



**BOARD MEETING**  
Sydney Yacht Squadron  
*Wednesday 21 May 2014 at 6.00pm*

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Ivan Adlam (President), Bryan Weir (Deputy President), Deanna Fekete, Miranda Bennett, Chris Noel and Tony Blower (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Stephen Handley, Bronwen Watson, Andrew Gannon

**Absent;** Sam Crosby

**Guest;** Marty Rabjohns (Rowing Australia)

**1. WELCOME**

6.00pm - I Adlam welcomed the Directors to the May Board meeting of Rowing NSW Inc , the board specially welcomed Marty Rabjohns from Rowing Australia

**2. National Talent Pathway Program**

Marty Rabjohns presented a report to the board outlining how the National Talent Pathway will operate not just in NSW but in each state. The importance of open and frank dialogue was stressed.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes and Business Arising**

3.1 Previous Meetings Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 16 April 2014 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.

### 3.3 Matters arising

- i) The Draft Maritime plans for the usage of our waterways by rowers were tabled.
- ii) Voting Rights and Constitutional reform ; the board will prepare a revised constitution in an appropriate format for review by Rowing Australia and the Constituent Members of Rowing NSW

## **4. Rowing NSW Programs**

### 4.1 Regattas

Two regatta were conducted in the period

Regattas	2013			2014		
	Entries	Seats	Athletes	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Drummoyne Masters	276	903	358	246	784	310
NSW Edward Trickett Grade	553	1394	549	650	1540	563

### 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

	April '13	April '14	Total: 2012/13
Metro Comp	864	910	859
Metro Jnr	1902	1832	1904
Regional Comp	404	361	406
Regional Jnr	441	457	442
Supporting	51	26	52
Official	254	282	256
AAGPS Jnr	552	619	553
Recreational	162	261	207
Patron	78	78	78
	4708	4825	4757

The membership renewal rate is ahead of last season's figures by 117 individuals year to date.

## **5. Finance Report**

- Summary assessment of accounts for each department:

- i. Operations –Income is running above budget for the month and above budget by over 40K year to date due to RNSW regatta seat fees being above budget. Annual event's is also above budget for month and year by \$26K for SIRR revenue for Catamaran hire & transport which was not budgeted. Operation expenses are running slightly above budget YTD but in line for the month.
- ii. Development –Coaching course fees is the main income source in this reporting period. Development Income is slightly below budget for the month and in line YTD. Expenditure is slightly behind for the month and in line YTD. Expenditure for coaching course will be in May.
- iii. Administration – Income for the reporting period is slightly below budget for the month and YTD. Small number of memberships has come through for Masters but otherwise little activity.

Year to date across all centre's we are running around 10K ahead of budget in total.

Motion; To accept the Finance report  
Motion; Carried

## **6 BOARD MATTERS**

6.1 The document tabled by B. Weir and M. Bennett with respect to Rowing NSW Constitutional change was discussed and agreed

Motion; That the constitutional changes be put to the AGM

Motion; Carried

6.2 The meeting noted the recommendation that Voting Entitlements remain the same except for changes to the NRRRA and CDRA votes.

Motion; That the changes to voting entitlements be put to the AGM

Motion; Carried

6.3 The need for and state team functions committee to oversee the King and Queens' Cup lunch was discussed.

6.4 The Regional Boating Plan was discussed and the engagement with Maritime and their consultants was noted

6.5 Fund raising for the Women's Gold Cup Trophy was noted

6.6 The National Championship Point Score was discussed and it was agreed that we would make representations to the Rowing Australia Council in order that a fairer system be devised and that the trophy for this be reinstated.

Action ; Ivan Adlam

6.7 The recommendations of the Honours Committee were noted and deferred pending further considerations.

## **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

7.1 The board noted the discussions with the AAGPS with respect to the fee structure for their junior athletes.

7.2 The board noted a request from St George Rowing Club to make a presentation to the board.

7.3 The success of individuals and Rowing NSW at the Sports NSW Volunteers Awards was noted.

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Ivan Adlam  
President

Anthony Blower  
Board Secretary

Next Meeting 18 June at 6:00pm (Kirribilli)