

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ACT ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
HELD AT ACT SPORTS HOUSE ON 9 DECEMBER 2004 AT 1800

PRESENT: Brendon Prout (Chair), Nick Hunter, Patrick Davoren, Kate Borger, Dafydd Gwynn-Jones, Peter Wright, Ross Jones (General Manager).

APOLOGIES: Graham Tanner, Taryn Langdon, Gordon Marcks

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November October 2004 were read and confirmed (Davoren/Wright).

MATTERS ARISING: There was extensive discussion of the further implementation of the Burley Griffin plan recently announced by the NCPA and ACT Government and the opportunities this presented for rowing. There is currently interest in clubs in possible Jerrabomberra Creek and Yarramundi Reach course development. Club views need to be sought on which is the preferred option.

Disciplinary Issue:

VP advised that letter of notice had been issued to rowing following a serious disciplinary issue at the CGGC regatta. Letter of apology and explanation had been received from the rower and in consideration the Executive had resolved to apply a one regatta suspension.

HEAD COACHES REPORT: Report attached advises AIS scholarships for 2005, consequential vacancies in the ACTAS scholarship program and membership of Youth Olympics teams. The management and reporting arrangements for ACTAS were outlined in response to a question from Peter Wright.

FINANCE: The Profit & Loss report was tabled for the month ending 30 November and the General Manager advised that the result reflected all current financial figures as invoices were now been entered into the system. The accounts reflected a sound position and receivables were being monitored through the system.

RECORDER'S REPORT: Capital Lakes Regatta was generally satisfactory although there were some near collisions between crews in the finish area. These events emphasise the need to ensure that clubs provide a finish marshal with a megaphone to sort out traffic.

Point score information for the first half of the season has been put on the web. It was agreed that this is an important first step in reinvigorating the premierships competitions following several years of neglect.

Srichinmoy has been difficult to engage thus far on the impact of their annual triathlon on the Black Mountain Rowing Club Regatta. It was agreed that the regatta would not be rescheduled unless it became clear that triathlon would prevent conduct of the regatta. The weekend of NSW Championship Regatta was not considered a suitable alternative date for the regatta.

It was agreed that there is a national trend towards rowing coxless quad sculls. ACTRA has aligned itself with national practice by adopting coxless quads for masters events. It was agreed that the extension of coxless quads to further areas of competition was not warranted at this stage.

GENERAL BUSINESS: The need to better separate opposing flows of boat traffic at several points in the Lake has been emphasised by several actual and near collisions. The highest priority is to put a buoy in East Basin to separate east and westwards flows and to restore the buoy in front of Black Mountain Rowing Club.

Options for filling the vacant Treasurer position were considered. The meeting noted that Stephen Trowell has not nominated for the position as previously supposed. The meeting agreed that as the only nominee, Alan Borger, would be appointed as Treasurer on an interim basis until a long term appointment could be made.

The President reported on the outcomes of the Rowing Australia Annual General Meeting. Patrick McNamara was elected President and John Boulton and David Pincus were elected as Directors. Doug Donoghue was invited to rejoin the Board for another term.

The following topics were considered at Council Workshops conducted on the weekend of the AGM:

2005-2009 Strategic Plan- which will undergo some minor amendment before being tabled for general consumption in the New Year;

Elite Club Funding Program was endorsed;

Elite Development Funding Program was endorsed;

Rowing On-line Management System which will provide a national entry system accessible to all clubs. The system is expected to be active in early 2005 but will be trialed by all states prior to its application.

In discussion of ISRA it was noted that there is good support for the event being brought to Canberra from 2006 onwards. Dafydd Gwynn-Jones will identify two potential dates for a double regatta for the event in early 2006 as the basis of planning.

General Manager reported that we have been successful in securing funding for two large BRO motors and a new PA system. Motor upgrade will mean that all BRO boats will be operating with nearly new motors.

Nominations for ACT BROs to undergo training and examination for national BRO licenses were considered and it was agreed that while all applicants were highly suitable, initially Bob Cook, Nick Hunter, Geoff Northam, Bruce Selleck and Rick Worboys would be selected. General Manager to advise Rowing Australia of the above nominations.

CHAIRMAN
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