



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

YMCA Sailing Club, Yarralumla Bay
Wednesday 19 October 2016 at 6.30pm

Present: D. Bagnall (Chair), N. Hunter, P. Marshall, J. Williams, A. Chinn, P. Davoren, C. Bowyer, V. McMahon, M. Cusack.

Apologies: R. Curtin.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 28 September 2016 were read and confirmed.

Matters Arising: Discussion of role of RACT in indoor rowing. It was agreed that state rowing bodies should own this event rather than Rowing Australia. Timing of impending event in November is problematic given other priorities such as the Head of the Yarra but apparently unavoidable. Noted that CCEGGS aquatic centre and a gym in Gungahlin have already been identified as venues. Bespoke Pathways funding for the ACT of \$168,000 has been advised with potential to rise to \$194,000 with a performance component. This is good response by Rowing Australia. Dr Randell is currently finalising the ACT program.

President's Report: President will be unable to attend the Rowing Australia forum on 12 November. P. Davoren to attend. **BRO Boat Replacement** - There could be NCE coaching boats available consequent upon the move of the women's program to Penrith. N. Hunter has flagged our interest with the AIS with a view to replacement of the "Daisy Boat". BROs to be kept in the loop. **Boathouse Update** – Outstanding actions all within the responsibility of ACT Government agencies. Commitment of other parties remains firm.

Treasurer's Report: Report circulated. Seat fee report shows that RACT is performing well against previous years but down on the 2014-15 peak. Accounts receivables continue to show good performance by Clubs.

Board Skills Audit: P. Marshall reported on the outcome of the skills audit and led a discussion of the results. The Board noted the outcome of the audit and agreed to target skill areas in which there was a shortfall when recruiting candidates for the 2017 Board elections. Meeting agreed that further audits should be held each year to review the balance of skills available to the Board. Inbalance in female representation will be addressed in the context of mandatory gender balance requirements. President exhorted members to identify potential new RACT board members from within the membership of their clubs.

Executive Officers Report: **BRO Recruitment** - BRO seminars to be held this weekend (22-23 October) with particularly good representation from Radford, CCEGGS and CLRC and a high level of female representation. **Regatta Season** – regatta equipment and the officials are

well prepared. BRO trailer has recently been renovated. Level 2 Course - 5-6 vacancies for this course remain. Course will proceed on 30 October and 5-6 November.

Review of Progress against Strategic Priorities: Strategic Priority 1 (Grow Awareness, Participation and New Opportunities) was discussed. Noted that in relation to schools, Adopt a School Program is being phased out and that the main opportunity is now through the Sporting Schools Program. Data is needed on retention of rowers from school programs in the ACT. Such information is being sought at the State level by RA. BRO objective now being met following recent interest in BRO induction. Progress on Indoor Rowing activity satisfies the New Products focus area.

Safety: Meeting discussed a letter complaining about crews not following specified traffic flows. The meeting noted that, at this time of the year, there are many novice crews on the water still learning the rules. More experienced crews should remember this when responding to perceived infringements of traffic rules. They should also bear in mind their responsibilities under the Rowing Australia Code of Conduct. It is impracticable for Rowing ACT to actively police the traffic rules but RACT would welcome evidence of infringements (e.g. photos) so that incidents can be raised with the clubs concerned. V. McMahon noted that text concerning the role of the overtaking crew on the NCA traffic map is wrong and that this should be corrected.

Other Business: Marathon – There were an unacceptable number of collisions at choke points on the race course following from reckless and inconsiderate behaviour by a few crews. Remedial measures including more detailed race briefing and separation of different classes of boat at turning points to be considered by the Regatta Subcommittee. Regatta Event Program – This will need to be kept under review in the light of experience in the first few regattas.

Meeting Closed: 8.20pm

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Chairman

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