

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 28th September 2010
6.30pm
Sports House
Ken Brown Rooms (lower carpark level)
6A Figtree Drive,
Sydney Olympic Park

PRESENT

Norma Perry (RNSW President) Doug Donoghue (Sydney / RNSW Vice President) David Moore (Sydney) Frank Thorn (Leichhardt) James Gerofi (Sydney) Gregory James (Balmain) Charlotte Tanner (North Shore) Kerry Thorn (Leichhardt) Bruce Soane (Nepean) Ian McRae (Penrith) David Fisher (Leichhardt) Anna Foley (Leichhardt) Stephen Jaques (Leichhardt) Owen Nix (CDRA) Susan Walter (North Shore) Andrew Rowley (Sydney) Stewart Derwin (Sydney / RNSW Life Member) Dallas Smith (Sydney) Jenny Cole (Sydney) David Hogan (Leichhardt) Garry Jones (North Shore) Ray Green (Sydney) Lance Reeve (Lakes) Ben Felten (Lakes) Linda McDonald (North Shore) Diana Brown (North Shore) Madeleine Gross (North Shore) Janet Mathews (North Shore) Karyn Knowles (North Shore) Alexandra Butt (UTS / NSWCIS) Sandra Rourke (Leichhardt) Michael Perry (North Shore) Christiaan Fitzsimon (Leichhardt) Tony Brown (Sydney) Patricia Spring (SUWBC) Keith Jameson (Sydney / RNSW Vice President) David Longhurst (Balmain) Onno Van Ewyk (Leichhardt) Andrew Morrell (Leichhardt) Mark Brooks (Leichhardt) Jane Spring (SUWBC / RNSW Vice President) Murray Clarke (UNSW) Anne Parbury (Leichhardt) Ross Tout (Leichhardt) Dianne Williams (Leichhardt) Mark Williams (Mosman) Peter Baird (Sydney) John Johnson (Newington Masters) Andrew McCallum (Leichhardt) Patricia McMeekin (North Shore) James Harrowell (Leichhardt) Charles Caskey (Leichhardt) Allan Pollock (St George) Heather Hunt (Leichhardt) Michael Daffy (Sydney) Nicholas Cassidy (Leichhardt) Ray Armstrong (Sydney) Phillip Titterton (Mosman) Anne Titterton (SUWBC) Joe Pollet (SUWBC) Stephen Handley (Sydney) Kaye Smythe (Sydney) Judith Ruja (SWMLC) Helen Zimmerman (SWMLC) Peter McClaren (St George) James Hole (North Shore) Alexander Weilsmann (Balmain) Jannet Pendleton (Drummoyne) Susan Wannan (North Shore) Geoff Wannan (North Shore) Katherine Bartlett (Leichhardt) Ian Allsop (UTS) Bronwen Watson (SUWBC) Andrew Black (UTS) Kim Mackney (Glebe) Barry Moynahan (Leichhardt / RNSW Vice President) Richard Coleman (Leichhardt) Katherine Holden (UNSW) Christopher Noel (SUBC) Ken Ambler (Sydney) Bryan Weir (Mosman) Kim Rudder (North Shore) Nick Garratt (Mosman) Robert Smith (North Shore) Greg Larkin (Sydney) Neil Holmes (Nepean) Dorothy De George (Sydney) Michael Mooney (Leichhardt) Christian Renford (RNSW CEO) Melissa McCormack (RNSW) Hugh McLeod (RNSW) and Brett Morley (RNSW)

VISITORS

The President opened the 132nd Annual General Meeting of the NSW Rowing Association Inc at 6:40pm

1. APOLOGIES

John Coates, Geoffrey McIntyre, Yasmin Harris L'Estrange, Wade Hewett, Tim Clare, Charles Bartlett, Keli Stapp, Torquil Murray, Margaret Mackenzie, Joseph Zammit, Earnest Chapman, Liam James, Barbara Ramjan, Phil Cayzer

