



Rowing ACT Board Meeting

April 23rd 2024

Red Shed Site

Attendees: Kent Peters (President), Tobias Wehr-Candler (Vice-President), Hugo Ellwood (Director of Finance), Virginia Hayward, Catherine Garrington, Sebastian Lang, Alice Arch, Peter Wright

Staff: Sarah Davoren (Executive Officer), Dave Fraumano (Head Coach)

Invited (Red Shed): John Gasson, Jeanette Gasson, Monique Gasson, Sonja Balic, Beth Byran.

Apologies: Jaime Fernandez

1. Red Shed x Rowing ACT:

The Rowing ACT board used the April board meeting as an opportunity to meet with the team behind the Red Shed project, tour the site facility as well as discuss potential opportunities for collaboration.

Sonja Balic and Beth Byran introduced themselves as the General Manager and Head Coach respectively. Beth Byran discussed the range of sessions and programs being developed to cater to the principal of “Rowing for all”. Aim is to push the learn to row and junior school programs as a means of development.

Strategic community vision:

1. Drive the volunteer program.
2. Use events to build the community
3. Collaborating with like minded organisations.

The Red Shed is due to open July 1, with a full launch in October.

Action Item: Sarah to touch base with Red Shed Staff around collaboration potential, as well as the membership links. Rowing ACT board looking to develop further collaboration over the coming months.

Red Shed staff depart 6:45pm



Formal meeting opens 6:45pm

2. Acknowledgement of country.

3. Register of Interests:

No new interests.

4. Acceptance of minutes:

March minutes moved by Kent Peters and seconded by Peter Wright, with minutes accepted.

5. Director of Finance Report:

Small loss in the year to date, noting that a large percentage of revenue is still to come with the affiliation and membership fees. New annual reporting obligation means all not-for-profits have to lodge a self-assessment review with the ATO.

Kent Peters noted that the impact of the lack of discretionary funding from ACT Sport and Recreation will start to show over the next period.

Action Items: Hugo, Kent and Sarah to develop a budget for the next financial year. Board to discuss and consider who we should appoint as a tax agent and who we should appoint for the audit's etc.

6. Head Coach Report:

Kent Peters thanked Dave on behalf of the board for the care shown to the athletes and community during the first weeks from Cormac Hayes' accident.

Head Coach commented on the great success of the pathways program, despite some hiccups in the planning. Board extended their congratulations to the athletes.

Head Coach noted that he will be departing on the 30th of April for Europe for the final Qualifying Regatta with the Men's Quad, inclusive of Caleb Antill.

Head Coach updated the board on the progress of Cormac Hayes following his accident on Easter Friday. Dave visited the previous Friday, with Cormac showing positive signs of progress inclusive of cognitive and spinal. Still a number of surgeries to come but much more positive prognosis. All athletes are receiving updates on Cormac's condition through a WhatsApp group set up following the accident.



Head Coach departs 7:16pm

7. Executive Officer Report:

Board congratulated the EO on the conclusion of the regatta season, noting the success of the season, and Sarah's first season as the Executive Officer.

EO noted that the season was extremely positive and is looking forward to continuing to develop the regatta programs with the Regatta Sub-Committee and the board. EO has been complying data on the season to circulate to the clubs and the board.

EO particularly thanked the volunteers and officials from the ADF Regatta at the start of April, noting that despite the 50mm of rain that hit Canberra over the weekend, the regatta progressed with all volunteers showing great spirit. A particular highlight to the ADF volunteer who had to drive the club tinny with the starters in the pouring rain.

8. Safety Sub-Committee Report:

5 reports during the reporting period, inclusive of one where the SSC was asked to mediate. This was determined to not be the function or remit of the SSC.

Action Item: A safety officers meeting will be scheduled following the Australian Masters Rowing Championships.

9. Governance Sub-Committee Report:

Final priorities for 2024 submitted for endorsement. One small change requested from TWC to highlight the High Performance Working Group as the lead for the HP priorities rather than the PPMG.

Board endorsed the Strategic Priorities inclusive of change.

10. High Performance Review Scope (Item for Decision)

Alice Arch and Tobias Wehr-Candler presented a scope for review of the High Performance Program. Scope is broad and include interstate and pathway related activities. Plan is the review the program now before we approach the PPMG agreement review, with the aim for another 3 year partnership.



The review will look at the function of the program, the capacity of the program and whether the current program is the best option, noting we are the only state that is the delivery partner for a high performance program, especially noting that ACTAS does not have the capacity to run a program internally.

Decision: Board endorsed the review and scope of the review with Alice Arch, Tobias Wehr-Candler, Jaime Fernandez to develop the review, alongside Zoe Lynam.

11. Other Business;

- a. Board noted that the May Meeting will also be the Club Captains and President's Forum.
- b. Sebastain Lang and EO to finalise and send out a questionnaire to the RSC on the past season to help develop the next season's program.
- c. Virginia Hayward has stepped down as councillor to Rowing Australia due to heavy workload. Board endorsed Alice Arch as the new councillor.

Meeting Closed 7:50pm