



## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

YMCA Sailing Club, Yarralumla Bay  
Wednesday 15 April 2015 at 6.30pm

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

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2015 were read and confirmed, subject to an amendment recording that surplus jubilee medals would be distributed to all affiliated clubs and to regular visiting clubs.

**President's Report:** Rowing Australia has noted that more stringent and expensive health screening, including compulsory ECGs, is becoming accepted in Europe and is considering what might be appropriate in Australia, including more widespread availability of defibrillators. RACT needs to consider its position on such measures. Nationals - ACT competitors achieved good results at the nationals and the interstate events with Cara Greskowiak (CLRC) placed third in the interstate women's sculls. Weston Park - All documentation required for the pontoon moorings and related works has been completed and submitted. Project is on track for completion before the start of the 2015-16 season. Clubs with RACT pontoons (CRC, CLRC and CGS) will be expected to revert to previous arrangements. "Guardians of the Lake" - President has met with this group. He addressed misconceptions concerning recreational and sporting use of the Lake and proposed boatsheds in Grevillea Park. Masters Selection - crews for AMRC 2015 have now been finalised. Strategic Plan - Brendan Lynch will facilitate a review of the RACT strategic plan at the YMCA Yacht Club on 23 May 2015 from 0900-1600. Indoor Rowing Championships - meeting considered a proposal for such an event in Canberra. A detailed proposal covering off the business case and insurance would be required for RACT to reach a position on its support or participation.

**Director of Finance Report:** (Report circulated) There is around \$274k in our accounts. We have about \$1k of payables outstanding and \$61k of accounts receivable. Some \$51k, or about 83%, is within the 30 day period. DOF mentioned uncertainty about the status of RMC rowing club which does not appear active and has \$658 outstanding that goes back to early in the financial year.

**By Laws:** The By Law review will be finalised at the May Board meeting.

**Executive Officer Report:** WTT - dates have been entered in the calendar and NCA will be approached with a risk management plan for their approval of use of the Lake. Motor Boat Use - Water Police have offered to give presentations on water safety and tinny compliance. EO to offer opportunity for clubs to receive presentations. ACT Sport Expo - EO is organising

RACT representation with ergs and sculls. ACTAS fliers to be available. BRO Appreciation - BMRC running an event on 2 May 2015 to recognise the efforts of BROs over the season. EO to promote with clubs.

**Regatta Subcommittee**: Board agreed on need to ensure more focussed discussion within the RSC to make meetings more manageable. Board agreed that a season review meeting chaired by President should be held in May to deal with issues that have taken up much of the time of the RSC.

**CLRC Capsize on 14 March 2015**: N. Hunter to report to the Board before the next meeting on the safety aspects of this incident. P. Davoren is finalising investigation report into related code of conduct complaint arising from this incident.

**Lake Incident**: Incident reports are being prepared concerning the collision between an ACTAS sculler and a CLRC coaching boat.

**Other Business**: Board noted that RACT has directors' and officers' insurance through the Rowing Australia insurance policy.

**Meeting Closed**: 7.55 pm

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Chairman  
May 2015