



BOARD MEETING
Sydney Yacht Squadron
Wednesday 20 January 2016 at 6.00pm

MINUTES

Attendees: Ivan Adlam (President), Stephen Donnelley (Deputy President), Sarah Hill, Sarah Cook, Stephen Handley, Danika Wright, Liam James, Fiona Toose and Tony Blower

Apologies: Deanna Fekete

1. Welcome

1.1 6.00pm - I Adlam welcomed the Directors to the January 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 December 2016 RNSW Board Meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Motion; Carried

2.2 Business Arising

The President 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			2015		
	Entries	Seats	Athletes	Entries	Seats	Athletes
RNSW Reindeer	677	1436	644	640	1404	632
Head of the Clarence	386	1105	387	320	390	276
NSW Sprints	524	1022	441	479	957	419
NSWIS TT4	-	-	-	55	62	62
Grafton RC	609	1322	414	523	1181	343

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
2014/15 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,746

	December '14	December '15	Total: 2014/15
Metro Comp	817	825	967
Metro Jnr	1739	1620	1852
Regional Comp	369	366	402
Regional Jnr	456	423	468
Supporting	22	28	23
Official	228	281	266
AAGPS Jnr	373	535	426
Recreational	140	121	262
Patron	80	80	80
	4221	4277	4746

The membership renewal rate is ahead of last season's figures by 56 individuals year to date

4. Finance Report

- Summary assessment of accounts for each department:

Operations –Income is in line with budget for the month and year to date. The Reindeer and Sprint Regattas were a great success and seats met budget. No Club and School regattas in December. Operations –Expenses were slightly below budget for the month and are slightly over budget year to date due mainly to timing issues. For example regatta invoices for costs such as trophies and traffic management coming in prior to the regattas they relate to.

Development –Income is below budget for the month mainly consists of fines and late seat fees that have been allocated to Steptoe fund. Development expenses also in line for month and again year to date.

Administration–Income for the reporting period is slightly below budget for the month but over budget year to date. Memberships remain over budget year to date. Admin expenses are \$15,000 above budget for the month due to the fees relating to Rhodes Bridge.

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Motion; To accept the Finance report

Motion; Carried

5. BOARD MATTERS

5.1 Further discussions were held regarding the strategic plan and it was noted that a strategic forum would be held in Port Macquarie on Saturday 12 March for the CDRA and NRRA.

5.2 A review of the Rhodes Committee’s activities over December was undertaken and endorsed. The Board noted the signing of a further agreement with Essential Media for PR support.

5.3 The Board considered the following changes to the Laws of Boat

Racing;

Law	Current Law	Proposed Law	Pros
9. (o)	<p>9. (o) The Association may accept a faxed late entry or late entries for events approved as accepting late entries up until 2.00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the advertised date of the regatta provided:</p> <p>(i) there is a lane available to accommodate that crew/sculler in the event.</p> <p>(ii) the entry must be accompanied by the applicable entry fee plus a late entry fee of ten dollars (\$10) per rower with a minimum late fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00).</p> <p>(iii) that where this is more than one late entry then they be accepted and allowed to race in the first available lane.</p>	<p>9. (o) The Association may accept a late entry or late entries for events approved as accepting late entries up until 2.00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the advertised date of the regatta provided:</p> <p>(i) there is a lane available to accommodate that crew/sculler in the event.</p> <p>(ii) the entry must be accompanied by the applicable entry fee plus a late entry fee of ten dollars (\$10) per rower with a minimum late fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00).</p> <p>(iii) that where there is more than one late entry then they be accepted and allowed to race in the first available lane.</p>	<p>Brings terminology up to date, i.e. removes the term “faxed” as we no longer use this means of communication.</p>
8. (2) (B) (ix)	<p>8. (2) (B) (ix) ADAPTIVE</p> <p>An Adaptive competitor is a rower with a disability who has been classified according to the criteria set down from time to time by (Rowing Australia or FISA), i.e., is:</p> <p>a) able bodied with sensory impairment, intellectual impairment, head injury or similar, or</p> <p>b) physically disabled being a paraplegic, amputee, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida or similar.</p>	<p>8. (2) (B) (ix) PARA</p> <p>A Para competitor is a rower with a disability who has been classified according to the criteria set down by Rowing Australia and or FISA from time to time, and assessed by (Rowing New South Wales, Rowing Australia or FISA), i.e., is:</p> <p>a) able bodied with sensory impairment, intellectual impairment, head injury or similar, or</p> <p>b) physically disabled being a paraplegic, amputee, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida or similar.</p>	<p>Brings terminology up to date, i.e. Para replacing Adaptive.</p> <p>Allows for RNSW to classify athletes for participation in Para races. i.e. making it inclusive, rather than creating barriers with regards to finding classifiers.</p> <p>Those athletes looking to compete at Nationals or World Champs would still be required to be classified by Rowing Australia and FISA.</p>
8. (3) (g)	<p>8. (3) (g) Coxswains of Adaptive crews are not required to have a disability.</p>	<p>8. (3) (g) Coxswains of Para crews may be able bodied.</p>	<p>Brings terminology up to date, i.e. Para replacing Adaptive.</p> <p>Removes the odd wording that was previously there.</p>

7. (m)	7. (m) All boats shall have a NSW Maritime Row Smart sticker. In a coxless boat, such sticker shall be on the stern canvas, close to the cockpit of the boat, in a position where it can be easily seen and read. In a coxed boat, such sticker shall be in the boat in a position where it can be easily seen and read by the coxswain. Such sticker shall be in position at all competitions and during all training periods	Delete existing 7. (m)	
7. (n)	7. (n) All four oared races in A Grade, B Grade, Under 23, Under 21 and Masters (including Lightweight) may be rowed in coxless boats provided that competitors may choose to row in a coxed boat, and carry a coxswain, in any such event.	Renumber to 7. (m) and amend to: 7. (m). All four oared races in Lightweight, A Grade, B Grade, Under 23 and Masters may be rowed in coxless boats provided that competitors may choose to row in a coxed boat, and carry a coxswain, in any such event.	
NOTES AND AMENDMENTS	NOTES AND AMENDMENTS Classes of Boat to be Contested That all four oared races in Senior, Under 23, Under 21 and Masters (including Lightweight) be rowed in coxless boats provided that competitors may choose to row in a coxed boat, and carry a coxswain, in any such event.	Delete	

It was noted that these changes would be Reviewable Decisions under Section 43(1) (c) of the Constitution.

Motion; To accept the changes to the Laws of Boat Racing
Motion; Carried

5.4 The Board noted the correspondence from Nepean Rowing Club in relation to the Rowing NSW owned change facilities located in the rear of the shed at the Nepean River

Action; I Adlam to visit Nepean Rowing Club to discuss usage

5.5 The Board discussed the protocol for staff sharing internal issues with Board members

Action; A Blower to draft a policy document for staff engagement with the Board

5.6 Discussion was held regarding Directors being cognisant of any conflict of interest in their dealings

5.7 The Board noted correspondence from Balmain Para Rowing Inc requesting affiliation with Rowing NSW.
Action; A Blower to write to Balmain Para Rowing seeking further information.

6 GENERAL BUSINES

6.1 The Board noted that the State Championships would be held on 12-14 February with a VIP function on Saturday 13. Directors are to advise their availability to attend

6.2 The Board further noted that the King and Queen's Cup Lunch would be held on Friday 4 March and that support by way of attendance was important.

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Ivan Adlam
President

Anthony Blower
Secretary

Next Meeting 17 February 2016 at 6:00pm (Kirribilli)

