



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

ACT Sports House, Hackett
Wednesday 4 December 2013 at 6.30pm

Present: D. Bagnall (Chair), V. McMahon, P. Davoren, B. Burbidge, V. Newman. J. Hammond.

Apologies: N. Hunter, D. Wright, A. Butorac.

Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on 6 November 2013 were read and confirmed.

Matters Arising: It was agreed that separate masters award categories be established for the Oarsman of the Year and the Yarramundi Medal.

Treasurer's Report: Report circulated. This shows that there has been a good start to the season with revenue up by 33% compared with the corresponding period last season. Report accepted.

Executive Officer Report: Rowing Australia AGM and Conference - discussed the implications of the review of governance of Australian rowing. A new constitution for Rowing Australia will include changes to voting rights. Rowing Australia has engaged a consultant to research the market for rowing. This will report on matters such as what potential consumers want from the sport and what groups are interested in participating but not currently engaged. RA envisages that a nationally branded product will result from this work. A strategic plan for participation will be developed in accordance with Sports Commission requirements.

CEO Meeting – Meeting noted deficiencies in coach education and need to improve the program. It was noted that many course participants were not completing full accreditation.

Adopt a School Program – Capital Lakes RC has been successful in getting \$7,500 to assist with a program based on Telopea Park High School. It is not clear what the prospects are for funding beyond the current year.

Regatta Order of Events – There have been requests to add a women's M4- to the program. This had been deleted due to insufficient support in 2011-12. It was

agreed that a combined men's and women's M4- event be conducted once relative men/women handicaps are resolved.

Joint Rowing/Triathlon Facility on Black Mountain Peninsula - of the ACT Government funds (\$32,500) provided for feasibility studies into this project, \$17,000 remains unspent and is available for stage 2. The pace at which this project proceeds may be influenced by the approach that is adopted to the long term location of the Water Police building and any implications of this for the ACTAS rowing unit.

Risk Management - ACTAS has added an additional safety marshal for time trials to address potential collision risks at the mouth of Yarralumla Bay. The event risk management plan will be assessed following the next regatta (BMRC on 7 December). Consultant Paul Grogan has been engaged on behalf of 5 sports to undertake a risk management review, the results of which will be used to guide planning of operations on the Lake. There have been two recent safety incidents – a collision between an AIS 1x and a CRC 2x and a collision between ACTAS and BMRC boats.

Traffic Flow - The draft traffic flow map presented to today's LUG meeting was not adopted because of a suggested major change by the canoe club. The Executive Officer advised that this should be strongly opposed by RACT.

Pontoons - EO reported that some welds on the gangways leading to the pontoons had failed and had made use of the pontoons dangerous. A welder has been engaged to repair each pontoon with faulty welds for a fee of \$500 per pontoon. It was agreed that the EO raise this matter with the supplier – Connect a Dock – in consultation with V. Newman.

Meeting Closed: 8.33 pm

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Chairman
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