



BOARD MEETING
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Kirribilli
Wednesday 20 February 2013 at 6:30pm

MINUTES

Attendees: Ivan Adlam (President), Bryan Weir (Deputy President), Bronwen Watson, Stephen Handley, Deanna Fekete, Miranda Bennett, Sam Crosby and Christian Renford (Secretary)

Apologies: Andrew Gannon

1. WELCOME

6:30pm - I Adlam welcomed all to the February 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 16 January 2013 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 CEO UPDATE

3.1 CEO Report

The CEO report for February was tabled. The report summarised the activities of RNSW programs and initiatives for the period 11 January to 12 February 2013:

a) Regattas

The following regattas were conducted in this reporting period.

	2012		
RNSW Regattas	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Pymble Ladies College	303	787	681
Rowing NSW Small Boats	424	599	306
PLC/Kings/RNSW	536	2055	1473

	2013		
Entries	Seats	Athletes	
277	691	551	
420	586	324	
504	1766	1341	

AHIGS-IGSSA	140	546	641
Balmain Rowing Club	238	583	250
NSW Rowing Championships	1142	3001	1236

148	540	624
321	702	303
1155	2923	1273

	2012		
AAGPS Regattas	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Shore ('12) Newington ('13)	189	956	1118
Newington ('12) SBHS ('13)	142	696	822
The Scots College	126	528	640

2013		
Entries	Seats	Athletes
187	928	1094
124	520	628
159	748	888

	2012		
CDRA Regattas	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Newcastle Grammar School	-	-	-
Endeavour RC	349	742	247

2013		
Entries	Seats	Athletes
399	933	295
451	982	312

	2012		
NRRA Regattas	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Illuka RC	330	542	164
NRRA Age Championships	94	156	49
Tweed Heads RC	239	464	134

2013		
Entries	Seats	Athletes
171	268	82
63	103	34
198	428	131

b) Membership

2010/11 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,146
2011/12 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,646

	Jan'12	Jan'13	Total: 2011/12
Metro Comp	790	785	880
Metro Jnr	1705	1729	1934
Regional Comp	337	386	361
Regional Jnr	367	432	379
Supporting	50	44	78
Official	256	241	261
AAGPS Jnr	478	658	495
Recreational	83	144	151
Patron	80	80	80
	4145	4498	4,649

The membership renewal rate remains ahead of last seasons figures by 353 individuals*

c) Kings and Queens Cup Luncheon

1 March 2013 - The website and online booking form was launched in December. Save the date e-mails were Invitations were sent to members prior to Christmas. More targeted invitations and promotion of the event will be conducted early 2013.

It is expected that all 2013 state team members will attend the luncheon again for free. RNSW has sought the support of the clubs of selected athletes to make

a \$50 contribution / athlete to the ticket price. RNSW will subsidise the remaining \$50 (approx. \$100/head fee set by Four Seasons)

The Luncheon this year will form part of the media and marketing strategy for SIRR. RA have confirmed that the draw for the Interstate Regatta be conducted at Luncheon. This is likely to attract additional mainstream media coverage for the event.

4 FINANCE REPORT

4.1 Finance Report and Balance Sheet

The CEO presented a detailed report on the management of accounts and Balance Sheet as at 31 December. The CEO highlighted scheduling and permanent budget variances, highlighting the following items within each business unit:

- i. Operations – increased income is attributed mainly due to increased hosting arrangements for SIRR. Expenditure for the month is in line with budget for the reporting period and YTD. Year to date the department is slightly behind budget forecast, however is of no concern at this stage.
- ii. Development – Income generating activities in this reporting period attributed to the conduct the Youth Olympics – both NSW Team and the running of the event on behalf of RA. Development expenditure is attributed to the NSW AYOF Team expenditure, staffing and the CDRA camp.
- iii. Administration – income for the reporting period is in line with budget. YTD remains above budget forecast primarily due to increased memberships. Expenditure for January is slightly ahead of budget forecast for the month, however year to date remains behind budget primarily in staffing and administration costs.

Motion: To accept the January Financial Reports as tabled.

Motion Carried

4.2 2012/13 Budget Forecast - Q3 and Q4

The CEO tabled the forecast of the budget for the Q3 and Q4.

The forecast incorporated the actual figures from July 2012 to January 2013, taking into consideration the permanent variances to date:

- Loss of sponsorship income from the Sydney University Business School
- Surplus for the hosting of the 2013 Youth Cup
- Increase in Development Officer staff expenses upon securing a higher calibre Development Officer

5 BOARD MATTERS

5.1 Endorsement of the 2013 State Team

The Selection Panel's recommendation for athletes to represent NSW at the 2013 Interstate Regatta was tabled

The CEO noted that the Competition Commission has reviewed the selection process and endorsed the recommendations of the Selectors.

The CEO noted that the Selectors have attempted to reach logical decisions throughout the process, however did so with often insufficient performance data provided by athletes and coaches as required in the Event Requirements. Compliance remains a problem and needs to be resolved.

