



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
YMCA Sailing Club, Yarralumla Bay
Wednesday 18 November 2015 at 6.30 pm

Present: D. Bagnall, N. Hunter, R. Curtin, V. McMahon, J. Williams, C. Bowyer, M. Cusack (Executive Officer).

Apologies: P. Marshall, A. Butorac, P. Davoren

Minutes: Minutes of October Board meeting were agreed.

President's Report: D. Bagnall reported that the first two standard regattas of the season have been successful and referred to fairly extensive feedback on improved user experience resulting from the installation of pontoons at Weston Park.

D. Bagnall also reported that he, M. Cusack and A. Chinn will be meeting before the end of the week to discuss the process of draw development. D. Bagnall noted the significant administrative time being spent attempting to accommodate orphaned crews. Often these crews are placed in like events as 'invitational' entries. The meeting later this week will discuss procedure around the appropriate handling of orphaned crews.

Director of Finance Report: Balance sheet and a P&L statement were circulated before the meeting. Accounts receivables are low. The RACT Auditor advised that all of the expenditure associated with the installation of the pontoons at Weston Park would best be treated as capital and as such it will not be reflected in the P&L statement other than through increased depreciation.

Executive Officer Report: M. Cusack attended the State CEO's meeting with Rowing Australia (RA) in Adelaide the day prior to the meeting. He updated the Board on:

- The Rowing Australia High Performance, Pathways and Participation Frameworks currently under development;
- The development of Risk Management Guidelines by RA for use by States and Clubs;
- The National Database Project which has taken a major step with the announcement of Rowing Victoria that they will be moving from ROMS to Rowing Manager in 2016;
- The review of the RA's Coaching Accreditation Program and movement towards online delivery of the Program in partnership with Griffith University; and
- The development of an Australian Sports Foundation Fundraising Strategy for seat fees associated with Under 23 and Junior National Representatives.

Tinny Use on LBG: A BMRC member raised with RACT the issue of numerous groups, particularly schools, not abiding by the RACT Use of Tinnies Protocol when navigating the Rowing Course for morning training. Although the protocol is in the By-laws, on the website for visiting crews and is regularly communicated with coaches, the Board decided to contact Clubs seeking their views on how to achieve compliance with the Protocol by their coaches.

RACT Boat House Update: D. Bagnall advised the meeting that he and J. Gasson (BMRC) will be presenting the boat house proposal to the Lake User Group on December 2nd.

YMCA Proposal: Prior to the meeting the following documents were circulated to the Board:

1. A proposal sent to RACT by the YMCA for extend the range of activities offered at our Aquatic Recreation Centre by launching a kayak and stand up paddle board rental service (To operate during the day on weekends) and;
2. Responses from CGGS and ACTAS to this proposal after distribution to Yarralumla Bay Clubs (No other responses were provided by Yarralumla Bay Clubs).

The meeting agreed that D. Bagnall would write to the NCA requesting that the proposed recreational activities be primarily conducted in the afternoons to avoid conflict with rowers. If any Yarralumla Bay clubs have further objections to the proposal RACT will recommend they be forwarded directly to the NCA.

RACT Pontoons: D. Bagnall advised the meeting that RACT appeared to have been over-invoiced for the pontoons and the Board affirmed that over payments would not be made without a clear indication that RACT was liable. The Board agreed that D. Bagnall would pursue the invoiced amounts with the contractors.

State Team: M. Cusack advised the meeting that there has been a steady flow of nominations for the 2016 RACT Interstate Team. M. Cusack also noted that RACT should begin the development of the Masters State Selection Policy. D. Bagnall and M. Cusack will meet to discuss this.

Other Business: V. McMahon advised the meeting that RA has asked RACT to provide the number of 'Full Participants' are registered with RACT for invoicing their State Affiliation Fees. This is new nomenclature which does not appear to have been defined under the new RA Constitution but that the better view would be that it meant the same as competitive members under the former Constitution. It was agreed that M. Cusack should contact Rowing NSW and Rowing VIC for their views and liaise with V. McMahon on numbers for payment.

Meeting closed 8:15pm

Executive Officer
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