



MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING

ACT Sports House

Wednesday 29 February 2012 at 6.30pm.

Present: D. Bagnall (Chair), P. Davoren, V. Newman, N. Hunter, D. Gwynne-Jones, B. Burbidge, V. McMahon, A. Butorac, S Cook, J. Hammond (Administrative Officer).

Apologies: S.Cook

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2012 were read and confirmed.

Matters Arising: 2013 Australian Master's Rowing Championships – RA has confirmed the date of the event for 25-28 April. RA wish to sign an MOU concerning conduct of the Championships. This will specify the \$30,000 fee RA is seeking from the event. RACT will consider this proposal taking into account the returns from recent AMRC events with the objective of concluding an agreement after the 2012 Nationals. Organising Committee Chair Ann Landrigan will be seeking the agreement of the Centenary Chair to adding the AMRC to the Centenary Program.

Treasurer's Report: RACT has a total of around \$153,000 in its bank accounts. The Association has received \$87,000 in grant funds for 2012 including \$41,800 in operational funds. The financial situation is very satisfactory but there are significant commitments. Treasurer is looking to early commencement of the audit. Invoicing is up to date. An outstanding debt of \$16,000 has recently been paid with \$37,000 remaining outstanding, mostly in the less than 180 days category. The Treasurer provided an expenditure report.

Administrative Officer Report: ROMS Replacement: The Administrative Officer provided a very extensive report on the process within Rowing Australia for developing a replacement regatta management system. He has participated in detailed discussions with State CEOs on options for adopting an effective system. There is a range of views across the States with some considering ROMS only needs fine tuning rather than replacement. This leads to the choice of committing funds to a replacement system or to improvement of ROMS. There is uncertainty about whether a new system could be fully functional before the ROMS contract runs out. The key issue for RACT in assessing alternatives is to know the costs of alternatives and how they will be recovered from the users.

Pontoon Update: The RACT pontoons for Yarralumla Bay and CLRC have been recently been shipped from the US.

ISRA: Regatta agreement has been signed between RACT and ISRA on delivery of the regatta and allocation of responsibilities. Weather conditions have raised a number of potential issues for conduct of this regatta. It is unlikely that we won't get gate access to Weston Park because of wet ground and will need to rely on the large car park near Tree House Beach.

Geoff Northam has expressed concern about the likelihood of floods and their impact on the event. It was agreed that BRO meals for the ISRA regatta will be paid for initially by the host club and reimbursed out of the ISRA income.

National Regatta Representation: It was agreed that nationals racing will decide the men's State sculling representative. While not entirely satisfactory, it will be necessary to obtain the agreement of the two contenders that the best performance decides the representative, considering that they might not race in the same event. Agreed that Jacqui Williams will be on standby should Amy Fowler not be fit enough to compete.

Course Maintenance: Meeting noted that John Simson and Alex Leitch remain keen to assist with course maintenance despite the responsibility nominally resting with NCA contractor Ecoways. It was agreed that John and Alex be advised that the Association would welcome their assistance in minor repairs and buoy maintenance.

Volunteers at Regattas: D. Bagnall spoke of the need to reduce the burden on BRO's and improve the level of service in matters such as race commentary through volunteers.

Administrative Officer Hours: Noted that AO will be working full time from April.

Joint Facility on Black Mountain Peninsula: D. Bagnall mentioned he would be discussing this with Minister Barr. The next step seems to be development of an operating model for a joint rowing triathlon facility by a consultant to SRACT.

Meeting Closed: 7.55 pm

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