



NSWRA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday 23rd July 2009
Moore Stephens, Sydney

Item	Description
1	<p>WELCOME Andrew Rowley called the meeting to order and welcomed all present at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Present: Andrew Rowley, Norma Perry, Joe Zammit, Stephen Handley, Tim Clare, Owen Nix, Georgie Lee</p> <p>Apologies: Charles Bartlett, Mark Williams SC, Greg James QC</p>
2	<p>CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES That the minutes of the meeting 17th June 2009 be accepted</p> <p><i>Moved: Norma Perry</i> <i>Seconded: Joe Zammit</i> <i>Carried: 39/2009</i></p> <p>Business Arising: nil</p>
3	<p>NSWRA OFFICE REPORT</p> <p>Miss Lee informed the Board that the Presentation Dinner held on Wednesday 24th June went well, with 150 attendees in total. Though smaller in number than 2008, it was still a great evening with presentations to Bronwen Watson and Miranda Bennett; 2008 Women's Lightweight Quad World Champions, Francis Hegerty and Matt Ryan; 2008 Men's Four Olympic Silver Medallists, Kathryn Ross and John Maclean; 2008 Adaptive Double Paralympic Silver Medallists and to Ernest Chapman OAM; NSWRA Life Member, NSWRA Vice President, NSW athlete, coach and retiring Boat Race Official. A raffle was conducted through the course of the evening which was very well supported and eventually won by Joseph Zammit. With the increased number of presentations the loss of the evening was around \$3500.</p> <p>The 2009 Australian Youth Cup was held at SIRC on the 10th – 12th July and overall was a resounding success. While there were small hiccups beyond the control of the organisers, they were dealt with quickly. These hiccups included UWS accommodation lacking heating and hot water for 2 evenings and no medals ordered for the reserve athletes. The overall event ran at a loss; however this was less than the original amount budgeted. The team budget finished up in a similar fashion. Team, racing and event photos had been emailed out to each competing state as well as being on the Rowing NSW Facebook page and website. The Boat Race Officials and volunteers for the regatta were, as always fantastic support and a great regatta was had by all. Results will be covered by Steve Handley in the Selection Panel Report.</p> <p>Memberships at 5pm on the 23rd July 2009 were 588.</p> <p>Aquatic Licences for both the Sydney metropolitan and Hawkesbury region had been sent to NSW Maritime. An additional licence was sent for a small regatta on Blackwattle Bay for Sydney University Women's Rowing Club and the Glebe Society Centenary.</p> <p>Miss Lee thanked her colleagues; Paul Coates, Kellie Neville, Margaret Mackenzie, Richard</p>

	Roach and Emma Schiller and the Board of Directors for their support and hard work in the period without a Chief Executive Officer.
4	<p>ROWING AUSTRALIA</p> <p>Mr. Rowley advised the Board that Mr. Wade Hewett will draft a report for the Board regarding the Rowing Australia Mid Year Meeting and will circulate prior to the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Tim Clare informed the Board that the SSO CEOs should meet to develop and appoint the ROMS Review Committee.</p>
5	<p>FINANCE REPORTS</p> <p>The Director of Finance, Mrs. Norma Perry advised the Board that the finance reports are still being finalised in anticipation of the audit commencing in mid August and as such were not distributed in their regular fashion.</p> <p>The annual surplus is in the vicinity of \$30,000 - \$50,000 with increased membership numbers, well attended regattas throughout the season and the support of the University of Sydney Faculty of Economics and Business. Mrs. Perry will meet with the incoming CEO Mr. Christian Renford shortly after he commences employment with the RNSW; 3rd August 2009 to go over the 2009-2010 season budget.</p> <p>The AIS made late entries into the 2009 Sydney Regatta as Lake Burley Griffin was closed due to algae and as such late fees applied as per normal received entries. The day before the regatta, the lake was reopened so the AIS did not come up for the regatta and still had not paid the invoice for seat fees. The AIS has since asked for this invoice to be waived.</p> <p>It is not standard procedure to refund entries to constituent members. The money in lieu of receipt and based on NSWRA accounting structures, has been dispersed to the appropriate parties; 50% seat fees to the host club (Sydney Rowing Club) (\$140), 50% seat fees to RNSW (\$140) and the late fees to the Stepto Trust.</p> <p>Mrs Perry has requested that representatives of the Kings Cup Committee attend the next Board meeting to discuss the relationship between the RNSW and the Kings Cup Committee.</p> <p>That the Finance Reports be approved:</p> <p><i>Moved: Norma Perry</i> <i>Seconded: Joe Zammit</i> <i>Carried: 40/2009</i></p>
6	<p>2009 SYDNEY WORLD MASTERS GAMES</p> <p>The Chairman of the 2009 Sydney World Masters Games Organising Committee, Mr Joseph Zammit circulated a report as provided by Event Technical Delegate, Mrs Margaret Mackenzie and believes Marg is doing a fantastic job. At the time of the meeting rowing had 1023 individual entries whereas Edmonton had 1076 total – leaving us a week to catch up!</p> <p>The Social Function is in its infancy of development awaiting information from Panthers but the sub committee consisting of Georgie Lee, Margaret Mackenzie, Kim and Charles Lloyd Jones will commence organisation once information is received.</p> <p>Mr. Zammit advised the Board that Coca-Cola is a Gold Level sponsor for the Games and they have requested to be allocated to rowing. It is hoped that an improved relationship between Coca-Cola and NSWRA can be established as an ongoing partnership to support and improve Masters competition.</p> <p>Miss Lee advised the Board that the 2009 SWMGOC had contacted RNSW prior to distributing a letter to the Iron Cove Bay clubs regarding the sailing that will be held on Iron Cove during the Games.</p>

