



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Brumbies Board Room, UC Campus

Monday 15 January at 6.30pm

- Attendees:** David Bagnall (Chair), Jacqui Williams, Josh O'Brien (Executive Officer), Nick Garratt (ACTHPP), Vince McMahon (Director of Finance), Peter Marshall, Bill Mason, Alison Chinn (Regatta Secretary), Nick Hunter, Deb Styman (Secretary).
- Apologies:** Catherine Bowyer, Vince McMahon (phoned in for seat fee discussion).

1. Minutes of the November meeting were accepted. (no December meeting occurred)

2. Matters arising:

Cancelled Regatta Seat Fees

- The Director of Finance phoned in for this discussion. It evolved following concerns raised by a few individual members over the imposition of fees following the cancellation of the December regatta.
- The Board considered the matter closely and supported the Director of Finance not making an exception to the By Laws, which were amended to this effect in January 2017 with Clubs being advised at the time.
- The Board agreed that the process undertaken in the event of a regatta cancellation could be considered at the end-of-season Stakeholder Forum.

3. President's Report

- Action from October meeting - Letter to be sent to schools advising of RACT policy on regatta site guidelines (driving over underground water systems etc). Reminder note to go to all members regarding regatta site protocols.
- Action from October meeting - contact Parks ACT regarding Weston Park oak trees and weeds near pontoons. Work in progress. Power supply to Weston Park – we are on the queue for this service.
- Weston Park - 4th pontoon approval for installation has been received.
- Sports grants application outcome still to be confirmed – applied for funding for part payment of pontoon work.

4. Director of Finance Report

- No report received this month due to Treasurer absence.

5. High Performance Report

- Report tabled in hard copy at meeting. Next ACTHP development workshop happening soon and should meet our deadline for outcome by end of January.
- Talent ID coach – difficulty in recruitment discussed.
- When Talent ID Athletes don't meet targets – discussion on how they are managed and returned to clubs.

- Request for NG to include in his future reports the status of the program relative to the RA contract requirements.

6. Exec Officer Report

- Action from October meeting – to develop a RACT Sponsorship Strategy for presentation to the Board. Work in progress.
- Action from October meeting - to check with RA when the revised coaching course is going to be available.
- Noted SIRR promotions commenced today.
- Life Saving have an event on the Sunday of ACT Champs weekend at BMP. Full details on this event to be confirmed.

7. Regatta Secretary Report

- Noted ACT Champs clash with SG Head of the River – various options are being investigated to accommodate school girls and men’s NTC rower preferences.
- Long-term missing trophies have been found and can now be awarded. Trophies found were; Fraser Cup, Shakespeare Cup, Porra Cup & Garran Cup.
- Rowers can source their own grade scores on website now (some have moved up a grade).
- Noted that master’s rower numbers competing this summer season have increased despite the change in the regatta program going to grades.
- Recommendation that a notice go out to clubs reminding of penalties for various regatta infringements (eg correct uniforms, arriving late for races etc), and also a reminder about regatta site rules.
- Discussion on contingency plans for bad weather regattas - alternatives to be explored further and discussed at the end of season regatta view. Suggestion to investigate installation of a hard stand gazebo/shed located at Weston Park Boat Park.
- ACT Championship events – suggestion that the Regatta Sub-committee consider Grade Championship events be included in the ACT Champs schedule or within a separate regatta to cater for the ‘gap’ age group not accommodated for in the current Championships event schedule.

8. Boathouse Update

- New site still awaiting ACT Gov approval.

9. Safety

- Action from October meeting – BROs/tinny drivers to be reminded of using all safety devices. Geoff to include in notice to BRO’s.
- Action from October meeting - Different walls for the Lady Denman finisher’s hut (hinged and locked to roof) to be explored to avoid accidents occurring again with zip sides. NH to investigate and report back to Board. Work in progress carried over.
- Melbourne Grammar visiting LBG currently – traffic issues/washing out etc. Details of incidents to be forwarded to ANU (hosting).

10. Strategic Plan

- Action from October meeting - BM & JW to coordinate distribution of the survey. Work in progress carried over to next meeting.

11. ACT Team Selections

- Draft State Team selection Policy was circulated at the meeting and approved with some modifications. Selectors still to be confirmed.

12. Cancelled Regatta Seat Fees – see Matters Arising.

13. Other Business

- BRO boats stored at personal locations. An Agreement for launches stored privately has been drafted by PM and will be brought to the next meeting.
- Photo competition – no submissions as yet. RACT to send out promo email.
- Geoff Northam report to be tabled at next meeting.

Meeting closed 8.07pm