Action – Competition Commission to incorporate in review of the 2013 State Team Program

King's Cup

James Chapman - Sydney RC
Francis Hegerty - Sydney University BC
Sam Loch - Sydney University BC
Dan Noonan - Mosman RC
Fergus Pragnell - Sydney University BC
Nick Purnell - Sydney University BC
Matt Ryan - Sydney University BC
Spencer Turrin - Sydney RC
Toby Lister - Cox - Sydney University BC
Matt Edstein (RES) - Sydney RC
Alex Lloyd (RES) - Sydney RC

Queen's Cup (*Further trialling required*)

Elise Andrews - UTS
Caitlin McCormack - UTS
Anna O'Brien - UTS
Sarah Cook - Sydney University Womens
India Evans - Sydney University Womens
Marianna Doumanis - Sydney University Womens
Holly Lawrence - Sydney University Womens
Candice Williams - Sydney University Womens
Renee Kirby - Sydney University Womens
Nicola Metcalfe - Sydney University Womens
Kendall Brodie Cox - Sydney RC

Nell Slatter Cup

Tess Gerrand - Sydney RC

Presidents Cup

Sasha Belonogoff - Sydney University BC

Penrith Cup

Dennis Bernhardsson - Sydney RC
Ed De Carvalho - Sydney University BC
Simon Nola - Sydney RC
Dean Robinson - Sydney RC
Hugh McLeod - (RES) Sydney RC

Victoria Cup

Laura Dunn - UTS RC
Georgia Miansarow - Mosman

Sarah Pound - UTS RC
Jo Wood - Sydney University WRC
Marianna Doumanis (RES) Sydney University Womens

Noel F Wilkinson Cup (*Further trialling for coxswains*)

Harry Foxton- Sydney University BC
Jack Hargreaves - Sydney University BC
Ross Jarvis - Mosman RC
Peter Koster - Sydney University BC
Alex Purnell - Sydney University BC
Jonothan Rundle - Sydney University BC
Ben Scott - Sydney University BC
Nick Wheatley - Sydney University BC
Ben Edwards (RES) - Sydney University BC
Dan O'Malley-Jones (RES) - Sydney RC
Angus Bagby Cox - Sydney RC
Franc Gourlas Cox - Sydney University BC

Bicentennial Cup

Jessie Allen - Mosman RC
Coco Bryant - Mosman RC
Georgie Gotch - Mosman RC
Genevieve Horton - Mosman RC
Rachel Kiely - Mosman RC
Kelly Parker - UTS
Leah Saunders - Sydney RC
Isabella Wells - Mosman RC
India Evans (RES) - Sydney University Womens
Millicent Cheetham (Cox) - Sydney RC

Motion: To accept the 2013 NSW State team as recommended by the Selectors.

Motion Carried

5.2 RA Correspondence - Interstate transfer rules for the Penrith Cup

RA confirmed that the only race that was likely to have fewer than 6 entries at the 2013 Interstate Regatta was the Penrith Cup (LM4-).

Subsequently, the RA Board suggested that an amnesty be applied to the Interstate transfer rules for the Penrith Cup event only in order to accommodate the ACT (being the State/Territory with the fewest indicative Interstate Regatta entries) and enable them to field a crew in that event. The RA Board suggested that the following framework be applied in operating this amnesty:

- That an eligible athlete not selected to row for their State of Origin may elect to row for the ACT in the Penrith Cup event only (if desired by the ACT)
- That an athlete only be permitted to represent one State/Territory on the day of the Interstate Regatta
- That an athlete must otherwise satisfy the criteria for entry into the Interstate Regatta (ie must have lived in an Australian State/Territory for 2 years, etc)

The RNSW Board discussed the RA proposal and value of the State of Origin rules, and the likely effects on the Pointscore towards the Rowing Australia Cup.

We believe it is essential to maintain the integrity of the state of origin concept in the interstate regatta. We are reluctant to compromise those principles.

However in order to achieve RA's objectives for the 2013 SIRR we will agree to the proposed change for the 2013 regatta only.

Action – S Handley to respond to RA accordingly

5.3 CEO Recruitment Process

The President provided a verbal update on the recruitment process for the vacant CEO position.

The President noted the quality of work Sportspeople have completed to date in providing a short list of candidates for the sub committee.

5.4 Circular Resolution - Amendment to M8+ Event Requirements (01/02/13)

The CEO tabled the Board circular resolution to adopt the following Selectors recommendations as endorsed by the Competition Commission, amending the 2013 Event Requirements for the Men 's Interstate Eight.

Motion: To accept the amendment to the 2013 Event Requirements; Men 's Interstate Eight as circulated in the CEO email of 1 February 2013

Motion Carried

6 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

6.1 State Championships Tent Sites

C Noel expressed concern that major NSW clubs weren't allocated priority tent sites at SIRC for the State Championships

The CEO tabled correspondence outlining the online booking and administrative procedure undertaken for SUBC this year. Trailer and icebath sites allocated as requested, however no correspondence was received on tent preference

The meeting confirmed that although this is an operational task administered by the staff and not a matter for the Board, preference for tent sites should be given to clubs that are major financial supporters of Rowing NSW and supporters of the Championships

Action – B Morley

6.1a State Championships

The meeting discussed the 2013 State Championships and was satisfied with the overall conduct of the event. There were however some questions regarding the impact of RA selection activities.

Action – at the conclusion of the season C Noel, I Adlam, A Bennett and the CEO to meet with Rowing Australia and discuss implications of national activities:

- *National team selections*
- *Appointment and coordination of volunteers*

6.2 Drummoyne RC

B Weir provided the meeting with a verbal update on recent activity

6.3 Australian Defence Force

Resultant from the unveiling of the King's Cup Commemorative Plaque at the State Championships a possible opportunity was realised to create a formal relationship between the Australian Defence Force and Rowing NSW

Action – D Fekete, to make contact with ADF. D Fekete to liaise with A Bennett and M Rabjohns

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 8:10pm.



Ivan Adlam
President



Christian Renford
Board Secretary

Next Meeting: 20 March 2013 @ 6:30pm (Kirribilli)