

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ACT ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
HELD AT SPORTS HOUSE, HACKETT, ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 6.05 PM.

PRESENT: B. Prout, N. Hunter, P. Davoren, G. Marcks, T. Langdon and M. Ronke.

APOLOGIES: H. Neil.

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting held on 9 August 2007 were read and confirmed and decisions taken at that meeting ratified including adoption of the 2007-08 budget (Bagnall/Davoren).

MATTERS ARISING: Regatta program was adopted subject to resolution of issue of Radford being unable to conduct its regatta on the allocated date.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report accepted (Bagnall/Davoren).

EXECUTIVE OFFICER' REPORT: A ROMS training course will be held on 17 November 2007. Level 3 course is taking a month or two to organise. Not settled at this stage whether it will be held on a weekend or week night, perhaps a sequence of Thursday nights. Radford College could provide a venue. There are funds in the budget to assist targeted coaches (perhaps 12) who are interested in participating.

Youth Cup - SDOs met to give their views on the arrangements for the Youth Cup. ACT view is that the event should be held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre and that international representatives should be allowed to compete. Winter Time Trial awards will be held at BMRC on Sunday 7 October 2007.

Elite Development Coach - Interviews for the two applicants will take place on 7 October 2007.

Wakeboarding Championships - wakeboarding will be held on the lake for 3 days a year and one weekend. The NCA is likely to hold this event on East Basin. In discussion it was noted that past conduct of wakeboarding on Tarcoola Reach had been highly disruptive to rowing.

BRO Equipment Grant - Geoff Northam is preparing the application.

Audit of 2006-07 Accounts - This will be shortly be available from Catherine Foster enabling the AGM to be scheduled for early October.

HEAD COACHES REPORT: - Junior rowers are returning to training following a break. Head Coach is looking at the possible athlete mix and mode of operation for the program in 2008. This is complicated by the fact that coaches are applicants for positions elsewhere and athletes are still deciding on their priorities. These uncertainties should be resolved shortly. Selection time trials are underway for 2008. Ten scholarships are on offer.

RECORDER'S REPORT: - WTTs concluded successfully on 15-16 September. Presentation event will be cost free, recognising that competitors have already contributed through entry fees. Budget for event is \$500. List of regatta events now complete.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rowing Course - Meeting discussed possibility that Symonston course proposal could be reactivated, perhaps driven by need for improved facilities for water skiers. Andrew McKenzie is preparing a landscape plan for the finish area of the current course. It was agreed that when this is completed a meeting be sought with NCA to consider course issues, especially the total lack of basic facilities at the finish area.

Beijing Olympic Torch Relay - The relay will spend one day in Canberra on 24 April 2007. There will be opportunities for rowing involvement perhaps with local rowing Olympians.

ACT Team Uniforms - Meeting agreed to proposed new uniforms.

Youth Squad Meeting - a group of coaches has got together to provide a forum for discussing formation and training of squads which will form the basis of ACT youth representative crews. They have developed draft protocols to cover the operation of composite development squads using club equipment and facilities and are seeking club endorsement of them.

Reinhold Batschi - Committee noted that Reinhold had retired recently and expressed its appreciation of his efforts for Australian rowing and generosity to the Association.

MEETING CLOSED: 7.47pm

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Chairman
15 November 2007