



**BOARD MEETING**  
Sydney Yacht Squadron  
*Wednesday 18 December 2013 at 6.30pm*

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Ivan Adlam (President), Bryan Weir (Deputy President), Stephen Handley, Bronwen Watson, Deanna Fekete, Andrew Gannon, Miranda Bennett and Tony Blower (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Chris Noel

**Absent:** Sam Crosby

**1. WELCOME**

6.30pm - I Adlam welcomed the Directors to the December 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 November 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.

2.3 Previous meetings

Motion: It be resolved that all motions, circular resolutions and decisions of previous meetings, notwithstanding that there was not a quorum present, be approved.

Motion: Carried

2.4 Matters arising

It was noted that there is now a committee of State CEOs and Development Officers tasked with the challenge of examining coach education.

### 3. NSW PROGRAMS

#### 3.1 Regattas

Fourteen regattas were conducted in the period.

Regattas	2012		
	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Iron Cove Classic	22	176	195
Loreto Normanhurst	395	1132	954
Loreto Kirribilli	275	657	514
St George	400	788	335
Head of the Parramatta	101	592	658
Port Macquarie CDRA	153	364	98
Grafton High	147	244	76
NSWIS TT	80	80	80
Scots Regatta	159	748	888
Roseville College	334	758	564
Nepean Rowing Club	278	509	238
ISRA	-	-	-
CDRA Sprints	423	943	306
Riverview Gold Cup	246	1251	1426

2013		
Entries	Seats	Athletes
27	216	242
411	1093	846
268	628	483
368	796	347
91	520	578
147	317	86
159	278	92
103	103	117
136	724	844
223	573	420
158	327	148
365	1201	929
350	747	223
215	1060	1202

#### 3.2 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

	November '12	November '13	Total: 2012/13
Metro Comp	705	745	859
Metro Jnr	1587	1490	1904
Regional Comp	352	334	406
Regional Jnr	406	427	442
Supporting	45	18	52
Official	209	255	256
AAGPS Jnr	526	733	553
Recreational	119	209	207
Patron	76	77	78
	4025	4288	4757

The membership renewal rate is ahead of last season's figures by 263 individual's year to date.

#### 4. FINANCE REPORT

- The detailed November management of accounts are provided in the meeting papers.
- Summary assessment of accounts for each department:
  - i. Operations –Income is running above budget for the month and year to date largely due to the fact that the ISRA regatta was not included in the original budget as the decision was made to move the regatta to NSW post budget being finalised. Operations expenses are also above budget for both the month and YTD due to host income share for ISRA. Overall seat fees have been in line with some regattas slightly ahead in numbers leaving Operations figures in a good position YTD against budget.
  - ii. Development – Income generating activities in this reporting period attributed to coaching courses .Coaching Income is slightly behind for the month but in line YTD. Expenditure is below budget for month and in line Year to date.
  - iii. Administration –Income for the reporting period is slightly below budget. We are 6K down in sponsorship for the month and YTD due to NSWIS, Sydney Rowing Club and Wintech discontinuing. Year to date Income is slightly behind budget by 10K. Admin expenses are in line for the month but slightly above budget YTD.
  - iv. Overall for the Year we are running to budget.

Motion; To accept the Finance report

Motion; Carried

#### 5. BOARD MATTERS

5.1 Correspondence from Leichhardt Rowing Club requesting payment from Rowing NSW in consideration for general access to LRC's pontoon at Iron Cove regattas was noted. This was considered to be against the spirit of rowing in this state.

Action: The CEO to write to Leichhardt accordingly

5.2 The Regatta Staging Agreement Terms Sheet from Rowing Australia with respect to the Australian Masters in 2015 was noted. It was agreed that the Agreement needs negotiation.

Action: The CEO to contact Rowing Australia in due course

5.3 The President reported on the Rowing Australia AGM and Rowing Australia Strategic Forum held on 30 November noting in particular that the revised RA constitution had been adopted.

5.4 The Board noted the preparations for the Kings and Queens Cup Lunch

5.5 The Board noted the recommendation from Rowing Australia with respect to Masters Handicaps and agreed to implement them in NSW. It was further noted that this was a Reviewable Decision

5.6 The changes to the Laws of Boat Racing were discussed and a Circular Resolution will be prepared.

Action: The CEO is to prepare a notice of Reviewable Decision and publish this on the Rowing NSW web page

5.7 In line with the Australian Sports Commission's Mandatory Governance Principals the Constitution of Rowing NSW is to be reviewed for compliance.

Action: Ivan Adlam to investigate were our constitution may not comply and revert by end March 2014

5.8 The Board noted the recommendation of the Competition Commission with respect to coaches for State Masters crews and agrees to the recommendation.

5.9 The board noted the fact that a number of Victorian Clubs have been receiving funds from Rowing Australia via an Elite Club Funding program since 2009 when NSW Clubs were advised that the program had ceased.

Action: The CEO is to make further inquiries with respect to ECF.

## **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Ivan Adlam  
President

Anthony Blower  
Board Secretary

Next Meeting 22 January 2014 @ 6:00pm (Kirribilli)