



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CGS Shed Monday 19 June 2023 at 6.00pm

Attendees

Board: Kent Peters (President), Tobias Wehr-Candler (Vice President), Sebastian Lang, Craig Jones, Ben Page, Virginia Hayward, Vinhara Goonesekera

Staff: Sarah Davoren (Acting Executive Officer)

Apologies: Alison Chinn (Director of Finance), Dave Fraumano (Head Coach)

1. Welcome. President opened meeting at 1804 with an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Register of Interests. None.

3. Acceptance of Minutes.

a. May 2023. Minutes accepted.

b. Outstanding Actions. Two outstanding action items. In the matter of A grade Women rowing in Men's A/B events, this was discussed at the President's and Captain's Forum and a survey will be circulated to clubs.

4. Director of Finance Report (Alison Chinn). Report tabled. HP to make a potential surplus. Biggest hit to RACT financial performance has been a new insurance policy.

5. RA Councillor Report (Tobias Wehr-Candler). Report tabled. Key points from the strategic forum are: RA under significant financial pressure and more costs will be passed down to states/ territories, cuts to Pathways and RowNation app to go live in Aug.

6. High Performance Report (Dave Fraumano). Report tabled. DF along with TWC attended RACT/ RA/ ACTAS PPMG meeting.

Key points:

- Cuts to HP funding by 57k from 1 JUL 23 and to mainly affect Pathways program
- Redrafting of strategic and operational plans for next 18 months underway

Board wishes to acknowledge the hard work of Tom Creber and thank him for his role as Assistant HP coach and wish him best in his new employment.

7. Executive Officer (Sarah Davoren). Report tabled.

Key points:

- Successful WTT2
- Board congratulated ACT Masters Interstate Team on their success at Master's Nationals. Board also noted ACT placed equal ranking with NSW in regatta points.
- BRO dinner to be held 23 JUN.

- 2020 Para grant has been fully acquitted with Community Services Directorate, 22/23 Veteran’s Grant in progress.
- Strong engagement in Para Indoor Rowing Program.
- Currently in discussions with Invictus Australia about potential collaboration at Veteran’s Indoor Rowing Competition on 19 AUG 23.
- Board has agreed to RA Transgender policy in principle – work underway to determine how this will affect RACT regatta.

8. Safety Sub-Committee (Catherine Garrington). Report tabled. Good engagement and discussion at recent President and Captain’s Forum on safety issues. SSC to hold a subsequent Club Safety Officer Forum.

9. Governance Sub-Committee (Virginia Hayward). Report tabled. Board thanked VH and AC on their tremendous efforts in putting forward a very strong SSO Categorisation application.

a. The Board endorsed the following artefacts:

- a) **Board Charter.** Endorsed.
- b) **Code of Conduct.** Endorsed.
- c) **Directors Induction Program.** Endorsed.
- d) **Board Meeting Papers and Decision Making.** Endorsed.
- e) **Risk Management Policy (Board).** Endorsed.
- f) **Risk Management Plan (Organisation).** Endorsed.

10. Items for Decision

a. Affiliation and Membership Fee Increase. As Rowing ACT is not able to absorb increased costs from RA, the Rowing ACT Board has *endorsed* the increase of the RACT Affiliation Fee from \$20 to \$30 per affiliated member for clubs in this coming membership year (FY2023).

With inflationary and additional cost pressures, and ACT Government grant funding changes, the Rowing ACT Board has *endorsed* the increase of Membership Fees to the amounts noted in the following table from 1 JUL 23:

Rower Registration	Registration Fee from JUL 1 23	Affiliation Fee from JUL 1 23
Senior Competitive Rower	\$90	\$30
Junior Competitive Rower	\$45	\$30
Competitive Coxswain	\$45	\$0
Recreational Rower	\$0	\$30
Associate	\$0	\$0

Ben Page departs 1925, as this moment, President thanked Ben for all his hard work and diligence as a Board Member and acknowledges that he may not be able to attend upcoming meetings due to other work commitments.

b. STO/BRO Support Paper – Catherine Garrington, Ben Page, Kent Peters. Paper tabled.
No decision made.

11. Items for Discussion

a. Regatta Strategy / 2023-2024 Regatta Calendar. Draft tabled. Regatta Sub-Committee to be activated again for the upcoming season. Board endorsed SL to preside as Chair of Committee.

12. Items for Noting

a. Club President and Captains Forum. Positive feedback on information given and received. Looking to hold forum quarterly.

b. Performance Pathway Monitoring Group update and discussion. See item 5. Board discussed a potential option to open an Interstate Selection Sub-Committee.

Sarah Davoren departs 2000

13. Other Business. None.

14. In camera session

Meeting closes 2021.

Future meetings/events:

WTT 3 July 22

WTT 4 August 12

WTT 5 September 9

2023 Board Meetings:

July 17

August 21

September 18

October 16

November 20

Other events:

AGM October 23