

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ACT ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
HELD AT SPORTS HOUSE ON THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2007 AT 6.00PM.**

PRESENT: B. Prout (Chair), N. Hunter, P. Davoren, D. Bagnall, T. Langdon, A. Borger, C. Hayman, H. Neil.

APOLOGIES: K. Borger.

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2006 were read and confirmed (Davoren/Bagnall).

MATTERS ARISING: Incidents reported by BROs at the BMRC regatta. It was noted that one incident related to access to the course by a rower who was not competing in the regatta and was not under the control of the BROs. The relevant Club has been asked to ensure that rowers exercise care when approaching the course on regatta days. Clubs must be encouraged to use the new bow numbers and to ensure crews exercise care in warming up in the narrow south-bound lane past the 1000 metre mark.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Seat fees have dropped slightly after the last regatta following cancellation of late events due to the weather. This demonstrates the Association's exposure to loss of income from cancellation of events. The level of outstanding accounts is low with clubs responding well to reminder to keep up to date.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT: EO gave a reminder to drafters of Association Policies that they will be required soon.

Course Maintenance: John Simson who has maintained the course for a number of years has indicated that this task should undertaken on a more equitable basis. He is happy to bring the course up to standard with replacement of lost buoys so that the responsibility can be passed to another club. AIS's use of the course was noted. Transfer of responsibility for the course should be canvassed with the Clubs and AIS. B. Prout will ask John Simson if he is prepared to continue to maintain the course on a paid basis.

Masters Selectors: D. Ninham and D. Bagnall were appointed as selectors of the ACT crews at the Rowing Australia Masters Championships in June 2007.

ANU Boat Club: A number of measures have been taken to improve the prospects for the club including increasing the subscription and a plan for active recruitment during Orientation Week. A shortage of experienced members is still an issue for the Club. Nick Hunter and Adrienne McKenzie are assisting the Club in its efforts to remain viable.

Daramalan Rowing Club: Daramalan is doing well albeit on a relatively small scale. The Club needs to be monitored by the Association for any assistance it needs from the Association and other Clubs.

Bridge to Bridge Race: It was agreed as many crews as possible will be encouraged to row in the event on a straight line course from the bridge to regatta point. Crews may then row back past the finish line. Lights required due to the late time of the event.

Key Results Schedule: EO discussed with Grant Voisey of SREC and new measures have been identified to replace previous measures now considered to be "core business".

Member Protection Information Officer and Australian Sports Anti-doping Agency Representative: These positions need to be advertised.

ACT Team Manager: Bob Cook has indicated that he will not be continuing his outstanding service in this role. Nominations to be called for Kings Cup team manager.

Funds from Rowing Australia: A summary of how this \$15,000 is currently spent will be provided to the next meeting.

Events for ACT Championships: Agreement needs to be reached with Clubs before the February meeting on the format of the championships, whether they will be held in regatta event categories or on some other basis. School and Masters events could be run on the Sunday and Club and Age events on the Saturday.

Basis of Affiliation Fee: It was agreed in relation to correspondence from BMRC that learn to row activities would not attract the affiliation fee.

Letter to Minister Lloyd concerning ACTRA boat licence: Draft letter was circulated for comment. The President would be available to see the Minister if necessary.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.00 PM

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Chairman
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