



BOARD MEETING
Sydney Yacht Squadron
Wednesday 20 August 2014 at 6.00pm

MINUTES

Attendees: Ivan Adlam (President), Deanna Fekete, Stephen Handley, Bronwen Watson, Miranda Bennett, Chris Noel, Sam Crosby and Tony Blower (Secretary)

Apologies: Bryan Weir (Deputy President)

Absent: Andrew Gannon

1. WELCOME

6.00pm - I Adlam welcomed the Directors to the August 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 July 2014 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 Matters arising

2.3.1 Discussion around the need for a better approach to U21 rowing was discussed. A paper is to be prepared for approval before being sent to Rowing Australia.

Action; S Handley

2.3.2 Discussion was held regarding Member Protection Policy and it was agreed that the proposed changes to our constitution to be presented at the AGM, would satisfy our obligations for compliance with RA's guidelines.

3. Rowing NSW Programs

3.1 Regattas

No regatta were conducted in the period

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
2013/14 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,875

	July '13	July '14	Total: 2013/14
Metro Comp	136	271	921
Metro Jnr	76	119	1832
Regional Comp	103	108	361
Regional Jnr	28	67	457
Supporting	7	9	27
Official	58	69	283
AAGPS Jnr	-	-	619
Recreational	40	40	280
Patron	78	78	78
	546	761	4875

The membership renewal rate is ahead of last season's figures by 215 individuals year to date.

4. Finance Report

- Summary assessment of accounts for each department:
 - i. Operations –Income is above budget for the month due to equipment hire for JB Sharp.
Only other revenue for the month is for Don Croot boatshed hire to NSWIS. Operations expenses are above budget for the month due to SIRC deposits charged for newer regattas. Expenses are also over budget in wages due to three pay periods in the month.

- ii. Development –Coaching course fees is the main income source in this reporting period. Development Income and development expenses are roughly in line with budget.
- iii. Administration – Income for the reporting period is above budget for the month due to a few clubs requesting levies for the year invoiced in advance. Also due to memberships for 2014-15 coming in early. Admin expenses are over budget due to three pay periods in the month otherwise all other line items in line with budget.

Motion; To accept the Finance report

Motion; Carried

5 BOARD MATTERS

5.1 Ivan Adlam reported on the Rowing Australia half year meeting in Melbourne

5.2 Discussion was held regarding Rowing Australia's Whole of Sport Plan.

5.3 A discussion was held regarding the National Championship Point Score. It was decided that we should correspond with Rowing Australia in order to outline a different way of calculating the Score.

Action; C Noel

5.4 Discussion was held regarding the Office Bearers and Commissions of Rowing NSW. It was felt that a full review of all positions and Commissions be undertaken. A paper is to be prepared in order that the Board may better understand the implications of refreshing all positions.

Action; C Noel

5.5 Correspondence from Sydney Rowing Club was tabled requesting a review of State Premiership point score be undertaken. It was agreed that detailed information on the current point score calculation, including weightings for category and boat type , would be provided to the Board for review at the next meeting.

Action; A Blower

5.6 The CEO reported that Rowing NSW would not renew its contract with ROMS for the provision of regatta entry services.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion was held regarding the need to maintain our drug education programs into clubs and take every opportunity to engage with clubs with respect to not only performance enhancing but recreational drugs.

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Ivan Adlam
President

Anthony Blower
Board Secretary

Next Meeting 17 September at 6:00pm (Kirribilli)