

RA Masters Commission – Minutes

Monday 18th February 2014, 6.00pm AEDT

Attendees: John Whiting, David Eichler, Mark Mussared, Fenton Jones, Nikki McAllen, Susan Linacre, Alan Nicoll, Cameron Allen

Apologies:

N/A: Charles Lloyd-Jones

1. John Whiting welcomed all to the meeting

2. **Australian Masters Championships – Principles and Standards/Order of Events Review**
 - a. John proposed confirming the desired principles and standards from the Masters Community for the AMC prior to looking at Order of Events as they would affect decisions surrounding the OoE. Mark commented that most principles and standards, besides from examples like time of day and lanes used, shouldn't affect the OoE, and there was general agreement. It was thus decided that there would be two working groups working simultaneously.
 - i. Order of Events Sub-committee – formed by Alan, Susan and Fenton. It was proposed to use the principles outlined in the Chris Grummitt proposal as a good starting point. Susan also suggested it is desirable to only get public consultation on principles, rather than specific race days and times. The sub-committee proposes to devise a time line and look at the process and advisory experts that could be involved via email and meet in Adelaide prior to the AMC.
 - ii. It was decided John and Nikki would meet in Melbourne to discuss, and then send ideas to Mark and David for feedback given their most recent experience with the AMC. Cost drivers for the event is seen as a major discussion point. Mark commented that they are very variable per venue, but still work documenting.

3. **Commission Membership**
 - a. John noted that Rowing QLD will be submitting potential replacements for Phil O'Dwyer on the Commission.
 - b. John advised that at the end of 2014 he would be looking to step down as Chair of the Masters Commission which will see two years in the role, and has advised Andrew Dee as such. He requested all members start to think about potential replacements that should come from within the Commission with approval from RA CEO and President. A rough turn-over of 1/3 of Commission members is seen as desirable to ensure the Commission does not stagnate. Alan noted that succession planning was very desirable for a vital role like Chair of the Commission.

4. Australian Masters Championships Update

- a. David noted that the venue looked very good and all was progressing very well in that regard.
- b. An electrical contractor had been engaged, and part of the brief was to ensure emergency power was available for timing and finish systems to ensure no loss of productivity should there be a power outage.
- c. A traffic plan had been finalised, including a lane of traffic closed during heavy trailer bump-in and bump-out times.
- d. David noted that a Regatta Doctor had not been confirmed. Several options were mentioned external to Adelaide, for the OC's follow-up should a suitable person is not found in Adelaide.
- e. Mark commented that the RegattaCentral page was being constantly updated with information, especially ahead of entries opening in less than two weeks.
- f. David asked about the likelihood of the WRMR Passport booth being required. John commented that it required FISA's confirmation, and until that time assume it is not happening. If it was to happen a booking would be required ASAP.
- g. Susan noted that there had been a problem in 2013 with the very late requirement for competitors to agree to various conditions related to the regatta, some of which had privacy implications, and that this needs to be thought out earlier for 2014, and privacy implications should be in line with the RA Privacy Policy. In addition, participants in 2013 were only given the choice of making their email details available to enable them to receive information on changes during the regatta, if they also agreed to the email being available for other uses for example marketing. Seeking consent for these two sets of uses should be separated out for 2014 and beyond.

5. Other Business

- a. N/A

6. Next meeting – Monday 17th March, 6.00pm AEDT

7. Close of meeting – 6.53pm