



## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

YMCA Sailing Club, Yarralumla Bay  
Wednesday 27 July 2016 at 6.30pm

**Present:** D. Bagnall (Chair), P. Marshall, N. Hunter, P. Davoren, R. Curtin, A. Chinn, J. Williams.

**Apologies:** C. Bowyer, V. McMahon, M. Cusack.

**ACT Masters Games Event Presentation:** B. Prout attended at the invitation of the Board to discuss the concept of a biennial ACT-based Masters Games event to be held in March. This initiative was prompted by the recent failures of the ACT to attract the current Masters Games because of the large financial incentives offered by State Governments. The concept sets a minimum eligibility criterion of 100 participants for each sport. Over 50 sports are anticipated to join. Individual sports would retain entry fees and bear the cost of staging their event. Event organisation could assist with event-wide needs such as welcoming function, medals and publicity. Board advised Mr Prout that ACT Rowing supports the concept.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of 15 June 2016 were read and confirmed.

**President's Report:** President reported on progress of the Regatta Subcommittee and commended the RSC on its willingness to raise difficult ideas in order to make the program more manageable for BROs and the races more competitive. In particular proposals by T. Trobe and S. Dunphy were welcomed. He noted that there is some uncertainty about the level of schools support for the local competition, making it difficult to predict their needs. Some schools were hesitant to commit to regatta dates. A. Chinn has estimated that sculling events take up to 2.5 hours in the current regatta format. A fair way of reducing this time needs to be developed. Advisory nature of the RSC gives the Board the opportunity to adjust proposals that impact adversely on RACT objectives including revenue expectations.

**Director of Finance's Report:** This report was submitted by email. It showed that Clubs continued to perform well in paying invoices with low accounts receivable outside of normal payment terms.

**Annual General Meeting:** Agreed that meeting be held on 24 August 2016. Board members up for election are A. Chinn and N. Hunter. The terms of Board appointees P. Marshall and J. Williams expire at the AGM.

**High Performance Submission:** D. Bagnall and N. Hunter reported on the HP Pathway submission to Rowing Australia which has been greatly improved through greater ACTAS involvement and a much greater level of detail in how the pathway will operate and be supported.

**Review of Progress Against Strategic Priorities:** Strategic Priority 1 was discussed. Agreed that ACTAS camps open to all rowers in their last year of school are an effective means of improving rower retention. Agreed that the initiative of providing member clubs with the “tools and guidance to improve their (administrative) capacity ...” is one better handled within clubs and is already addressed by most clubs. The coaching initiative is largely on track through the conduct and fine tuning of coaching accreditation courses. BRO initiative must be assessed as a work in progress in view of recent difficulties in staffing BRO rosters.

**Presentation Event:** A successful trophy/pennant presentation for the 2015-16 season and fundraising event was held at University House on 2 July 2016. Overall, \$4,000 was raised for ACT’s international representatives. An estimated 75-80 people attended. Agreed that event should be more widely promoted in 2017.

**1997 Kings Cup:** A Chinn mentioned that the 20 year anniversary of ACT’s victory in the King’s Cup comes up in 2017 and is worthy of celebration, preferably with the attendance of all of the crew.

**Safety:** There were no reported incidents. Meeting agreed that the hazards of cold water rowing require reiteration.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.20pm

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Chairman

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