



BOARD MEETING
Sydney Yacht Squadron
Wednesday 16 October 2013 at 6.30pm

MINUTES

Attendees: Ivan Adlam (President), Bryan Weir (Deputy President), Deanna Fekete, Miranda Bennett, Bronwen Watson, Sam Crosby, Chris Noel, Andrew Gannon, and Tony Blower (Secretary)

Apologies: Stephen Handley

Guests: Colin Smith (President Rowing Australia), John Boulton (Deputy President Rowing Australia)

1. WELCOME

6.30pm - I Adlam welcomed the Directors and the representatives of Rowing Australia to the September Board meeting of Rowing NSW Inc.

2. Rowing Australia Governance Discussion

C Smith and J Boulton outlined the changes required to be made the RA constitution to make it compliant with the Sports Commission Mandatory Governance.

Discussion was held with respect to the fact that RNSW may need to look to its own constitutional changes before December 2014 so as to comply with ASC requirements.

Assurances were sought and received as to the necessity for RNSW to maintain autonomy over the business of rowing in NSW notwithstanding any changes to the RA constitution.

Discussion was also held regarding Nationals rotation and the progress of SIRR 2014.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Previous Meetings Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 18 October 2013 RNSW Board Meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Motion; Carried

3.2 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.

4. RNSW PROGRAMS

4.1 Regattas

Five regattas were conducted in the period.

	2012		
RNSW Regattas	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Newcastle Pre IV	101	248	80
Henley on Hunter	218	380	144
Lower Clarence	208	353	88
NSWIS TT	104	104	104
North Shore Head	-	-	-

	2013		
Entries	Seats	Athletes	
163	371	131	
173	305	136	
158	285	86	
137	159	161	
74	97	97	

4.2 Membership Analysis

2010/11 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,146
2011/12 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,649
2012/13 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,757

	September '12	September '13	Total: 2011/12
Metro Comp	492	525	859
Metro Jnr	589	417	1904
Regional Comp	269	272	406
Regional Jnr	222	265	442
Supporting	30	14	52
Official	131	136	256
AAGPS Jnr	245	238	553
Recreational	92	45	207
Parton	76	77	78
	2145	2071	4757

The membership renewal rate is behind of last season's figures by 74 individual's year to date.

5. FINANCE REPORT

5.1 Finance Report and Balance Sheet

i) Operations – YTD Operations Income finished slightly above budget .Rowing NSW seat fees ahead of budget for the month with increased seat fees in NSWIS Time Trial and Henley on Hunter regattas .Year to date Operations Income is still \$2000 over budget.

Operations expenses were basically in line for the month and slightly ahead for Year to Date due to disbursement of BRO regatta equipment to NRRRA.

ii) Development – Income generating activities in this reporting period attributed to coaching courses .Coaching Income is above budget but development Income overall is in line with budget Year to date. Income for the month is above budget due to seat fee repayment being made by Under 23 athlete otherwise revenue is in line for the month. Expenditure is in line for the month and year to date.

iii) Administration –Income for the reporting period is slightly below budget mainly by memberships with school Metro Juniors having not all been finalised as yet. Year to date Income is slightly over budget. Admin expenses are in line for the month but ahead of budget year to date. Year to date over all three cost centres we are running only slightly behind budget year to date by 2K.

Motion; To accept the Finance and Balance Sheet report
Motion; Carried

6. BOARD MATTERS

6.1 The board approved the payment of \$5,000 to Sydney Rowing Club on account of reimbursement of their Consulting costs.

5.2 The board noted the appointment of a Project Manager SIRR 2014

5.3 The board noted the successful AGM

5.4 The Kings Cup Committee is to meet week starting 21 October

Action; A Blower to organize

5.5 The Finance Committee is to meet when we receive the Auditors Management Letter

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 I Adlam reported to the board his discussions with the Council of Rowing Australia and in particular progress with respect to IT data sharing.

7.2 A Blower reported on the opportunity purchase four umpire catamarans for use at SIRC. It was noted that SIRR 2014 will fund approximately \$20,000 of the total \$70,000 cost. The balance of the cost is to be sought from future hire charges including for subsequent RA events at SIRC.

The existing monohull boats will be offered to schools and clubs on a basis that would ensure that they were available for use as umpire boats for Harbour Regattas. Agreed to proceed with purchase subject to a report detailing the economic and operational rationale being presented to the Board at the November 2013 meeting

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Ivan Adlam
President

Anthony Blower
Board Secretary

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