2. OBITUARIES

The President noted the passing since the last Annual General Meeting of Dick Palmisano (November 2009) Geoff Williamson (September 2009) John Garrett (October 2009) Ross Andrews (January 2010) Bob Main (April 2010) Mike Newington (May 2010) and Peter Trives (August 2010)

The President expressed his sympathies to the families. A minute of silence was observed by the meeting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 131st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion: That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 29th September 2009 be taken as read and adopted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mr. D. Donoghue

Seconded: Mr. B. Soane

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The President provided a verbal report on the activities of the Association for the period ending 30th June 2010.

The Chief Executive Officer tabled the Annual Report and provided verbal report on the achievements throughout the previous season and highlighted challenges and opportunities facing the Association for the coming year.

Mr S Derwin congratulated the Board on their achievements throughout the 2009/10 season.

The President invited the NSWRA Auditor (Mr P Crawford, VJ Ryan & Co) to provide the meeting with a summary of the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash-Flows and Notes, together with the independent Audit Report and detailed Statement of Financial Performance for the 12 months ended 30th June 2010.

Motion: That the Annual Report together with the Financial Statements and Auditors Report for the 12 months ended 30th June 2010 as presented to the meeting be received and adopted.

Moved: Mr. S Derwin

Seconded: Mr. B Soane

Carried

5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Motion: That the appointment to the role of Auditor for the 2010-2011 Year be made to V. J. Ryan and Co.

Moved: Mr. G James

Seconded: Mr. S Derwin

Carried

6. TO CONSIDER BUSINESS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

6.a Nomination For Election As Life Members

After due consideration by the Honours Committee, at the August meeting, the Board accepted recommendations from the Honours Committee and referred the following nominations the Annual General Meeting which may by resolution elect such registered member as a Life member of the New South Wales Rowing Association:

i. Barry Moynahan (Leichhardt Rowing Club)

The President provided a brief verbal summary of Barry Moynahans' achievements. The President invited someone to speak to the motion, in favour of the acceptance of Barry Moynahan's nomination for life membership of NSWRA

Motion: That Barry Moynahan be awarded life membership of the New South Wales Rowing Association

Moved: Mr. K Mackney

Seconded: Mr. K Jameson

Carried

ii. Anthony (Tony) Brown (Sydney Rowing Club)

The President provided a brief verbal summary of Tony Browns achievements. The President invited someone to speak to the motion, in favour of the acceptance of Tony Browns nomination for life membership of NSWRA

Motion: That Anthony (Tony) Brown be awarded life membership of the New South Wales Rowing Association

Moved: Mr. K Jameson

Seconded: Mr. D Longhurst

Carried

6.b Central Tablelands Rowing Club

The President noted the tabled letter from Central Tablelands RC letter seeking affiliation with NSWRA and their Certificate of Incorporation has been circulated with meeting documentation.

CEO provided a brief update on the status of developments with the Central Tablelands RC and the Bathurst Regional Council

Motion: To support the application of affiliation by the Central Tablelands Rowing Club as an independently affiliated regional club of the New South Wales Rowing Association

Moved: Mr. B Soane

Seconded: Mr. A Rowley

Carried

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS BEARERS

Nominations have been called for President, Director of Administration and one Director.

7.a President

Nominations were received as follows:

1. Norma Perry (North Shore)
2. Charles Bartlett (Leichhardt)

As the President was up for re-election, Norma Perry vacated the Chair and asked Deputy President, Bryan Weir to chair the election of office bearers.

Tony Brown, Barry Moynahan and Peter Crawford were nominated as scrutineers. Following the casting of votes the scrutineers retired to calculate the votes. The scrutineers returned to the meeting and through the Chair advised that the nominee recording the highest number of votes was Norma Perry.

Motion: That Norma Perry be appointed President of the New South Wales Rowing Association.

