



## **MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING**

ACT Sports House, Hackett

Wednesday 6 March 2013 at 6.30pm

**Present:** D. Bagnall (Chair), P. Davoren, V. McMahon, V. Newman, N. Hunter, D. Wright, B. Burbidge, J. Hammond (Executive Officer).

**Apologies:** A. Butorac.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2013 were read and confirmed.

**President's Report:** ISRA regatta was a conspicuous success with around 1200 entries. BROs did a great job in running the regatta efficiently despite adverse conditions. This event provided a further trial of Weston Park as a venue for large regattas. Committee members reported that there had been much favourable comment about Weston Park as a spectator venue and regatta management centre. Canberra Centenary pontoons - 6 of these polyethylene pontoons moored near the Carillion are for sale. Geoff Northam has inspected them and agrees that they are suitable for boat aligning. Agreed to purchase these from the AMRC budget for \$4,000. BRO Morale – Noted the pressure on BROs due to heavy work schedule at the end of the season with several multi-day events. Appropriate recognition for their efforts was discussed. It was agreed that the Executive Officer should canvas dates with Geoff Northam for a BRO function to be held soon after the AMRC regatta.

**Treasurer's Report:** Detailed report circulated (Attached). Treasurer drew the committee's attention to the contribution to regatta entry fees by Marist College rowers, \$12,000 income from ISRA regatta and satisfactory debt level. Treasurer is exploring options for audit of Association's accounts.

**2013 Australian Masters Rowing Championships:** Executive Officer reported that catering arrangements are finalised and that budget is firming up. Meeting noted 8% of entry fee administration charge by Regatta Central. The amount of the levy on the event by Rowing Australia remains to be finalised. Executive Officer is liaising with Rowing Australia on course and finish tower arrangements. Meeting discussed arrangements for payment of accounts for the event.

**State Teams for Interstate Regatta:** Executive officer reported that the teams have been announced apart from Queen's Cup crew with cox selection to be resolved. Men's VIII crew and Women's Lightweight 4x crew are training.

**State Masters' Teams:** VIII selection remains unresolved in view of some nominees not making themselves available for either a composite crew selection process or a race off between existing crews. Trials for other crews are proceeding. Committee resolved that selection of the Men's VIII will be determined by a race on Saturday 6 April at 0800. The quad sculls will be determined by a scullers' time trial on Thursday 14 March at 0630.

In relation to claims put to the Committee in relation to the Rowing Australia Member Protection Policy, the Committee endorsed the selection process including the initial selection panel.

**ACTAS Rowing Unit Head Coach:** Meeting noted that Rowing Australia will not be in a position to proceed on the appointment before early April when it will have advice on its funding for 2013-14. Agreed that RACT and ACTAS should advise RA of their wish to advertise the position as soon as possible.

**Executive Officer:** Committee recorded its appreciation of the efforts of Executive Officer James Hammond in ensuring a highly successful regatta season.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.12 pm

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