



BOARD MEETING
Sydney Yacht Squadron
Wednesday 16 November at 6.00pm

MINUTES

Attendees: Stephen Donnelley (President), Stephen Handley (Deputy President), Victor Walter, Sarah Cook, Adam Vine-Hall and Tony Blower (Secretary)

Apologies: Danika Wright, Deanna Fekete

Absent: Sarah Hill, Liam James

1. Welcome

1.1 6.00pm – S Donnelley welcomed the Directors to the November Board meeting of Rowing NSW Inc

1.2 The board welcomed Adam Vine-Hall to his first board meeting as a Director filling a casual vacancy.

2. Confirmation of Minutes and Business Arising

2.1 Previous Meetings Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 6 & 19 October 2016 RNSW Board Meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Motion; Carried

2.2 Business Arising

The President tabled the Board action sheet. A verbal update on the status of pending items to be actioned from previous minutes was provided.

3. Rowing NSW Programs

3.1 Regattas

Regattas	2015			2016		
	Entries	Seats	Athletes	Entries	Seats	Athletes
North Shore Head	75	100	98	74	101	101
Armidale RC time trial	--	-	-	--	-	-
Armidale Sprints	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lane Cove Head	-	-	-	28	192	216
Port Macquarie	283	619	160	296	663	179
Iron Cove Classic No1	24	192	212	26	208	231
RNSW Spring	527	1120	480	413	901	375
U21 Twilight	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jnr Head of Parramatta	-	-	-	-	-	-
NSWIS TT 2	102	117	117	120	124	124
Newcastle Grammar	332	716	210	456	1025	319
Iron Cove Classic No2	27	216	239	31	248	278
Lismore RC Regatta	228	413	110	227	409	116
Hunter Valley Grammar	317	661	206	304	650	214

3.2 Membership Analysis

2010/11 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,146
2011/12 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,649
2012/13 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,757
2013/14 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,875
2014/15 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,746
2015/16 Total Membership of Rowing NSW	4,692

	October '15	October '16	Total: 2015/16
Metro Comp	739	780	969
Metro Jnr	1423	1256	1862
Regional Comp	334	327	403
Regional Jnr	378	369	439
Supporting	27	16	30
Official	205	243	296
AAGPS Jnr	157	279	430
Recreational	100	120	182
Patron	80	78	80
	3441	3468	4692

The membership renewal rate is ahead of last season's figures by 27 individuals year to date

4. Finance Report

The detailed October management accounts were provided in the meeting papers.

Motion; To accept the Finance report
Motion; Carried

5. BOARD MATTERS

5.1 Further discussions were held regarding the strategic plan and it was noted that S Donnelley and D Wright would attend the offices of Rowing NSW to further the understanding of the staff with respect to the plan,

5.2 The Board noted the Circular Resolution with respect to the Casual Vacancy of the position of Director

Motion; To Elect Adam Vine-Hall to the vacant position of Director under Section 35 of the Constitution; Casual Vacancies
Motion; Carried

5.3 The Board noted the continuing work on the National Training Centre and further noted the hope of lodgings a Development Application before Christmas.

5.4 The Board noted the recommendations of the Selectors with respect to the appointment of coaches for the Interstate Regatta and adopted to accept their recommendation.

Motion; To appoint the following to the position of coach for interstate crews in the 2017 interstate regatta;

1. Kings Cup; Don Cech (head), Nick Garratt (assist)
2. Men's Youth; Jason Baker
3. Men's Lightweight; Tim McLaren (head), Lachlan Carter (assist)
4. Queens Cup; Alfie Young
5. Women's Youth; Judith Ungemach
6. Women's Lightweight; Dave Gely

Motion; Carried

5.5 The Board noted that Rowing Australia has agreed to undertake a national review and develop a Digital Strategy for the whole of sport. Rowing NSW will contribute to this review, however the board expressed the view that the review lacked clarity with respect to purpose.

Action; The Secretary is to write to Rowing Australia outlining the concerns of the board.

5.6 The Board noted the need to define the Rowing Season to assist clubs competing overseas. The Board further noted that this would require a change to the Laws of Boat Racing and thus be a Reviewable Decision under Section 43(1)(c) of the Constitution.

Motion; To change the Laws of Boat Racing to reflect the following;

1. To change the words in 2.(i) (a) of the Laws of Boat Racing from 'during each year' to 'from 1 June to 31 May of the following year (The Season)'
2. To change the words in 2.(i) (b) of the Laws of Boat Racing from 'each season' to 'each Season'

Motion; Carried

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 The Board noted the recently held Loreto Normanhurst regatta and complemented the BROs on the actions following the cancellation of the regatta due to wind

6.2. The Board noted the school girl regatta timetable and questioned the number of double header regattas.

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Stephen Donnelley
President

Anthony Blower
Secretary

Next Meeting 21 December 2015 at 6:00pm (Kirribilli)