Moved: Mr T. Brown
Seconded: Mr. G James
Carried

7.b Director of Administration

Nominations were received as follows:

1. Joseph Zammit (SWMLC)

The Deputy President recommended that as the position of Director of Administration is uncontested, no vote is required.

Motion: That Joseph Zammit be appointed Director of Administration of the New South Wales Rowing Association.

Moved: Ms. N Perry
Seconded: Mr. K Ambler
Carried

7.c Director

Nominations were received as follows:

1. Greg James (Balmain)

The Deputy President recommended that as the position of Director is uncontested, no vote is required.

Motion: That Greg James be appointed Director of Administration of the New South Wales Rowing Association.

Moved: Mr. D Longhurst
Seconded: Mr. A Weilsmann
Carried

The Deputy President vacated the Chair for the President at the conclusion of the election of office bearers.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

The President asked those present if there was any General Business to be raised.

8.a Captain John Piper - Founder of Australian Rowing

Mr Raymond Green:

- Provided background to, and the burial site of Captain John Piper, the founder of Australian Rowing, in Bathurst cemetery
- Provided background on the development of rowing in the Central West, specifically on the Ben Chifley dam, and the establishment of the Central Tablelands Rowing Club.
- R Green thanked Sydney RC for their continued support of the rowing in Central West through their generous donations of boats

A Rowley Congratulated R Green on his efforts to date promoting the sport in the Central West.

8.b Code of Conduct – Member Transfers

Mr Keith Jameson (Sydney Rowing Club):

- Expressed concern surrounding the issue of athlete recruitment / poaching between rowing clubs. K Jameson cited a recent example of an athlete transferring from Sydney RC to Sydney University Boat Club.
- Noted that SRCs' concern centred around:
 - non-rowing related inducements offered to athletes,
 - the conduct of coaches / administrators and
 - issues of transparency,
- Noted that concerns raised are not an attempt to restrict athletes' ability to move from one club to another if they wish. This right should be maintained.
- Requested the Board to investigate this issue in more detail with the aim of developing a code of conduct to guide clubs and athletes on protocol and procedures surrounding, member recruitment and subsequent transfer from one club to another.

Mr Mark Williams (Mosman Rowing Club):

- Supported the concerns of SRC, and the recommendation of the Board to develop a code of conduct.

Mr Chris Noel (Sydney University Boat Club):

- Challenged the example cited by K Jameson, and the criticism of the SUBC recruitment policy. C Noel offered to meet with any member of the rowing community to discuss the SUBC rowing program and the SUBC recruitment policy.
- Supported the creation of a code of conduct, and SUBC commitment to its implementation.

Mr Stewart Derwin (Sydney Rowing Club):

- Noted that the issue of athlete recruitment / poaching between rowing clubs has been prevalent for many years and often an emotive topic for all concerned.
- Suggested that the Board is the most appropriate body to discuss this issue in more detail, and develop a draft recommendation to be later disseminated to the membership for further debate.

Mr Murray Clarke (University of NSW Rowing Club):

- Spoke in favour of the position expressed by C Noel
- Noted that athletes are primarily attracted to a club by the quality of its rowing program.

Ms Jane Spring (Sydney University Women's Boat Club):

- Spoke in favour of the position expressed by C Noel
- Saddened by the level of ill-will between rowing clubs on this issue

Mr Ken Ambler (Sydney Rowing Club):

- Spoke in favour of the position expressed by K Jameson.
- Noted that concerns raised should not be an attempt to restrict athletes' ability to move from one club to another if they wish. This right should be maintained.

Ms Norma Perry - President:

- Encouraged that the issue of athlete recruitment / poaching between rowing clubs has been aired publicly.
- Confirmed that the Board is the most appropriate body to discuss creation of a code of conduct.
- The Board will form a speciality working group to discuss this issue in more detail. The working group will develop a draft recommendation with the aim for further debate at the February 2011 General Meeting.

There being no further business, the President thanked members and Delegates for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Approved Chairman/...../2010