren, V. Newman.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 17 December 2014 were read and confirmed.

President's report:

ACTAS: D. Bagnall reviewed the recent ACTAS camps; one run at Jindabyne for top athletes and one on Lake Burley Griffin for the Senior Pathways program. D. Bagnall also provided a brief overview on progress of all the ACTAS programs. All programs are reported to be tracking well.

Master's selections: Policy was released by RACT and has received some strong responses from key clubs. David has provided responses and will continue to.

Case Management: D. Bagnall advises that Sport and Recreation ACT have set two key reporting items for grants funding in 2015. The first is the instalment of the RACT pontoons at Weston Park. The second is the surveying of school leavers to see what they want from their post school rowing experience so ACT clubs can tailor programs to suit and retain.

Housing of RACT launches: D. Bagnall lead discussion around the short term and long term options for the housing of BRO launches at a location on Lake Burley Griffin. The discussion was targeted at addressing the issue of Boat Race Official's having to house RACT launches at their place of residence. Meeting discussed the possibility of housing in the soon to be built CLRC facility at Grevillia Park. Meeting also discussed the longer term options of storage in the future CGGS Rowing Facility or a storage facility in the upcoming City to the Lake Precinct in the event that the Black Mountain Joint Facility does not proceed. Meeting agreed to continue to pursue short and long term options to address this issue.

Further to this discussion N. Hunter suggested updating the fleet of BRO launches once the issue of storage is addressed.

Director of Finance's report: Current financial position of \$264k. Accounts receivable and payable are low. 78% of the 2.5k owing to RACT is in the 31-60 period which would have been impacted by the holiday period.

Executive Officer's Report: M. Cusack provided update on development of Weston Park Information Hub. Posed quotes to the board for a Rowing ACT box trailer for the transport of RACT infrastructure to Weston Park. Also posted quotes to the Board for the purchase of a Rowing ACT shelter to house the information hub at Weston Park. Meeting determined that more information was needed about the proposed purchases. A. Butorac volunteered to assist M. Cusack in reviewing quotes and providing further information.

By-Laws Review: V. McMahon presented the draft By-Laws to the Board for discussion. The following key items were discussed:

- Minor amendments to the constitution to include small adjustments at a later date e.g. reference to BRO's vs Umpire (FISA terminology)
- Grade classifications – Meeting decided further review of the Rower Grade Classifications was required.
- Transfers of clubs – Meeting decided to model the transfer rules on RA transfer rules.
- Point score system - Board discussed including the power to set point score structures for specific regattas (e.g. Lake Tuggeranong Festival Cup) from time to time.
- Laws of boat Racing - AB to review By-Laws against Rowing Australia Laws of Racing and provide feedback.

V. McMahon to circulate amended report to Board ahead of release next week. After this final round of Board consultation the draft By-Laws will be released for consultation with Member Clubs.

Member school / RACT discussions: It was agreed that Rowing ACT (A. Butorac, P. Marshall, N. Hunter and M. Cusack) should meet with school reps as soon as possible to discuss upcoming schools regatta on the 28th of February.

Social Media Policy: The Board moved to implement the final version of the Social Media Policy. M. Cusack to publish implemented policy on RACT website.

Visiting schools: The meeting discussed the NCA requirements for temporary boat permits in relation to schools visiting the ACT for training camps. The meeting agreed that these requirements were onerous on visiting schools and should be streamlined if possible. It was noted that the NCA will not afford Rowing ACT the power to handle inspection of visiting water craft associated with the sport. N. Hunter will take this issue to the Lake User Group meeting for discussion and will report back to the Board.

WTT series: M. Cusack proposed a set of Winter Time Trial dates to the Board. The Board agreed with these dates, pending the review of ACTAS Head Coach Andrew Randel.

Rowing Tasmania Youth Challenge Regatta 2015: Rowing Tasmania have proposed to host an event for Youth (U21) rowers whom have nominated for, but missed Australian Selection in Trans-Tasman U21 Series against New Zealand. The meeting discussed the proposal and

agreed the ACT would not have the numbers to support such a program at present but would keep watch on the development of this event concept moving forward.

Joint facility update: M. Cusack advised that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Phase 2 Contamination Assessment of the proposed Black Mountain site. The EPA has requested that the conclusions and recommendations of the report will need to be updated to make a clear statement as to the suitability of the site for the proposed development. The contamination contractor is confident that the report will only require minor amendment to facilitate this and anticipates approval of the site for development by the EPA on re-submission.

Other business: The need for the development of a new RACT strategic plan was discussed. RACT will host a consultation forum with member clubs once the season is complete as a first step towards developing the new strategic plan.

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Exec. Officer
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