

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ACT ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
HELD AT SPORTS HOUSE ON THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2007 AT 6.00PM.**

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

APOLOGIES: B. Prout and A. Borger.

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2007 were read and confirmed (Bagnall/Neil).

MATTERS ARISING

Committee expressed its satisfaction at Bob Cook staying on as Team Manager. N. Hunter reported that ANUBC is making significant progress in its recovery. Three coaches have expressed interest in helping the Club including James McCartney an experienced UK coach. Equipment has been repaired and some loaned by other clubs.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There is an over spend in representative team costs. Head Coaches salary has been paid for the first half of the financial year. A full report will be presented at the March meeting.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Regattas: There were 731 seats entered at the last regatta (CGS) and 370 at the first regatta of the year (Capital Lakes). The Capital Lakes regatta entries reflect poor selection of regatta date and the need to look more closely at the availability of school clubs in the regatta subcommittee. The Bridge to Bridge race was a highly successful event that attracted much favourable comment and presented rowing to a new audience. The next regatta will be hosted again from Weston Park. Crews have been slow to adjust to new traffic arrangements.

Grant Funding: Report on last year's performance against Key Result Schedule has been accepted and key outcomes have been accepted for 2007. We will receive our \$26,000 grant from triennium funding without impact from the cuts to SRACT.

ROMS Meeting: EO attended this meeting in Melbourne. It was announced that there would be a 20 cent seat levy to pay for ROMS support. The Committee questions the value of this arrangement and will instruct the delegate to raise the matter with RA.

Federal Head of the Lake: D. Bagnall to prepare event list. The main event will be the Schoolboy Single Scull in which there will be a limit of two boats per school. K. Borger will draft letter of invitation. FHOL will be the ACT schoolboy championships. School races at the ACT Championship regatta will not be championship events.

HEAD COACH'S REPORT

Committee noted poor results from the Youth Olympic Festival which raises a number of issues of recruitment and retention of promising young rowers. It was agreed that a Youth Development Workshop should be held and a Working Group formed to examine the entire selection process. There needs to be earlier selection of crews and appointment of coaches. The Working Group will be asked to assess the 2006-07 selection process before the end of March 2007.

RECORDER'S REPORT

It was agreed that N. Hunter would speak to the recorder about his intentions concerning the position. Meeting noted that the regatta timing system has been working well and adherence to correct bow numbering was improving. There remain issues with Lake traffic and safety.

The meeting agreed a detailed event list for the ACT Championships. It was agreed to implement the agreement of clubs that crews in school races be from the one school. Rowing Australia handicaps would apply to Masters races with every effort to group crews according to age where there are sufficient entries. Under 19 quad races would be coxless in accordance with RA policy. Double points would be awarded for championship events.

Amendment to Laws of Boat Racing: It was resolved that Rowing Australia Rule 44 *Restrictions on Entries* applies in the ACTRA with the exception of Rule 44.3 which is replaced by the words:

Composite Crews – Clubs may enter composite crews in ACTRA events, with the exception of Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Schoolboy and Schoolgirl events, which are restricted to crews consisting of representatives of one school only.

(D. Bagnall/K. Borger)

GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting noted progress in establishing a rowing club on Lake Ginninderra. This positive development could be mentioned in letter to Territories Minister Lloyd.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.05PM

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Chairman
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