7	<p>SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL REGATTA CENTRE Miss Lee had circulated the June VMAC meeting minutes and results from the hydrogel experiment prior to the Board meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Tim Clare raised the Leichhardt Corporate Regatta to the Board's attention, advising that the day and evening before the scheduled date, 20th September, there will be a music festival on the island at SIRC. Mr. Clare has requested a letter be sent to SIRC asking them to clarify the arrangements with the event organisers. The Corporate Regatta was booked by RNSW in 2008 but is not conducted under the auspices of the Association.</p>
8	<p>NSWIS Mr Stephen Handley advised the Board that interviews had been conducted for 2 people for the NSWIS Head Coach position though no one has been appointed at this stage. Interviews had been conducted for the Program Manager position and the individual is expected to be offered the position.</p> <p>It is hoped that this position will help with development of athletes and coaches and provide ideas on how to retain athletes in the sport. There is a distinct void of entries in B grade events, which is primarily school leavers that needs to be addressed. Development within the clubs, which help develop coaches and athletes, will in turn enable the clubs to be a more successful stakeholder in the sport.</p>
9	<p>DEPARTMENT OF SPORT & RECREATION Nothing to report</p>
10	<p>COMMISSION REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regatta Commission The Chairman of the Regatta Commission Mr. Tim Clare informed the Board that further discussion had been made with Rowing Victoria and the High Performance unit at Rowing Australia in the Edward Trickett Grade Championship Regatta. • Governance & Audit The Chairperson of the Governance & Audit Commission Mrs. Norma Perry informed the Board that the 2008-2009 audit will commence in mid August and that Hon. Greg James QC hoped to circulate the amendments to the Constitution and Rules by the 2009 AGM. • Selection Panel The Chairman of the Selection Panel Mr. Stephen Handley hopes to finalise the 2010 Selection Policy at the Panel's next meeting. It is hoped that coaches will be appointed in September so that there is sufficient time to pursue athletes, attend the time trials and conduct any testing that is required. <p>Mr. Handley advised the Board that NSW performance overall at the 2009 Australian Youth Cup was unexpectedly poor with a bronze in the Women's Pair, two Men's Pair's and the Men's Quad and a silver in the Men's Four. While places were achieved by the reserve athletes, the results did not count toward the overall team pointscore. The selection trials and two training camps that were conducted with a view of winning. Mr. Handley believes that the Panel need to engage the clubs to influence their athletes to vie for State Selection and in return, the Panel need to provide a reason for the athletes to trial.</p> <p>Miss Lee had circulated Team Manager, Nigel Waddell report to the Board would like to thank Nigel, Andrew Randell and the four team coaches Glenn Bates, Mark Prater, Colin Lang and James Macartney for their involvement in the 2009 NSW Team.</p> <p>It is noted that since Mr. Andrew Randell has moved to South Australia, he can no longer be a NSW Selector. Mr. Handley proposes to appoint the NSWIS Program Manager, once they commence employment to be on the Panel.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat Race Officials Commission The Chairman of the BRO Commission Mr. Owen Nix informed the Board that a NSW BRO Assessor Panel meeting had been scheduled for the 30th August 2009 and will report back with outcomes. Facilities & Waterways Commission In the absence of the Chairman of the Facilities and Waterways Commission Mr. Charles Bartlett, the Board will be briefed on the recent activities of the Commission at the next Board meeting. 																		
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12	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Union of Rowers, Dr. Phillip Sharp Vice President nomination The Board acknowledges the nomination received for Dr. Phillip Sharp for Vice President of the NSWRA. Ernest Chapman OAM The Board acknowledges and thanks Mr. Chapman OAM for his letter regarding the presentation he received at the 2009 Presentation Dinner. Patrick McGlynn, Code of Conduct Breach In consultation with Tim Waiman, Ron Beattie and Jessica Wickenden, the Board acknowledge and accept Mr. McGlynn's apology in regards to the Code of Conduct Breach from the Glebe JB Sharp Regatta. 																		
13	<p>The meeting closed at 9.30pm Next meeting on Wednesday 19th August 2009</p>																		
14	<p>APPROVED 23/07/2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;">..... PRESIDENT</p>																		