



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 17th September at 6pm

CGS Rowing Centre

1. Attendees

Board: Kent Peters (President), Tobias Wehr Candler (Vice-President), Peter Wright, Sebastian Lang, Hugo Ellwood (Director of Finance), Catherine Garrington, Alice Arch

Staff: Sarah Davoren (Executive Officer), Dave Fraumano (Head Coach)

Apologies: Jaime Fernandez OLY, Virginia Hayward

Meeting Opened at 6:05pm. Kent Peters welcomed and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, the Ngunnawal people.

2. Register of Interests

Hugo Ellwood noted that he has resigned from the Public Practitioners Panel

Tobias Wehr-Candler noted that he has taken on the role of co-chair of the Rowing in Australia Sustainability Working Group

3. Acceptance of Minutes

a. Minutes from the August Meeting

Minutes from the August board meeting were taken as read and acknowledged. Moved Kent Peters, seconded Peter Wright, all in favour.

b. Outstanding Actions

Outstanding action items were noted in the table, with the board noting that progress is being made on discussions with Black Mountain Rowing Club and the Red Shed as for the potential for Rowing ACT to utilise a bay in the old BMRC shed following the clubs upcoming move to the Red Shed.

4. Director of Finance Report (Hugo Ellwood)

- a. The Cash position remains strong, however the impact of the reduction in ACT Sport and Recreation Funding is now becoming noticeable in the revenue received. The expenditure of the ACT Government's Industry Partnership Program Grant is a key expense for upcoming months:

Action: EO to work with Geoff Northam on key purchases under the IPP grant.

- b. Budget continues to be an ongoing action, with the operational expenses and revenues finalised from the EO and HC.

Action: Hugo Ellwood to finalise budget

- c. Hugo Ellwood briefed the board on the requirements for the IPP grant expenditure to ensure that all are aware of the various reporting requirements that RACT needs to meet.

Kent Peters moved the financial report, seconded Peter Wright, all in favour.



5. Head Coach Report (dial-in)

The Head Coach commented on the strong ACT athlete representation at recent international regattas, inclusive of Nikki Ayers PLY winning Gold in the PR3 Mixed Double Scull at the Paralympics.

The Board congratulates Nikki and Jed Altschwager on their fantastic efforts as Australia's first Paralympic Gold Medallists.

Caitlin McManus-Barrett recently podiumed in the U23 Women's Coxless Four at the U23 World Rowing Championships, claiming bronze, another excellent achievement.

Head Coach commented on the update from Rowing Australia to Pathways Program coaches regarding selection requirements for Underage athletes, noting that Small Boats performances at the Australian Rowing Championships will be a key factor for invitation to trials.

A focus for the Head Coach is to develop coach development opportunities, inclusive of a WhatsApp group and development sessions focusing on different topics for discussion with coaches.

6. Executive Officer Report (Sarah Davoren)

The EO report was taken as read with the Executive Officer noting that the recent University Championships and ACT Indoor Championships both went very smoothly. The EO thanked Catherine Garrington for her work over the past week.

The EO noted the work continues on the CEO projects being the development of a member management system, and the NSOAF working group discussions.

The EO is also continuing discussions on the possibility for National Events to be hosted in the ACT, inclusive of the Australian Masters Games and Australian Masters Rowing Championships.

7. Safety Sub-Committee Report

- a. One incident was reporting during this period, which had the potential for severe injury to individuals. The incident was the result of an individual being unaware of the reverse traffic flow in place for the University Championships and as such colliding head-on with another sculler. The second party was in the water for a reasonable amount of time, and was rescued by an RACT official setting up for Uni Champs. He was seen to by a paramedic on site for the championships and it was noted that he was not far away from suffering severe effects of hypothermia.
- b. The safety received two emails with proposals to consider. One was around the changes to the regatta course, and the second was a request to reconsider the no-wash zone on the regatta course. Regarding the no-wash proposal, the board feels that there is no new reason to reconsider the proposal that was put forward to the Safety Officers meeting in October 2023, and as such has chosen not to reopen this proposal.



Action: Safety Sub-Committee to continue development of safety resources for clubs and schools.

8. Items for Discussion

a. Annual Report progress update

The board considered the annual report as presented in the draft format, and acknowledged the work of Catherine Garrington and the Executive Officer to get it to its current format. The report will be edited and sent to the graphic designer in the coming days.

b. Trophies and Awards

The Executive Officer and Nominations Committee presented the following recommendations for awards for the board's endorsement:

- a) Rower of the Year: Geoff Northam for Official of the Year and Service to Rowing
- b) CBR Sports Awards: Noting that CLRC will nominate Nikki Ayers PLY for Para athlete of the year, the board choose to also nominate Luke McCallum for Para athlete of the year. The board also endorsed the Australian University Championships for Event Excellence
- c) Chief Minister's Award for Inclusion: ACT Veteran's and Families Indoor Rowing Program.

9. Other Business

No other business

Executive Officer departed 7:29pm

10. In camera session

Required