

# MINUTES

NSWRA GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2010  
7.30PM

KEN BROWN ROOM, SPORTS HOUSE,  
6A FIGTREE DRIVE  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

## Present

Norma Perry (RNSW), Jannet Pendleton (Drummoyne), Wade Hewett (Leichhardt), Barry Moynahan (Leichhardt), Keith Jameson (Sydney), Yasmin L'Estrange (Sydney University Women's), Neil Holmes (Nepean), Owen Nix (CDRA), Greg James (RNSW), Simon Spriggs (Loreto Kirribilli), Richard Stainstreet (Leichhardt), Tim Clare (RNSW), Murray Clarke (UNSW) and Christian Renford (RNSW)

## Apologies

Doug Donoghue AM (Sydney) John Coates AC (Sydney)

### 1. Welcome

N Perry welcomed all to the April General Meeting.

N Perry congratulated Brian Weir on his appointment to the position Deputy President of Rowing New South Wales

### 2. Confirmation of the Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the February 2010 General Meeting as true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: K. Jameson      Seconded: J. Pendleton  
Motion Carried

### 3. To consider business of which notice has been given.

N/A

### 4. Report of the President and CEO

The CEO tabled the discussion paper - The Value And Cost Of RNSW Membership. The Paper aimed to promote community discussion about what individuals get for their RNSW membership dollars and RNSW articulating the value derived from this membership more effectively.

*Action – CEO to distribute discussion paper to membership and identify other opportunities for RNSW to seek more accurate participant information from constituent members.*

The RNSW President and CEO combined verbal reports for the meeting. Topics tabled included:

- RNSW Regatta Forum
- Strategic directions for the Trickett Regatta
  - School representative Eights racing
  - Interstate Challenge events
  - University Challenge events
- Treasurers Meeting – 4 May 2010

## **5. General Business**

### 5.1 Nepean River

N Holmes expressed his concerns about the upgrade of the Penrith Weir by the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Authority and Sydney Water. The intent of the upgrade to the weir is to rectify the issues with the “fish ladders”.

The subsequent upgrade to the weir has resulted in fluctuations of the river water level. N Holmes indicated that fluctuations of water levels throughout the dryer summer months may have a significant impact on the usability of the river when large number of school camps etc are being conducted.

*Action – N Holmes to forward to RNSW CEO summary of actions to date undertaken by the NRC lobbying government authorities and monitoring of water levels.*

### 5.2 NSW Maritime

M Clarke provided a verbal update of the outcomes to date with NSW Maritime:

- NSW Maritime has congratulated clubs on the use of lights on rowing boats. Ongoing compliance with some coaching boats may be required
- NSW Maritimes ongoing recommendation for the coaching boats to affix propeller guards
- Blackwattle Bay / Roselle Traffic Plan

*Action – CEO / M Clarke to investigate the creation of a dedicated page on the RNSW website for Maritime / Safety information.*

### 5.3 Drummoyne Rowing Club

N Perry provided an update surrounding recent enquiries of the Facilities Development Commission and the RNSW Board to ascertain the current status of Drummoyne Rowing Club's position with appointed receiver.

N Perry reiterated RNSW's support of all its constituent members.

Meeting Closed – 9:15pm