

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ACT ROWING ASSOCIATION HELD AT SPORTS HOUSE, HACKETT ON 20 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 0600

PRESENT: B. Prout (Chair), S. Nermutova, K. Borger, S. Tulloh, P. Davoren, T. Langdon.

APOLOGIES: D. Bagnall, H. Neil.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January meeting read and confirmed (Borger/Nermutova).

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT: Head Coach Remuneration - noted that a CPI adjustment will be required in the next contract. State Team Dinner - 80 people have indicated they will be attending so far and good prospects for getting more by Friday night.

ROMS - noted that the system performed better with Nationals entries. The new ROMS server assisted this. M. Ronke going to the next ROMS meeting. Regatta manager will be used for the Daramalan Regatta but we expect to revert to ROMS for the 2008-09 season.

Regatta Equipment - Ordered PA system from the volunteers grant. A new starter motor is required for the Brindabella at a cost of around \$1500. Trailer registrations also need to be checked.

Grants - Association has received triennial funding and the capital assistance grant for to install the starting light system on all starting platforms. We are also eligible for consideration for a health promotion grant of up to \$30,000.

In discussion of the operation of the EDP program and coordinator it was noted that there were limited numbers of athletes outside ACTAS who were suitable for the program. TID is unlikely to have any short term impact on this situation as the TID athletes will take at least 18 months to reach required levels of fitness and strength. It was agreed that James McCartney should prepare a report on the first 4 months operation of the EDP program so that the Executive has a clear idea of progress to date and assistance required from the Association.

HEAD COACH REPORT: The report was read and accepted. The Committee was pleased to note the very strong results from ACTAS crews and scullers at the NSW Championships.

RECORDER'S REPORT: Deferred to March meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Meetings - It was agreed that until there is some compelling reason to change the meeting day, Executive Committee meetings will continue to be held on Thursdays.

ACTRA Tent - It was resolved (Borger/Tulloh) that the tent with the Canberra rowing logo would be sold to Canberra Rowing Club and that the EO would investigate options and costs for purchase of a tent with the ACT Rowing logo. Meeting noted that Austrail is a possible source of a suitable tent. Masters Representative Crews – It was agreed that the draft selection policy should be finalised and agreed out of session and circulated to clubs as soon as practicable. A number of proposals by S. Tulloh were tabled and considered:

ACTRA Start-up Fleet - the concept of an ACTRA start up fleet that could be drawn on by new clubs was agreed in principle. Issues such as resources for storage and repairs and maintenance would need to be considered further.

Clubs should be informed of this concept and encouraged to store rather than dispose of surplus serviceable equipment.

20 day terms for debts - It was resolved the Association would charge interest on debts older than 20 days after 30 March 2008 (Tulloh/Davoren).

Chairman's Barbecue - The concept of a recruitment event for rowers looking towards their post-school rowing careers was discussed and endorsed. There was some disagreement about whether such an event should be pitched towards representative aspirants or that the fun element of the club rowing environment should be emphasised. It was agreed that the Executive Officer should provide a draft plan for such an event emphasising rowing in the club environment, including date and venue, for decision at the March meeting.

Level III Coaching Course - Agreed that this be held in mid-May subject to any good reasons to the contrary. The Executive Officer will plan the course with the assistance of Camilla Hayman and state bodies and call for expressions of interest from clubs in participating. Meeting noted the need for modular structure to encourage participation. It was confirmed that the Association would provide financial support for approved participants.

MEETING CLOSED: at 7.49PM.

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Chairman
26 March 2008