



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

YMCA Sailing Club, Yarralumla Bay
Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 6.30pm

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

Apologies: R. Curtin.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 15 March 2017 were read and confirmed.

High Performance Report: R. Domaschenz reported as A/g Head Coach and gave a detailed account of the activities of the High Performance Program (HPP) including status of staff and athletes. Meeting discussed the RACT's responsibilities for the HPP now it employs its staff and noted that this would involve significant additional operating risks. Responsibility for some important aspects of HPP such as fleet maintenance need to be clarified. V. McMahon discussed the "at risk" component of HPP funding and the relationship between funding and performance – meeting athlete targets. This suggests that RACT must be involved in key operational decisions of the HPP. Board agreed that where RACT is taking on additional administrative responsibilities it must receive the resources that go with them. Board acknowledged R. Domaschenz's capable management of the HPP.

President's Report: ACT crews performed well at the National Regatta. R. Domaschenz had a particularly successful regatta as a coach. The regatta raised some heat issues for further events held at this time of year at the SIRC course.

Director of Finance Report: Report circulated. Significant receivables (\$129k) but mostly in the 0-30 day category. Director of Finance outlined recovery actions. A draft HPP budget was presented. Draft financial accounts for the year will be presented to the May meeting.

Executive Officer Report: EO reported on the meeting of State Executive Officers held during the National Regatta. Useful exchanges and information provided on compulsory coach accreditation, standard volunteer agreements and the RA communications strategy. Winter Time Trials – all necessary approvals have been sought for the 2017 WTTs. Regatta Subcommittee – Meeting agreed to appoint Tom Trobe as chair. The Board expressed its gratitude to Simon Dunphy as outgoing chair for the constructive atmosphere in RSC deliberations. EO has met Stephen Croot and will seek his assistance on a commercial basis in adjusting Rowing Manager to streamline operation of the RACT grade system. He has

done similar work for Tasmania. Charity Regatta – ADFA and RMC are interested in staging a regatta on 5 August 2017 as a lead-in to the local season. There is some doubt about support for a regatta at this time. Awaiting further details.

Boathouse Update: Board agreed that Rowing ACT would be willing to take over the lease of BMRC's current boatshed site with its improvements, subject to satisfactory terms being agreed on transfer of the lease.

Safety: There have been many reports of Intensive Training Centre crews rowing on the wrong side of the Lake. This will be raised informally with the coaches by the President with follow-up if necessary. Yarralumla Bay clubs need to remind their members of the right of way of crews proceeding east from the White Poles.

BRO Recruitment: Board agreed that additional volunteer boat drivers would enable qualified BROs to concentrate on their BRO duties. V. McMahon suggested that volunteers be sought from the general community to take on driving duties. This would be attractive to some boat drivers who would otherwise not have the opportunity to drive on the Lake. Meeting noted that boat driving qualifications sometimes encouraged volunteers to take on the role of BROs. It was agreed to offer R. Domaschenz a three month contract to bridge the period before an appointment is made.

Assistant Pathways Coach Duties and Package: Meeting agreed that it is necessary to advertise the position. Successful candidate would receive a salary package plus an allowance (\$5,000) for taking on administrative tasks that might otherwise fall to RACT staff and Board. Final call on staffing arrangements rests with the Pathways Program Head Coach and cannot be settled until he commences. Meeting resolved that RACT will ensure that all HPP members are members of Rowing ACT Clubs. It seems that some athletes have not been club members and were unaware that they should be.

Presentation Event: Planning is well advanced. Changes recommended to catering arrangements have been adopted. The winner of the successful photo competition will be announced at this event.

Other Business: Capital Lakes Rowing Club boatshed will be opened by Minister Yvette Berry on Friday 28 April. EO will publicise through the RACT website.

Meeting Closed: 8.35pm

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