



BOARD MEETING
Sydney Yacht Squadron
Wednesday 17 September 2014 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Andrew Gannon, Sam Crosby

1. WELCOME

7.00pm - I Adlam welcomed the Directors to the September 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 15 August 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 The CEO reported that we have received the final drafts of the Maritime Rowing maps. They are being corrected for spelling mistakes before being finalized

3. Rowing NSW Programs

3.1 Regattas

	2013		
Regattas	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Scullers Head of the Nepean	106	106	106
Lower Clarence RC	178	333	75

2014		
Entries	Seats	Athletes
168	168	168
207	347	101

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

	August '13	August '14	Total: 2013/14
Metro Comp	347	456	921
Metro Jnr	149	197	1832
Regional Comp	193	187	361
Regional Jnr	113	67	457
Supporting	12	17	27
Official	80	90	283
AAGPS Jnr	-	57	619
Recreational	68	52	280
Patron	78	78	78
	1040	1264	4875

The membership renewal rate is ahead of last season's figures by 224 individuals year to date.

4. Finance Report

- Summary assessment of accounts for each department:
 - i. Operations –Income is slightly above budget for both the month and year to date.
Only revenue for the month relates to Head of the Nepean.
Operations expenses are above budget for the month and year to date due to purchase of some propeller guards for the inflatable motors and increase in regatta host fee for Head of Nepean.
 - ii. Development –Coaching course fees and workshops are 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 slightly below budget for the month due to a few clubs requesting levies for the year invoiced in advance. Memberships for month are in line for month and above budget year to date otherwise all other line items in line with budget. Admin expenses are above budget for month and year to date with excess accrued leave being paid out last month.

Motion; To accept the Finance report
Motion; Carried

5 BOARD MATTERS

5.1 Correspondence received from Government House asking Rowing NSW if it would like to request that the new Governor of NSW be the Patron.

Motion; To ask the Governor of NSW to be the Patron of Rowing NSW pursuant to Section 6 of the Constitution

Motion; Carried

Action; A Blower to write to Government House as Secretary of the Board

5.2 Correspondence from the Auditor regarding governance was noted. The Board acknowledge the good work of the staff of Rowing NSW to receive a good audit report

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; A Blower

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 prepared by C Noel was reviewed. It was decided that with the incoming new board in October all Office Bearers and Commissions would be reviewed. A letter is to be sent to the chairmen of all Commissions outlining the review.

Action; A Blower

5.5 The correspondence from the Regatta Commission was noted with respect to a change to the Laws of Boat Racing being;

That to enable schools to enter rowers in more than one event at the Schoolgirl Head of the River the Rowing NSW Laws of Boat Racing be amended as follows:

LAW 8 STATUS RULES – ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE, (3) SCHOOL COMPETITORS

Remove:

(f) *Schoolgirl competitors may race in more than one event in a regatta, except at the Head of the River where each competitor may only be entered once. All eligibility for each category must be adhered to.*

Replace with

(f) *Schoolgirl competitors may race in more than one event in a regatta, except that they may only compete in one division of each boat class in each year group. All eligibility for each category must be adhered to.*

Motion; To adopt the Regatta Commission's recommendation for the change to Rule 8 of the Laws of Boat Racing

Motion; Carried (It was noted that under section 43 of the Constitution this was a Reviewable Decision)

Action; A Blower to provide notice to Constituent Members

5.6 Correspondence from the Trustees of the Laurie Stepto Trust was noted with respect to the Trust granting an annual scholarship to a post school rower to continue rowing. The Board welcomed the initiative and it was decided to continue the dialogue to assist the Trust in their deliberations.

Action; I Adlam

5.7 Discussion was held with respect to appropriate changes that could be made to the way that points are awarded for the calculation of the Rowing NSW Premiership. It was felt that this discussion was best carried forward with the new Board in October.

5.8 The Board noted the nominations for Directors and Office Bearers. Pursuant to Section 32 (4) of the Constitution the Secretary is authorized to notify the Constituent members of the nominations.

Action A Blower

6 GENERAL BUSINES

6.1 The Board acknowledged the generosity of Maritime who have made available 300 brand new life jackets to be distributed to Rowing NSW Clubs and Schools in an effort to improve safety.

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Ivan Adlam
President

Anthony Blower
Board Secretary

Next Meeting 15 October at 6:00pm (Kirribilli)