



**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
YMCA Sailing Club, Yarralumla Bay  
Wednesday 13 May 2015 at 6.30pm

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

**Apologies:** N. Hunter

**Minutes:** Minutes of the April meeting (circulated by email) will be considered once Board members have the opportunity to consider them.

**President's Report:** President sought views on Rowing Australia's national participant database. It was agreed that RACT would support this project, noting that CLRC has used it as a club database and found it very effective. Meeting was assured that participation would not result in our members receiving unwanted email advertising. Meeting noted that Dragon Boat ACT's starting platform had broken free of its moorings and drifted across Yarramundi Reach presenting a serious potential hazard to rowers on the course. The platform has been temporarily secured and will be moved to its moorings at the first opportunity. Executive Officer to contact Dragon Boat ACT and advise them of the need to ensure the platform remains secured. President thanked the board members involved in consideration of the CLRC capsizing incident at the ACT Championships on 14 April 2015. President reported that crews selected for the interstate events at AMRC were finalised and training well after a few setbacks including resignation of the coach of the women's VIII.

**Rowing Australia Board Election:** The Board conducted on-line interviews with candidates John Boulton and Brian Weir to decide which candidate RACT would support in the election. The Executive Officer was thanked for his efforts in organising the on-line interviews.

**Director of Finance Report:** The Finance Director submitted the 2014-15 draft financial accounts which were endorsed by the Board. He indicated that the auditor expected to complete his examination in the following few weeks. It was agreed that it was unlikely that funds over \$50,000, in addition to normal operating funds, would be required over the next 12 months. Accordingly, the Finance Director was authorised to explore options for longer-term investments up to a total of \$175,000. It was also agreed that adjustments to Rowing Manager should be explored to allow non-competing rowers to enter the WTT series.

**By-laws:** The Board noted that the consultation period had ended for the Interim By-Laws and that only one person had provided additional comment. It was agreed that the By-laws

should be finalised with one minor change in respect of composite crews for school events subject to flagging that additional consultation was taking place on the Regatta Sub-Committee terms of reference.

**Cliff Hill Trophy:** Board agreed that the trophy should be awarded to Andrew Randell in recognition of his work in developing the ACT Academy of Sport Rowing Unit, promoting a coordinated approach to coaching education and dissemination of information throughout the ACT rowing and coaching community.

**End of Season Review:** This will take place at the CGGS aquatic centre on 21 May 2015 at 1830 and will proceed as an open forum chaired by the President. The main matters to be raised by RACT will be pontoon installation at Weston Park, the Triathlon-Rowing joint facility on Black Mountain Peninsula and growing established and new clubs. The outcomes of the review will feed into the strategic planning meeting to be held at the YMCA Sailing Club on 23 May 2015 led by Brendan Lynch.

**CLRC Capsize Incident:** N. Hunter has submitted his report on safety matters raised by CLRC. This provides the opportunity to undertake a broad examination of safety issues associated with racing and training. The provision of a rescue boat operated independently of the boat race officials during regattas could be a useful measure in improving safety. A Butorac will consider possible options for providing this capacity and storage. The role of clubs in adequately preparing crews for the events they race in also needs to be considered.

**Meeting Closed:** 7.55 pm

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Chairman  
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