

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE ACT ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED HELD AT ACT SPORTS HOUSE ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 6.00PM.

PRESENT: Nick Hunter (Chair), Pat Davoren, Heather Neil, Kate Borger, Camilla Hayman, David Bagnall.

APOLOGIES: Brendan Prout, Alan Borger. Gordon Marcks.

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2006 were read and confirmed (Bagnall/ K. Borger).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Meeting discussed the budget and proposal to meet the current operating deficit through an increase in affiliation, registration and race fees. The budget was prepared on the basis that triennium funding will not be cut this year with \$2,900 provision for contingencies. Women's grant has been received for this year but is likely to be cut. Association has absorbed inflationary cost increases of around 20% since the last increase in entries. Seat fee proposal is based on 562 registered members with registration increasing as follows:

Senior \$55 to \$65
Student \$27 to \$30
Cox \$22 to \$25

Entry fees proposed to increase to \$6.60 club regattas and \$12.00 for championships. The affiliation fee proposal will change the basis of payment from \$500 per club to a charge per member. It was agreed that non-registered rowers benefit from the Association's activities and should pay some fee for this. The impact of this measure will be significant for senior clubs with recreational members.

It was resolved that in addition to the agreed increases in registration fees the Committee agreed to increases in entry fees to \$6.60 and \$12.00 (championship) with the affiliation levy for non-registered members to be set at \$16.50 (Bagnall/Borger).

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT: Ord Minett Corporate Rowing Proposal - proposal was discussed and it was agreed that it offered a useful opportunity for clubs to raise funds and increase the profile of rowing in the business community. Secretary will draft a letter to clubs to determine their interest in proposal.

State of Origin Rule - RA's response to this matter has been to redraft. Rule 6.2 so it does not apply to the Youth Cup/Youth Olympics, only to the Interstate Regatta at the Nationals.

Policies - EO reported on progress with drafting Association policies drawing on Rowing Australia policies wherever comparable. EO is preparing the training modules for the Youth Protection Policy and is moving to implement the Member Protection Policy and Anti-doping Policy. Taryn Langdon is drafting a Women in Sport policy document. Kate Borger is developing the Child Protection and Junior Sport policies. Pat Davoren will draft the Risk Management Policy and Plan.

Key Result Schedule - EO has reviewed this document which shows that we have made satisfactory progress against performance measures.

Federal Head of the Lake - There are good prospects of support for this event from AIS talent identification and from schools in Victoria (Gippsland) and non-GPS schools in NSW.

Disher Cup - RMC is making good progress in arrangements for this event on 14 October 2006 which will include morning tea and running commentary for spectators.

Grant Applications - Women in Sport grant has been sought which will provide 50% of the cost Level 1-3 coaching courses. Applicants need to make a commitment to coaching on a regular

basis. Also sought funds for EO to undertake a company director's course. Volunteer Small Equipment grant application has been submitted for items previously discussed. Budget for ACT Government sport funding won't be available until early October. There is speculation about the dissolution of SRACT. Health Pac grant sought for updated Lake Traffic Flow posters so that they can be provided free to clubs.

Training Courses - The response to Level 2/3 courses proposed for the ACT has been disappointing. Running these courses has been made more difficult by potential candidates doing more expensive courses interstate.

Coxswains Course - to be held on 26 October with several experienced presenters. Cost will be \$10. Geoff Northam and Nick Hunter will make presentations to schools on regatta procedure. Interstate Transfers - were agreed for Ben Cook and Jessie Foran.

Lake User's Group - There were 30 written submissions to the NCA on development of the western end of the Lake incorporating the Yarramundi Reach Rowing Course. Dragon Boat interests support the course as they will not be eligible for national titles until there are fixed starts. The feasibility study into the course by Bruce Chalmers commences towards the end of the year. It was noted that the Kingston foreshore access to the Lake will be cut off from March 2007 apart from access by Capital Lakes RC.

Australia Day Celebrations - Bridge to Bridge race could be included as an early evening event. Pontoons in Yarralumla Bay - these belong to the Australian Geographic Society and are moored at official mooring sites and will not be removed despite disruption caused to rowing traffic. Indoor Rowing Regatta - will be moved to 25 November because of a clash with NTC trials. First aid services will be engaged for this event.

BRO Boat Housing - this has not been resolved but unused school buildings provide a possible solution. Works Depots will also be considered following advice from David Butt.

Summer Training Camps - EO will ensure early distribution of Traffic Flow information to visiting clubs to promote safe use of the Lake. Host Clubs also have a responsibility here. EO contract finalised

Report Accepted (Bagnall/Neil). Committee expressed appreciation of EO's outstanding work

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rules of Boat Racing - RA is looking to make the Rule Book closer to FISA Rules. Geoff Northam is also conducting a similar exercise with our Rules. In relation to a deposit for protests to deter frivolous protests, it was agreed that \$100 set by RA is excessive and \$20 would be appropriate. Similarly the \$250 fine for a no show was excessive. This amount will be determined in the light of experience with the new program. ACT Rules will be amended to cover the Disher Cup course layout.

Transfer of TIP Rower - Agreed that the proposed transfer of a rower from Radford College pursuant to her participation in the ACTAS TIP is inconsistent with the By-Laws and will not be approved.

Regatta Management Systems - Adoption of ROM and RP7 was agreed for reasons of national consistency. Noted that D score should be 3.01 and that rowers can compete one group higher but not in a group lower than their score. Committee expressed its appreciation for Martin Session's support for the regatta entry system for many years.

ACTRA Boat Licence - there has been a positive response by both the Water Police and NCA. David Bagnall is continuing discussions about the content of instruction for the licence. It was agreed this material should specifically acknowledge the particular water safety issues attached to use of Lake Burley Griffin without covering areas beyond the Association's responsibility and competence.

Noted that the CGS Under 17 VIII had received an award for excellence in sport following its outstanding results at the Nationals.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.17pm

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Chairman
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