



BOARD MEETING
Sydney Yacht Squadron
Wednesday 18 November 2015 at 6.00pm

MINUTES

Attendees: Ivan Adlam (President), Stephen Donnelley(Deputy President), Stephen Handley, Deanna Fekete, Fiona Toose, Sarah Cook and Tony Blower (Secretary)

Apologies: Liam James, Danika Wright

1. Welcome

1.1 6.00pm - I Adlam welcomed the Directors to the November 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 19 October 2015 RNSW Board Meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting subject to amendments concerning the engagement with clubs and schools with respect to the Rhodes Wharf opposition strategy and reference to an implement plan for the Elite Development Pathway.

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.

3. Rowing NSW Programs

3.1 Regattas

Regattas	2014		
	Entries	Seats	Athletes
North Shore Head	65	85	84
Port Macquarie	277	582	159
RNSW Spring	471	1050	432
NSWIS TT2	128	136	133
Newcastle Grammar School	357	822	257
Iron Cove Classic No1	26	208	234
Hunter Valley Grammar	336	728	242
Lismore Rowing Club	235	430	107
Head of the Parramatta	71	420	465

Entries	2015	
	Seats	Athletes
75	100	98
283	619	162
526	1119	479
101	116	115
332	716	206
24	192	212
317	661	209
228	413	109
74	408	452

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

	October '14	October '15	Total: 2014/15
Metro Comp	734	738	921
Metro Jnr	1538	1507	1832
Regional Comp	341	333	361
Regional Jnr	426	380	457
Supporting	21	28	27
Official	203	227	283
AAGPS Jnr	295	181	619
Recreational	113	119	280
Patron	80	80	78
	3748	3620	4857

The membership renewal rate is behind last season's figures by 128 individuals year to date

4. Finance Report

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

- Summary assessment of accounts for each department:

Operations –Income is slightly behind budget for the month and year to date. The Spring Regatta was a great success and seats met budget. Club and school regattas were just slightly behind budget. Operations expenses also were also slightly under budget for the month.

Development –Income is above budget for the month relates to both level 1 and level 2 coach course. Development expenses also in line for month and again year to date. Development expenses relate mainly to attendance at RA coaches conference, which was also attended by Jessica Wickenden and Kendall Brodie – who expressed their sincere gratitude.

Administration–Income for the reporting period is slightly below budget for the month with memberships falling below monthly budget but memberships remain over budget year to date. Admin expenses are slightly above for the month and are also above Year to date.

Overall we are running in line with budget year to date.

Motion; To accept the Finance report

Motion; Carried

5. BOARD MATTERS

5.1 Further discussions were held regarding the strategic plan. The Board noted and supported a proposal to convene a regional Strategic Forum to engage with the Central Districts and Northern Rivers clubs. This Forum will be scheduled in the first quarter 2016 subject to a suitable date being finalised.

5.2 Discussion was held regarding the Casual Vacancy for the position of Director of Rowing NSW. It was noted that there was considerable interest in the position from members with four high quality nominations being received.

Motion; To appoint Sarah Hill to the vacant position of Director under Section 35 of the Constitution - Casual Vacancies.

Motion; Carried

5.3 The board noted the paper prepared regarding the new Rhodes Ferry Wharf proposal and the significantly negative impact its construction would have on the safety of rowers proceeding west of the Ryde railway bridge. The importance of maintaining unimpeded distant training access from Gladesville to Silverwater was emphasised.

It was resolved to form a committee comprising S Donnelley, S Handley, A Blower, J Tyree, and A Bennett to develop a strategy in opposition to the wharf. The board approved a budget of up to \$60,000 and a time frame of three months for the committee to engage legal and advocacy assistance and hold discussions with affected clubs and schools. Monthly progress reports will be provided

5.5 Discussion was held regarding the paper prepared by I Adlam regarding the Audit and Risk Committee Charter. The matter was deferred.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no items of general business.

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

Ivan Adlam
President

Anthony Blower
Board Secretary

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