



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

ACT Sports House, Hackett
Wednesday 6 November 2013 at 6.30pm

Present: D. Bagnall (Chair), V. McMahon, P. Davoren, B. Burbidge, A. Butorac, J. Hammond. M. Treglown (Operations Manager – Rowing Australia), C. Smith (President and Chairman – Rowing Australia)

Apologies: N. Hunter, D. Wright, V. Newman.

Review of Governance of Rowing Australia

The chairman welcomed the attendance of Colin Smith and Matt Treglown to the meeting for the purpose of briefing the committee on the issues raised by the review and the options for Rowing Australia's response. Mr Smith outlined the major findings of the review and the mandatory principles underlying the review. He spoke of the issues raised by the assumption of powers by RA in accordance with mandatory principles in areas which had been seen as the responsibility of state bodies.

The committee took the opportunity to raise a number of matters of particular concern to ACT Rowing including the process for determining the timing and location of Masters' championships and of the effectiveness of national programs such as Adopt a School.

The chairman thanked the RA officers for their presentation and the meeting resumed.

Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on 2 October 2013 were read and confirmed.

Matters Arising: The committee noted that the media debate concerning the proposed slipway on Black Mountain Peninsula had subsided.

President's Report: The association is closely involved in the Rowing Australia Governance Review in examining the implications for RACT and considering the position of other jurisdictions.

Treasurer's Report: Report circulated. We have about \$215K cash with no significant accounts payable or accounts receivable outstanding. The Treasurer noted that the 2013 Winter Time Trials had been a financial success. There were 779 entries in the first regatta for the season.

Executive Officer Report: Yarramundi Medals - Martin Sessions is developing a program to automatically calculate medal winners and the rowers of the year. Regatta Subcommittee - Standard order of events has been finalised. RSC is now working on the order of championship events. Executive Officer will advise on the structure of a possible rower of the year competition. Grants - An application has been submitted for triennial funding of \$45k per annum. Capital grant funding has also been sought for an engineer to design attachment points for boat launching pontoons in Weston Park. There are warranty issues with the pontoon manufacturers concerning failed welds on the pontoon gangways. State Teams - Calls for applicants for ACT crews in the 2014 interstate regatta will come out shortly with arrangements for training prior to selection in January. Joint Facility - CB Richard Ellis report *Black Mountain Peninsula Preliminary Planning Report* has been published. Residual funds could be used to complete additional stages of the project such as the asbestos investigation identified by the consultants. Adopt a School - Capital Lakes RC is submitting an application based on Telopea Park High School. This application is appropriate given the history of rowing at the school and its close proximity to the Lake and CLRC. Risk Management - Executive Officer has revised the regatta risk management plan. Agreed that risk management becomes a standing agenda item for committee meetings. Consultation - Committee agreed that a meeting between the clubs and the committee be held as soon as possible after the last regatta to discuss any issues raised to date with regattas and other aspects of rowing operations.

Meeting Closed: 8.54 pm

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Chairman
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