



BOARD MEETING
Via Teleconference
Wednesday 18 July 2012

MINUTES

Attendees: Ivan Adlam (President), Bryan Weir (Deputy President), Stephen Handley, Chris Noel, Deanna, Fekete, Sam Crosby, and Christian Renford (CEO and Secretary)

Apologies: Bronwen Watson (Leave of Absence), Joe Zammit and Andrew Gannon (Director of Finance)

Visitors: Keith Jameson (Chairman, Regatta Commission) in attendance for agenda item 3.1

1. WELCOME

5:45pm - I Adlam welcomed all to the July Board meeting of Rowing NSW Inc.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

2.1 Previous Meetings Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 20 June RNSW Board Meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Motion Carried

2.2 Business Arising

The CEO tabled the Board action sheet.

A verbal update on the status of pending items to be actioned from previous minutes was provided.

3 BOARD MATTERS

3.1 Regatta Commission

3.1.1 Recommendations for the 2012/13 Season

K Jameson tabled the following recommendations from the Regatta Commission for the start of the 2012-13 racing season

a. Grade ceiling for Masters over 43 years of age

The Regatta Commission recommended that the Board continue as a permanent change to Law of Boat Racing 8 (2) (A) (xi) that was agreed at the June 2011 General Meeting for a trial of one year. The Regatta Commission believes that the one year trial has been a success and that the benefits should be carried forward into the future.

Trialled for the 2011/12 season only	Proposed Amendment
Law 8(2)(A)(ix) Except for competitors who are current Australian representatives in Senior A competition or were representatives in the preceding season, competitors who are over 43 years of age shall have a minimum grade score of 2.25. This Law shall apply for the 2011-2012 season only.	Law 8(2)(A)(ix) Except for competitors who are current Australian representatives in Senior A competition or were representatives in the preceding season, competitors who are over 43 years of age shall have a minimum grade score of 2.25

Motion: To continue Law 8(2) (A) (xi) as a permanent rule change in the Laws of Boat Racing.

Motion Carried

b. Novice Category

After consultation at the Regatta Forum and elsewhere, the Regatta Commission felt that there is a need to have a category in the Grade System to allow those athletes that have never rowed before to have an opportunity to race athletes of similar ability. It was felt that the D grade racing was in advance of many first time rowers and in order to encourage and retain them in the sport a Novice category be created.

The Regatta Commission recommended that the Board adopt a new category; Novice into the Grade system. It was noted that Novice would have a grade score of 4.0 initially and that they were free to enter any other grade event without changing their Novice status. Further their grade score would change in relation to their performance without changing their Novice status.

Existing Law	Proposed Amendment for the 2012/13 season only
	Law 8 (2) (B) (x) NOVICE A novice competitor is one who has not competed in any previous season and who has not won any grade or age race in the current season. There shall be no Novice event at any Championship regatta. This Law shall apply for the 2012-2013 season only.

The meeting discussed the introduction of a Novice category and resolved to support the Regatta Commissions recommendation as a trial for the 2012/13 season only.

Motion: To introduce Rowing NSW Law of Boat Racing 8 (2) (B) (x) NOVICE as tabled as a trial for the 2012/13 season

Motion Carried

The meeting referred to July Board Minute 5.1. The meeting noted the inclusion of Novice scull events in the 2012/13 Schedule of Events and Order of Events as tabled by the Regatta Commission.

The Board supported the Regatta Commissions recommendations, however resolved that no Novice events shall be conducted at any Rowing NSW Championship Regattas.

Motion: To endorse the 2012/13 Schedule of Events and Order of Events as tabled at the July Board meeting subject to the exclusion of any Novice events in all NSW Championship Regattas

Motion Carried

c. Grading of Regional Regattas

K Jameson noted that the Regatta Commission recommended grade scores from regional regattas (CDRA and NRRRA) be counted when establishing a Rowing NSW grade score. The Regatta Commission felt that this was administrative change, rather than a change to the Laws of Boat Racing, that would allow for fairer racing across the state as a whole.

Motion: that the grade scores from all regional regattas be counted when establishing a Rowing NSW grade score.

Motion Carried

Action: T Blower to liaise with S Croot to implement administrative changes within Rowing Manager

d. Grading at Metropolitan Age Regattas

K Jameson noted that there are a number of athletes that compete in age competition but not Grade competitions until the later part of the season in regattas like the Edward Trickett Grade Championship. Their Grade score therefore does not reflect their ability.

The Regatta Commission recommended that Law 8(2) (A) (vii) be deleted and that Law viii be renumbered vii. This change to the laws of Boat Racing will have the effect of all age races being counted in the Grade score for each athlete.

The meeting discussed the recommendation as tabled and resolved to amend the recommendation to reflect the minimum number of clubs entered in a race that shall have an effect on competitor's grade scores

Existing Law	Proposed Amendment
<p>Law 8 (2) (A) (vii) The Board may nominate the regattas at which the results of races may be used to determine or adjust the grade scores of competitors.</p> <p>(viii) Where less than three scullers or crews finish a race the Grade Scores of the crews shall not be affected.</p>	<p>Law 8 (2) (A) (vii) The Board may nominate the regattas at which the results of races may be used to determine or adjust the grade scores of competitors.</p> <p>(vii) Where less than three scullers or crews from at least two clubs finish a race the Grade Scores of the crews shall not be affected.</p>

Motion: To delete Rowing NSW Law of Boat Racing 8 (2) (A) (vii). Law of Boat Racing 8 (2) (A) (viii) be amended and renumbered (vii) as proposed

Motion Carried

e. Check and update Grade scores

The Regatta Commission recommended that the Grade Scores for athletes carried over from the 2011/12 season be reviewed so that their scores reflect the changes in the deletion of Law of Boat racing 8 (2) (A) (vii) be reflected in the 2012-2013 score and further that each athletes grade score be reviewed for any anomalies.

