

**MINUTES OF THE 53rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ROWING ACT HELD AT THE YMCA SAILING CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST 2017 AT 6.30 PM.**

**PRESENT:** D. Bagnall, V. McMahon S. Reynolds, R. Curtin (BMRC), A. Chinn, D.Ninham (CRC), C. Bowyer (CLRC), N. Hunter, J. Williams, A. McKenzie, (ANUBC), J. Martin, B. Mason, M. Kelly (Daramalan), G.Bergman (RMC), S. Dunphy (Marist), V. Spencer (Radford), C. Pipjers, P. Marshall (CGGS), M. Halpin (CGS), L. Langdon, D. Styman (LTRC), N. Garratt, J. O'Brien (RACT)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

**APOLOGIES:** P.Davoren (CRC), R. Domaschenz (ANU)

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting held on 24 August 2016 were read and confirmed.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** The 2016-17 Annual Report was presented to Member Clubs for consideration. The Chairman thanked P. Davoren for his significant contribution to the Board, on which he had served continuously for the previous 14 years after an initial stint on the former ACTRA Committee in 1967. The Chairman thanked R. Curtin for his service on the Board. He noted the additional workload for Rowing ACT after having taken on the Pathways Performance Program from ACTAS. S. Reynolds commented on BMRC shed timing and handover issues and S Dunphy commented on the implementation of the new grading system.

**AUDITED ACCOUNTS:** Director of Finance V. McMahon presented the audited statement of accounts for 2016-17 and referred to his Director of Finance report, circulated the previous week, which had summarised the key financial outcomes. He noted that by far the most significant event was the assumption of the ACT Pathways Performance Program (ACTPP) which had increased employees from 1 to 3 and turnover from less than \$0.4m to over \$1m in a full year. He explained the breakdown of funds between Rowing Australia, ACTAS and Rowing ACT noting that for the 2017-18 standard financial year, RACT would be receiving ACTAS funds for the first time. Allowing for the impact of the ACTPP, whose funds were separate, and for Rowing Australia's compensation for not rotating the hosting of the Australian Championships, he indicated that the underlying profit for the last two years was around \$30k which was the long-term average. He stated that the cash reserves were healthy but would be required in the future for the acquisition and fit-out costs of a shed and the development of Weston Park. He thanked the clubs for their cooperation during the year.

**AFFILIATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ROWING CLUB TO ROWING ACT (ADFRC):** The meeting considered a motion that an application by ADFRC for membership of Rowing ACT be accepted. G. Bergman spoke to the reasons why ADFRC was applying for affiliation to Rowing ACT. R. Curtin asked if there would be an insurance risk to Rowing ACT if ADFRC rowers were based outside of the ACT. The Chairman noted the national insurance scheme covered this risk. The motion was accepted.

**ELECTION TO THE BOARD:** Nominations were received from V. McMahon, D. Styman, B. Mason and N. Latimer for 3 Board vacancies. D. Bagnall was the only nomination for President and therefore his term was renewed via the operation of the Rules.

V. McMahon, D. Styman and B. Mason were elected to the Board.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 7:05pm

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