

ACT ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
Summary of Committee meeting - 22 NOVEMBER 2004 AT 1800

PRESENT: Nick Hunter (Chair), Patrick Davoren, Kate Borger, Dafydd Gwynn-Jones, Peter Wright, Tarryn Langdon, Graham Tanner, Ross Jones (GM), Gordon Marcks (Head Coach)

APOLOGIES: Brendon Prout

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Association had broken even on recent Level 1 course.
Annual budget and financial statement were presented and accepted.

Mr Jones outlined the Association's rower insurance cover which provides improved personal accident cover including all rowers from beginners to elite and extends beyond registered rowers to cover recreational members of clubs.

New office arrangements involving sharing an office with ACT Squash were discussed. It was agreed this would provide savings on office rental and increased access to the General Manager.

General Manager would seek nominations for the vacant Treasurer position and advertise on the Association web site.

Audited accounts would not be available towards the end of December due to workload of the auditor. It was agreed that this was less than satisfactory but unavoidable in view of the greater delays that would be entailed in changing auditors at this stage.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It was agreed to allocate responsibilities as follows:

Lake User's Committee representatives:	Kate Borger and Peter Wright
Rowing Australia - support for President:	Nick Hunter
Trophies:	Graham Tanner
Water Safety:	Kate Borger
ISRA:	Dafydd Gwynn-Jones
Winter Time Trials and Association Newsletter:	Tarryn Langdon

In discussion of water safety, interest was noted in the Association putting out water safety code and promoting its adoption by clubs. The Victorian Rowing Association *checkit* program and the UK code provided useful models. While it is clear that clubs have significant responsibilities for water safety of their members, the Association should assist wherever possible. Water safety has additional importance in the ACT in view of the issues raised by winter rowing.

HEAD COACH'S REPORT

Head Coach presented nominations for ACTAS scholarships. Some of these athletes will receive AIS scholarships leading to further ACTAS vacancies. Nominations were endorsed by the Committee. There is a high level of interest in the Youth Olympics with a record level of nominations. It was agreed that the Association would fund rowing suits for the team. The Association will cover an excess or adjustment to club insurance to cover team use of club boats and, where there is no insurance, would take out temporary cover.

The Head Coach reported that Rowing Australia is expected to announce a new approach to sub-elite funding at the December Board meeting. It was agreed to disperse the most recent funding on a pro-rata basis to existing ACT sub-elite programs.

The Kings Cup regatta teams were discussed. It was noted that there was insufficient interest to boat a women's lightweight quad. Teams were endorsed.

RECORDER'S REPORT

First two regattas of the season progressed on time and generally without incident. Only substantive issue relates to the BRO's report from the Canberra Girl's Grammar School Regatta indicating that a CRC competitor refused to obey instructions from officials and was disqualified. The meeting agreed that such behaviour is absolutely unacceptable and resolved that the competitor be barred from participating in the next three regattas.

It was agreed that Tuggeranong Sprint Regatta entries are too few for the event to proceed. Reasons discussed for the low entries include programming away from supporting event such as the Tuggeranong Festival and the timing late in the school year. It was agreed the event should stay on the program to encourage the development of the sport in the Tuggeranong Valley and that the club should meet members of the Committee to discuss support for the event next year including the regatta being made a double points score event.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Sri Chinmoy Triathlon clash with Black Mountain Regatta – it was agreed that more information is required from Sri Chinmoy to determine exact impact of the triathlon and whether it is possible to adapt to these impacts.

On regatta safety, it was noted that adherence to traffic rules was poor and that the rules should be included in regatta programs. Regatta organisers should provide volunteers to assist in directing traffic. There were recent incidents involving Radford students swimming at the finish area, narrowly missing rowing and power boats.

Rowing Australia has indicated its interest in piloting its new Boat Race Official licensing system in the ACT. RA intends to invite ACTRA officials to sit the new examination and complete the practical element of the course at the National Regatta.

Mr Mongan's draft rules for club use of Association motor boats were adopted.