



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CGS Shed Monday 21 August 2023 at 6.00pm

Attendees

Board: Kent Peters (President), Sebastian Lang, Virginia Hayward, Vinhara Goonesekera, Alison Chinn (Director of Finance), Catherine Garrington

Apologies: Ben Page, Sarah Davoren (Acting Executive Officer), Dave Fraumano (Head Coach), Craig Jones, Tobias Wehr-Candler (Vice President),

1. Welcome. President opened meeting at 1813 with an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Register of Interests. None.

3. Acceptance of Minutes.

a. July 2023. Accepted.

b. Outstanding actions. 2 items closed. Rest ongoing.

4. Director of Finance (Alison Chinn). Report tabled. Receivables for this month are mostly attributed to affiliation fees and registration fees paid by clubs and schools. Financial statements have gone to audit.

5. Councillors Report (Virginia Hayward). VH gave verbal update. Councillors expressed frustrations with how RA is managing the increase in affiliation fee. Particularly, the inconsistency in how each state is being approached about the increase.

6. Acting Executive Officer (Sarah Davoren). Report tabled. Board noted the success of the indoor veterans and friends rowing competition with over 100 entries. The Board congratulated ACT athletes on their success at the Australian Coastal Rowing Championships. Additionally, the Board recognised the valuable contributions of Geoff Northam, Nick Hunter and Catherine Garrington on their appointments as umpires at Australian Championship events. The Board also acknowledges Catherine Garrington on her achievement as umpire at World Rowing events, this year. The Board congratulates Jacqui Williams on obtaining her Level Three umpire certification. These are significant achievements and speaks to the exceptional quality of ACT's umpires.

7. Safety Sub-committee. (Catherine Garrington). CG gave verbal update. Board noted 6 reports in the last month. Board reminds the rowing community to remain vigilant and to continue reporting incidents to ensure tracking of hotspots.

8. Governance Sub-committee. (Virginia Hayward). Nothing to note.

9. Items for Decision

a. BRO/STO Support Paper – updated. Board approved of the provision of ACT BRO Shirts for BROs. Board considered funds acquired from the Sports Foundation fund to be used as subsidies to BRO and STOs from the ACT who are selected to umpire at national and international events.

b. High-performance Sub-committee Terms of Reference. Board noted the ToR and tabled for discussion at next meeting.

10. Items for discussion

a. Women competing in A Grade Men’s Events and Feedback. The history of this matter: upon ratification of this by-law in 2021, then President agreed to review the by-law and its efficacy. At this meeting, (Aug 23) Board discussed that multiple iterations of surveys, forums and discussion at AGM’s cumulated in a sufficient understanding of concerns and feedback about this by-law from the community. Given the majority of clubs and schools did not have objections to this by-law, Board voted 5:1 to close the matter of review. The by-law remains extant.

b. Annual report. Board delegated tasks.

c. Regatta Sub-committee. (Sebastian Lang). SL gave verbal update. Discussions ongoing in the sub-committee about how to equitably split points and whether a new pennant may be necessary.

11. Items for Noting.

a. Jaime Fernandez OLY RA resignation. Board notes and extends its gratitude to Jaime Fernandez upon his retirement from RA. Jaime has been a great supporter of RACT and on occasions acting as Selector for ACT State teams. RACT wishes Jaime the best of luck on his new adventure.

12. Other Business. None.

Meeting closed 2028.

Future meetings/ events:

2023 Board meetings:

September 18

October 16

November 20

Other events:

AGM October 23