



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

YMCA Sailing Club, Yarralumla Bay
Wednesday 16 December 2015 at 6.30pm

Present: D. Bagnall (Chair), A. Butorac, V. McMahon, P. Davoren, N. Hunter, R. Curtin, J. Williams, M. Cusack (Executive Officer).

Apologies: C. Bowyer, P. Marshall.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2015 were read and confirmed.

Matters Arising: YMCA has given a presentation to the Lake User's Group (LUG) on its program of activities on Yarralumla Bay. Experience to date has indicated that this program will not inconvenience rowing users of Yarralumla Bay. ACT Water Police have suggested that in the event of any conflict, the program could be moved a short distance to a less heavily used part of the Lake. Matter of definition of "full participant" for the purpose of determining the level of Rowing Australia affiliation fee has been resolved.

President's Report: New BMRC Boatshed - The presentation by John Gasson to the LUG was well received although some criticism could still come from those opposed to any building around Lake Burley Griffin. The next step for Rowing ACT in pursuing our interest in the current BMRC boatshed is to commence discussions with the club and the NCA concerning the lease. Re-design of Regattas – Entry statistics and low interest in volunteering suggest that changes are required to the format of regattas to reduce them to a manageable size. Proposed changes could be submitted to the 2016 Regatta Subcommittee. As we are settling our regatta program before the Sydney schools there have been avoidable event clashes that have reduced participation in ACT regattas. There have also been cases of local schools not participating in ACT regattas when they were clearly able to do so. This is disappointing for the schools that do support the local competition.

Treasurer's Report: Circulated report was received. It shows that accounts receivable remain at an acceptable level. From November onwards income should exceed expenses as we come into the revenue end of the season. Treasurer noted that, on the advice of the auditors, one of our major expenditures for the year - installation of the pontoons, will not show up in the profit and loss statement other than when depreciation is accrued at the end of the year.

Treasurer provided a report on seat fee income noting that there had been a decrease compared with previous seasons. Much of this is due to reduced big boat entries.

Executive Officer's Report: Rescue of Crew – EO reported on an incident in Central Basin where a swamped crew required the assistance of the Water Police. The implications of this incident will be considered once a report has been received from the Club concerned.

Coach Boat Use – there have been a number of instances of inconsiderate use of coach boats. This suggests a need for further advice to clubs, especially school clubs, about their responsibilities to other Lake users when using motor boats.

Risk: Consideration of this item was deferred in view of the absence of P. Marshall who has responsibility for the Risk Management Plan. There was discussion of RACT's role in safety given the roles of clubs and boat race officials. It was agreed that safety be a standing agenda item at Board meetings.

Masters Selection Policy: The draft policy was tabled and adopted.

Meeting Closed: 7.23 pm

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Chairman
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