



**MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
ACT Sports House, Hackett  
Wednesday 9 January 2013 at 6.30pm

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

**Apologies:** N. Hunter, D. Wright

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting on 3 December 2012 were read and confirmed.

**Matters Arising:** D. Bagnall reported on his attendance at the corporate rowing event in December. He said that it seemed successful as a social occasion but that rowing events could be strengthened through a more coordinated approach involving early consultation with the Association. The rowing events would attract greater support with a lower entry fee for rowers who could do without the corporate hospitality. Administrative Officer would follow-up at meetings with event organisers. Inclusion of the Head of the Molonglo was discussed. There is some interest in starting this event on the Molonglo at Duntroon.

**Executive Officer Report:** Joint Rowing Triathlon Facility – EO will circulate the latest draft of the Black Mountain Peninsula report by CBRE. State of Origin Rule – The future of the state of origin rule has been referred to a subcommittee of Rowing Australia. One consideration in reviewing the rule is its impact on entries in races at the national regatta and, consequently, the attractiveness of these events for television.

**2013 Australian Masters Rowing Championships:** The new Rowing Australia Masters Commission is in place with Susan Linacre as the ACT representative. As chair of the organising committee, Ann Landrigan is an *ex officio* member of the Commission. Some uncertainties remain in the event budget pending resolution of the cost of several major budget items. Once these are settled a profit sharing arrangement will be negotiated with Rowing Australia.

The regatta will have the same list and sequence of events as at the Ballarat. Seven lanes will be used. NZ regatta course authority, Chris Johnson, has expressed positive views on the suitability of the Yarramundi Reach course.

**ACTAS Head Coach Position:** This position will be advertised at the end of January. Executive Officer reported that there has been a meeting with ACTAS and Rowing Australia at which there was considerable attention given to the financial contribution by RACT. As

2013 is a financially challenging year for RACT it would be difficult to contribute. This could be reviewed were there to be a strong. One possible form of contribution could be support to ACT clubs that assist the elite development pathway.

It was agreed that D. Bagnall will be the RACT representative on the joint management committee for the ACTAS rowing unit.

**Youth Olympics:** Requirements for participation have been set out in the nomination form, including the liability of the athlete for the \$150 seat fee. RACT pays for certain items of uniform with the remaining expenses to be met by team members.

**Masters Representative Crews:** There has been one nomination for selector from Geoff Brown.

**Treasurer's Report:** Circulated report was accepted. Meeting noted the low level of accounts receivable. Chairman will discuss future auditing arrangements with Roger Grylls. The Treasurer, in reviewing the debit card arrangement, indicated that it was working very well as BROs were no longer having to meet expenses up front and RACT was not having to deal with delayed and accumulated claims. The Committee noted its trust in the BRO network in claiming expenses and that it was essentially an honour system for a very hard working group. The Executive Officer indicated that he was continuing to collect receipts notwithstanding that they generally showed no more than was evident from the debit card statement.

**ACT State Team:** The Executive Officer reported that there seemed to be sufficient nominations for a men's VIII and the possibility of a women's VIII depending on whether priority would be given to this event or the women's youth VIII. Similarly, there is the possibility of a women's lightweight IV, depending on what other ACT crews are entered.

### **Other Business**

**Visit by UK Rowing Team:** Mr David Tanner, Performance Director of British Rowing, will be visiting Canberra to make preparations for the UK team's training camp on the Lake prior to the Sydney World Cup Regatta. It was agreed that media coverage of his visit would be helpful in promoting the Lake as a world class training venue. Chairman would consider the media opportunities, including the possible participation of Minister Lundy .

**Bracing of pontoons:** Meeting noted that the anchor points of the pontoons were under stress from prevailing winds. Executive Officer will consider options for bracing the stays securing the pontoons to the bank.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.00pm

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