



BOARD MEETING
Sydney Yacht Squadron
Wednesday 19 August 2015 at 6.00pm

MINUTES

Attendees: Ivan Adlam (President), Stephen Donnelley (Deputy President), Miranda Bennett, Stephen Handley, Deanna Fekete, Danika Wright, Liam James, Fiona Toose, and Tony Blower (Secretary)

Apologies: Nil

Absent: Bronwen Watson

1. Welcome

1.1 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 20 July 2015 RNSW Board Meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting subject to D. Fekete being recorded as an apology rather than absent.

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.

A review of the role of Rowing NSW in the fund raising for Australian Teams was discussed.

Action; A Blower to prepare a paper summarising the cash flow and outlining the impact on Rowing NSW of the fund raising dinner.

3. Rowing NSW Programs

3.1 Regattas

Regattas	2014			2015		
	Entries	Seats	Athletes	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 '14	July '15	Total: 2014/15
Metro Comp	261	157	967
Metro Jnr	120	65	1852
Regional Comp	124	87	402
Regional Jnr	70	44	468
Supporting	9	8	23
Official	65	72	266
AAGPS Jnr	-	-	426
Recreational	31	52	262
Patron	80	80	80
	757	563	4746

The membership renewal rate is behind last season's figures by 194 individuals year to date

4. Finance Report

The detailed July management accounts are provided in the meeting papers.

- Summary assessment of accounts for each department:

- Operations –Income is in line with budget for the month and Year to date. The only income for Operations consisting of rental income for the Don Croot boatshed from NSWIS. Operations expenses also in line except for salaries due to July containing three pay periods.
- Development–Income for the month relates to a level 1 coaching course, otherwise no other revenue for development. Development expenses also in line for month except again for salaries due to the three pay periods in July.
- Administration –Income for the reporting period is above budget for the month and year to date by \$30,000 due to RNSW being awarded a grant from NSW Sport and Recreation for a Para Rowing Barge. The grant amount was \$33,000.00 and will be used to build a Para Rowing Barge which will be kept at Sydney International Regatta Centre and be used for both Para and Novice Rowing. It was noted that the Grant amount should probably be recorded as a capital receipt rather than operating income. Staff to follow up and advise.

Membership income is behind budget for the month and levy income is above budget due to some clubs preferring an annual invoice as opposed to monthly. Admin expenses are over budget for the month also due to three pay periods in July

Motion; To accept the Finance report

Motion; Carried

5. BOARD MATTERS

5.1 Further discussions were held regarding the strategic plan and it was agreed that the board would engage with clubs in a Strategic Forum to be held after this year's AGM, probably in October. The CEO presented a draft priority list of Strategic Plan Objectives. It was agreed that this would form the basis on which staff would commence to prepare detailed action plans for presentation at subsequent board meetings. It was further agreed that Directors would also review the Plan and identify any area where they would be prepared to contribute directly toward the achievement of specific objectives. Latest draft of Objectives and Strategic Targets to be posted on the Website.

Action; All input to D Wright with priorities.

A Blower to put Draft Strategic Plan on webpage

5.2 Discussion was held regarding the Rowing Australia's National Database model and its potential impact on the existing Rowing NSW's business model and practices.

It was resolved to defer the decision as to the adoption of the RevolutioniseSport database as the Membership Database for Rowing NSW at this time and for additional work to be carried out between Rowing NSW, RevolutioniseSport and Rowing Australia to establish if Revolutionise can be adapted to integrate with Rowing NSW's business model.

5.3 It was decided that the Annual General Meeting for Rowing NSW would be held on 23 September 2015 at Sports House Homebush. Nominations for Directors would be called for in August.

5.4 The board noted that there is a forum to be held at NSWIS on Sunday 23 August to discuss the High Performance Development Pathway in NSW.

5.5 The board noted the paper prepared by the Competition Commission regarding its operation and involvement with NSWIS and the JMC. It was agreed that the RNSW representatives on the JMC be the President, CEO and Chairman of the Competition Commission.

6 GENERAL BUSINES

6.1 The board noted the following nominations for awards as Volunteers from Sports NSW

- i. Tim Wainman - Volunteer Official of the Year
- ii. Bruce Williams - Volunteer Coach of the Year
- iii. Barbara Ramjan - Volunteer Sports Administrator of the Year
- iv. Rowing NSW - Volunteer Management Award

6.2 The President reported on outcomes from meetings of Rowing Australia Council and the RA Board. In particular an update was provided on the implementation of the National Membership Database and review projects being

undertaken by RA including High Performance activities, Women in Rowing, and the development of a Participation Framework.

6.2 The President reported on a meeting with the Patron of RNSW, His Excellency the Governor of NSW. His Excellency was very supportive of rowing as a sport having had some personal experience, and expressed an interest in being kept abreast of major events and other opportunities for his and Mrs Hurley's involvement.

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Ivan Adlam
President

Anthony Blower
Board Secretary

Next Meeting 16 September 2015 at 6:00pm (Kirribilli)