

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ACT ROWING ASSOCIATION INC.
HELD AT SPORTS HOUSE HACKETT ON 17 APRIL 2008 AT 6.00 PM.**

PRESENT: H. Neil (Chair), P. Davoren, R. Warboys, S. Tulloh, T. Langdon, S. Nermutova, K. Borger, G. Marcks, M. Ronke.

APOLOGIES: B. Prout, D. Bagnall.

MINUTES: Minutes of the March meeting were confirmed (Warboys/Tulloh).

MATTERS ARISING: Level 3 course will be held in mid-late May with acceptances required in late April. Website hosting issue will be pursued as a matter of urgency. Concern was expressed at the continuing high level of funds due to the Association from fees and nationals entry fees. EO will pursue payment of these debts. Invitation letter has been drafted for Chairman's Barbecue at ANU on Sunday 4 May 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reports circulated. Westpac account contains \$53,000. Level of debt is high but debts should be readily recovered. Regatta activity in 08-09 will be important in determining income. Last season entries were higher compensating for less regattas. In 08-09 ISRA will be a useful source of income. Revenue considerations will be important at regatta SC meeting on 15 May to decide number and time of regattas. (Report accepted Tulloh/Davoren).

HEAD COACHES REPORT: Report circulated. HC reported on outstanding efforts at selection trials for Australian Junior team. HC is now concentrating on support for national teams in Canberra and the transition to winter training. Youth Cup selections also a high priority and selection policy has been circulated. The June time trial is the main selection event. Team management will be an issue in view of Bob Cook's absence. EO will put out a call for expressions of interest in this role. HC is putting together selection criteria for the program in 2009. There are changes likely in arrangements for AIS and ITCs but he is proceeding on basis of current situation. There is expected to be an increased profile for disabled athletes. Selection for the program will continue to be based on WTTs and anticipated start of ITC time trial process in September. T. Langdon raised issue of access to boats in WTTs for aspirants for ACTAS selection. HC said that this needed to be addressed. Report accepted (Nermutova/Langdon)

EO REPORT: EO said that a date for strategic plan review needs to be settled. It was agreed that a date in June would be suitable. Reported on move of office within Sports House. ROMS is functioning more effectively and will improve further with merge of ROMS and Rowing Manager data. Level 3 course will be priority for next month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Colin Panton Memorial Marathon: It was agreed that this event be held on Sunday 26 October. The early decision will assist in promotion of the event to interstate clubs. It was agreed that there is an opportunity to promote a long distance rowing program combining the WTTs and Marathon to interstate rowing tourists. H. Neil will develop a promotional flyer which can be distributed at events such as the Australian Masters

Championships.

Course Facility Upgrade: Simon Tulloh reported that he had spoken to a Parks and Gardens project officer about erecting a 'shade structure' above the table at the finish position to remove the need for erecting a tent during regattas.

Course Maintenance Roster: Regatta subcommittee will be asked to come up with a roster in view of John Simson's wish not to continue this work unaided.

Paralympic Representative: Athlete will now be funded for pre-Olympic preparation so Association will not be required to contribute.

Meeting Start Time: It was agreed that future meetings would commence at 6.15 pm in view of difficulty of some members in getting to 6.00pm meetings on Thursdays.

MEETING CLOSED: 7.38PM

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CHAIRMAN

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