The Regatta Commission felt this was an administrative change only, and does not require any amendments to the Laws of Boat Racing. It would have the effect of fairer racing in the 2012/13 season as it will bring forward the changes recommended to the start of the season rather than allowing a slower transition.

Motion: that the Grade scores for athletes carried over from the 2011-2012 season be reviewed so that their scores reflect the changes in the deletion of Law 8 (2) (A) (vii) be reflected in the 2012-2013 score.

Motion Carried

Action: T Blower to develop an explanatory note on the website to members outlining the administration change

3.1.2 Suggested Amendments to the Laws of Boat Racing – Schoolgirls

K Jameson tabled a paper developed by the Regatta Commission seeking to address inconsistency in eligibility rules and their application throughout the schoolgirl season. The proposed changes are aimed to provide greater administrative clarification for schools regarding students eligibility to compete.

Based upon the current rules for the School Girl Head of the River, the CIS and Regatta Commission proposed the following changes to Laws of Boat Racing.

Existing Law	Proposed Amendment
<p>Law 8. Status Rules – Eligibility To Compete (4) School Competitors</p> <p>(a) A School competitor is one who is a bona fide school student of a registered school and who is under 19 years of age.</p> <p>(b) This definition also applies to the coxswain of a school crew.</p> <p>(c) Grade rules shall apply to school competitors.</p>	<p>Law 8. Status Rules – Eligibility To Compete (4) School Competitors</p> <p>a) A school competitor is one who is a bona fide school student of a registered school and who is under 19 years of age throughout the current season. This definition also applies to the coxswain of a school crew.</p> <p>b) Grade rules shall apply to school competitors.</p> <p>c) Schoolgirl competitors shall be eligible to compete in the following categories:</p> <p>i) Year 8: A Year 8 competitor is one who is currently enrolled in Year 7 at the start of the season (Term 4) and will progress into Year 8 of the respective rowing season for the Head of the River (Term 1).</p> <p>ii) Year 9: A Year 9 competitor is one who is currently enrolled in Year 8 (or below) at the start of the season (Term 4) and will progress into Year 9 (or below) of the respective rowing season for the Head of the River (Term 1).</p> <p>iii) Year 10</p>

	<p>A Year 10 competitor is one who is currently enrolled in Year 9 (or below) at the start of the season (Term 4) and will progress into Year 10 (or below) of the respective rowing season for the Head of the River (Term 1).</p> <p>iv) Open An open competitor in School competitions is one who is currently enrolled in Year 9 or Year 10 or Year 11 at the start of the rowing season (Term 4) and will progress into year 10, year 11 or year 12 of the respective rowing season for head of the River (Term 1).</p> <p>d) Schoolgirls are required to enter their crews in consecutive top down Divisions e.g. Quad 1 entered in Division 1, Quad 2 entered in Division 2 etc</p> <p>e) Schoolgirls may lodge a seeding request. Seeding requests are made directly to RNSW using the appropriate form for consideration PRIOR to the close of entries.</p> <p>f) Schoolgirl competitors may race in more than one event in a regatta, except at the Head of the River where each competitor may only be entered once. All eligibility for each category must be adhered to.</p> <p>g) Schoolgirl coxswains shall carry a maximum of 15kg dead weight in a boat to meet the minimum weight requirement as per rule 8 section 3d.</p> <p>h) Schoolgirl coxswains may cox in as many races as they wish as long as they do not cox “down” a crew.</p>
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The meeting discussed the recommendations as presented by the Regatta Commission.

Motion: to amend the Laws of Boat Racing: 8. Status Rules – Eligibility to Compete as nominated by the Regatta Commission and CIS

Motion Carried

At the time of schoolgirls applying for Rowing NSW membership, Schools will be required to nominate the students school year group that will be incorporated into the membership database

Action: T Blower

B Weir noted that items 3.1.1a, 3.1.1b, 3.1.1d and 3.1.2 are reviewable decisions in accordance with Section 43 (1) (c) of the Rowing NSW Constitution and will not become effective except in accordance with sub-clause (3) or (5) as the case may be.

Action: CEO to send each Constituent Member a copy of the resolutions which sets out the Reviewable Decisions in accordance with Section 43 of the Rowing NSW Constitution

The meeting congratulated the Regatta Commission for their efforts and thanked K Jameson for his time in presenting these recommendations

3.2 Sydney International Rowing Regatta

The President and CEO attended a meeting with Rowing Australia in Canberra on 12 July 2102. Two primary issues relating to the 2013 SIRR were discussed:

a. Organising Committee Chairman, and Organizing Committee Structure

- The RA Board has appointed John Boulton as Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Sydney International Rowing Regatta.
- Additionally the RA Board has appointed Ivan Adlam as the Deputy Chairman of the SIRR OC
- Several operational clarifications and amendments have been made to the Organising Committee, as well as the Event Readiness Report

b. Hosting Arrangement

The CEO tabled the draft hosting agreement for the Sydney International Rowing Regatta between Rowing NSW and Rowing Australia was tabled.

The meeting discussed the draft agreement. Subject to amendments discussed the Board resolved to appoint the CEO to sign the agreement on behalf of Rowing NSW.

3.3 Incoming NSWIS Correspondence

To be held over to the 15 August Board meeting

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 7:45pm.



Ivan Adlam
President



Christian Renford
CEO and Board Secretary

Next Meeting: 15 August 2012 @ 6:30pm (Kirribilli)