



MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING
ACT Sports House
Wednesday 4 April 2012 at 6.30pm.

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

Apologies: S.Cook, D. Gwynne-Jones.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2012 were read and confirmed.

Treasurer's Report: RACT has \$143,000 in the bank compared with \$141,000 at the end of the 2010-11 financial year. Cash position has been supported by a temporary reduction in receivables. Treasurer has negotiated a settlement with the ATO concerning an outstanding return. It is proposed to submit the financial statements for 2011-12 to the auditor as soon as possible.

Administrative Officer Report: Sponsorship: Administrative officer introduced Tom from the University of Canberra who is assisting him with a sponsorship proposal as part of the requirements for his university course. AO outlined various approaches to sponsorship including sponsorships at various levels (gold/silver/bronze) which would be acknowledged on the RACT website etc and naming rights for regattas and races. A sponsorship proposal will be developed that can be used in approaches to a target list of businesses/organisations.

2013 AMRC Regatta Committee: Committee is developing the project budget for discussion with RACT. Examining options for hire of purpose built boat racks from NSW and SA. N. Hunter emphasised the need for clear lines of control of the event leading to an operations/event manager.

ROMS Replacement: Meeting considered the options available, all of which involved some element of risk in terms of cost, timeliness or functionality. RACT is concerned that Regatta central, if selected, might not be available for several years. It is not clear to RACT what system could be used in the interim given RA's apparent objection to use of ROMS beyond the current contract term. RACT is concerned at the lack of detailed information on the cost of alternative systems and how the costs would be allocated. It was agreed that the Association write to Rowing Australia expressing our views and concerns about the availability of a cost effective and functioning regatta entry management system. It should be suggested that RA not rule out ROMS from the range of options.

Pontoon Update: Committee acknowledged the significant volunteer effort in unpacking the pontoon modules and associated equipment. Installation of the pontoon at Capital Lakes has been delayed because of the need to fabricate attachment fittings which were not included in the order of the pontoons.

State Team Selection Policy – Meeting noted the changes made to the draft policy. It was acknowledged that there has been some difficulty in getting nominations for the positions of member and chair of selection panels. Nomination process should be formalised with RACT clearly seen to be driving it.

2012 ACT Team for Australian Masters Rowing Championships – Administrative Officer will seek nominations for ACT representative crews eligible for Masters D category events.

2012-13 Regatta Program and Administration – The program will be considered by the Regatta Subcommittee. AO discussed possibility of replacing club input in providing food with commercial suppliers. There is also scope for using unskilled volunteers for some roles in regatta management. The basis for setting Club quotas for BROs at regattas was discussed. Treasurer will conduct a financial analysis of the adequacy of the current level of seat fees. AO will circulate dates for 2012 Winter Time Trials.

D. Bagnall mentioned the need for revision of the competitor grading system. He will propose a revised system to the Regatta Subcommittee.

RACT Facebook Page – It was agreed that school rowing coordinators were generally not active in promoting interest in the sport beyond their school and it is probably unrealistic to expect them to be so. Facebook offers a method of promoting events such as WTTs, rowing camps and open days etc. RACT use of this medium would be guided by Rowing Australia's facebook policy.

RACT Website – AO mentioned that upgrades would make the website more adaptable, in particular improving the ease of adding photographs.

Combined Trophy Presentation and National Representatives Fundraising Dinner – It was noted that at least two national representatives are expected and agreed that this function would be held in June. Committee also agreed to hold a dinner for BROs and partners. Around \$2,000 was spent at a previous function for BROs at *The Chairman and Yip* in 2010 and a similar amount would again be appropriate given the importance of BROs to RACT.

Possible Joint Rowing-Triathlon Facility on BMP – Meeting noted that good progress has been made in planning for this important development. CB Richard Ellis has been engaged to work on the design brief and potential operating arrangements.

Meeting Closed: 8.22 pm

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