

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE ACT ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED HELD AT ACT SPORTS HOUSE ON THURSDAY 23 APRIL AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Brendan Prout, Nick Hunter, Pat Davoren, Alan Borger, Dafydd Gwynn-Jones, Peter Wright, Taryn Langdon, Gordon Marcks, Ross Jones.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the meeting of 17 March 2005 were read and confirmed (Wright/Borger).

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash Position at end of March	\$108,000
Projected Cash Position at end of June	\$120,000
Outstanding debts	\$48,000
Projected surplus for 04-05	\$13,000

Association is in a sound financial position with total funds available of \$108,542 as of 31 March and a predicted surplus of \$13,000 for the year. The Treasurer pointed to a serious situation with debtor clubs with several large debts built up that have only recently been paid and a continuing issue with ANU Boat Club.

It was resolved (Davoren/Hunter) that:

- entries will not be accepted from any club more than 30 days in debt and that clubs consistently over 30 days in debt will be required to conduct any transactions with the Association on a cash basis; and
- The General Manager to write to ANU Boat Club requesting an early meeting of Boat Club representatives with the General Manager and Treasurer seeking a resolution of the Club's indebtedness.

Accounts for 2003-04 would be presented for adoption at a General Meeting of clubs on 19 May 2005.

It was agreed that should surpluses become a regular feature of our financial position, additional funding priorities should be canvassed with the membership. Discussion of the strategic plan at the May General Meeting provides a useful opportunity for this.

Report accepted (Wright/Langdon)

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

A presenters' course will be held in Canberra shortly by Rowing Australia as part of roll-out of new national coaching accreditation scheme. It is important that there is local participation in view of the location and the need to ensure effective delivery of level one courses in the clubs. A further request for expressions of interest will be put out.

Randall Lawrence, Martin Sessions and the General Manager had attended sessions on the Regatta On-Line Management System and were generally impressed with the system.

## **HEAD COACH'S REPORT**

Four ACT athletes have been selected in the Australian Under 23 Team: Sarah Cook, Tara Huntley, Mack Wilcox and James Crouch with Dafydd Gwynn-Jones. Chris Ritchie, Sonia Mills and Craig Jones have been selected in the senior team. Many national crews will be training in Canberra. Athletes will need to come up with seat fees of \$7000-7,500 and will require assistance to raise these funds. It was agreed that athletes would organise another fund-raising presentation dinner in view of success of 2004 event.

There is a vacancy for an elite women's coaching grant scholarship coach to work with Bec Sattin at ACTAS.

## **RECORDER'S REPORT**

In the absence of the Honorary Recorder, Mr Hunter remarked on a few aspects of regatta administration. Conduct of championships was generally satisfactory with a few issues to be addressed. In particular, there was far too much amendment of the draw following the last draw meeting and coaches were pushing the limits in insisting on late program changes to accommodate their particular racing priorities. Once the referee endorses the draw for the regatta there should be no further changes.

Mr Hunter noted that state rowing associations are being urged to adopt Rowing Australia Rules. He recommended that the ACT also adopt the National Rules.

In discussion of the Greg Welsh regatta there were divergent views on its success but agreement that the regatta needs greater promotion. There was discussion about what if any guidance should be given to the Regatta Subcommittee in framing its advice to the Committee. There was agreement that Committee shouldn't be prescriptive.

### Winter Time Trial

Taryn Langdon reported on arrangements for WTTs including operational guide to event that is in preparation. Events will start at 9.30. Clubs with one or more entries will be required to provide an official to assist in running the time trial.

### Sub-Elite Funding

Last of the applications had arrived two days ago and they will all be considered at a meeting of the evaluation panel on 26 April.

### 2000 Metre Course

NCA announcement and likely process for eliciting support for the project was considered. It is important to get Club support as well as support from the Lake Users Group. Support from interested organisations such as Tourism Industry Council, Australian Sports Commission should be canvassed.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 8.05pm