



BOARD MEETING
Sydney Yacht Squadron
Wednesday 17 December 2014 at 6.00pm

MINUTES

Attendees: Ivan Adlam (President), Bryan Weir (Deputy President), Liam James, Bronwen Watson, Miranda Bennett, Deanna Fekete, Fiona Toose, Danika Wright and Tony Blower (Secretary)

Apologies: Stephen Handley

Guest: Robert Scott (Chairman Rowing Australia)

1. Welcome

6.00pm - I Adlam welcomed the Directors to the December Board meeting of Rowing NSW Inc. And particularly welcomed Robert Scott

2. Robert Scott

The Chairman of Rowing Australia addressed the meeting and outlined his vision for Rowing Australia and Rowing NSW to work together for the betterment of the sport

3. Confirmation of Minutes and Business Arising

3.1 Previous Meetings Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 19 November 2014 RNSW Board Meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting but adding to item 5.7 the need to consult stakeholders

Motion; Carried

Action; A Blower to redraft previous meetings minutes

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. Rowing NSW Programs

4.1 Regattas

Regattas	2013			2014		
	Entries	Seats	Athletes	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Iron Cove Classic 2	28	224	251	28	224	251
Loreto Normanhurst	411	1093	845	426	1141	813
Newcastle Grammar	361	769	246	357	822	259
Loreto Kirribilli	268	628	482	382	922	635
Hunter Valley Grammar	319	699	227	336	728	246
Head of the Parramatta	91	520	580	71	420	466
Newington Regatta	138	732	844	126	676	784
ISR Championships	365	1201	921	425	1353	1044
Grafton High	163	283	90	197	322	100
Sydney Girls High	299	810	603	244	634	496
Roseville	223	573	420	285	716	537
CDRA Sprints	350	747	224	424	936	306
NSWIS TT3	103	118	117	101	109	109
Iron Cove Classic 3	28	224	251	23	184	206
Sydney Grammar	138	732	844	123	652	762
Shore School	136	652	774	164	808	954
Newcastle Uni	361	796	246	273	603	190

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
2013/14 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,875

	November '13	November '14	Total: 2013/14
Metro Comp	752	787	921
Metro Jnr	1646	1593	1832
Regional Comp	335	359	361
Regional Jnr	434	454	457
Supporting	18	23	27
Official	249	231	283
AAGPS Jnr	572	507	619
Recreational	194	135	280
Patron	78	78	78
	4,277	4,167	4875

The membership renewal rate is behind of last season's figures by 110 individuals year to date.

5. Finance Report

- Summary assessment of accounts for each department:
 - i. Operations –Income is above budget for the month by \$22,000 due to the ISRA regatta. Originally budgeted in Club and Schools regattas at 50% income, however due to RNSW hosting the regatta we received 100% income. This took the Operations income YTD to 30K above budget. Operation expenses are slightly below budget due to 50% income host fee no longer being applicable for ISRA; however this is balanced out by SIRC venue hire, medals, aquatic and other ISRA regatta expenses previously not budgeted. YTD the Operations expenses are 10K below budget mainly due to regatta host income share.
 - ii. Development–Income for the month relates only to Stepto donations with no courses run in November. YTD income is in line with budget. Again for the month only expenses wages due to no courses and again expenses are in line YTD with budget. Large number of coaching courses in December and CDRA camp in early January.
 - iii. Administration –Income for the reporting period is slightly below budget for the month and year to date due to decrease in sponsorship leaving a 10K deficit. Membership income is in line for the month and slightly ahead year to date. All other administration income is in line including the annual Sports Development Grant received from Department of Sport and Recreation for \$55,000.00. Admin expenses for the month are also down by around 10K mainly due to no spend on Sponsor Serving. YTD the admin expenses are slightly ahead of budget. Overall we are running \$24,264 ahead of budget YTD due to ISRA and University Games.

Motion; To accept the Finance report

Motion; Carried

6. BOARD MATTERS

6.1 Discussions were held regarding the review of Rowing NSW's strategic plan in light of the adoption by Rowing Australia of a new strategic plan. It was decided that the board would look to have this finished by the end of March 2015. There would be two planning meetings outside normal board meetings to facilitate this, in February and March. In The mean time D Wright will provide work sheets to the board to facilitate the initial discussions.

Action; All to provide input to D Wright on the forms she will supply to carry out the initial phase of the Strategic Plan

6.2 It was noted that the Hosting Agreement for the 2015 Australian Masters Rowing Championships with Rowing Australia has been finalized with agreement of the Hosting Fee accepted by all the states and RA.

6.3 Discussion regarding on Under 21 rowing was held and this matter is on going

6.4 The review of the Office Bearers and Committees was on going and a review of the Regatta and Competition Commissions will be undertaken in the New Year.

6.5 It was noted that the Rowing Australia AGM was conducted successfully and a new Chairman was appointed. The State CEOs met after the AGM to discuss areas of mutual interest

6.6 It was noted that the Governor of NSW has agreed to act as the Patron of Rowing NSW

6.7 It was noted that the Rowing NSW suggestion for changing the National Championship Point Score was adopted by Rowing Australia and will be in place for the 2015 Nationals

6.8 The board noted the Recommendations of the Competition Commission with respect to assistant coaches but felt that this did not need to be ratified by the board but was an operational decision in the normal course of business.

6.9 The commencement of the review of the Bylaws of Rowing NSW was noted and the work on this will continue into the New Year.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no matters of General Business

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm. And wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

Ivan Adlam
President

Anthony Blower
Board Secretary

Next Meeting 21 January 2015 at 6:00pm (Kirribilli)