



BOARD MEETING
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Kirribilli
Wednesday 17 February 2010 at 6.30pm

MINUTES

Attendees: Norma Perry (Chairperson), Tim Clare, Chris Noel, Peter Trives, Bryan Weir Joe Zammit, Stephen Handley, Greg James QC and Christian Renford (CEO)

Visitors: - Marty Rabjohns

Apologies: -

1. Welcome

N Perry welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Previous Meetings Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 20 January and 1 February 2010 (via teleconference) Board Meetings as true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: C. Noel Seconded: J. Zammit

Motion Carried

3. Business Arising

N/A

4. Correspondence

The CEO tabled the following incoming correspondence:

- RNSW President – Resignation Letter

5. RNSW President Resignation

The CEO tabled a letter from Andrew Rowley notifying his resignation from the position of President, RNSW.

N Perry moved a vote of thanks to Andrew Rowley for his outstanding commitment and contribution to the Association serving 14 years on the Board.

Moved: N Perry
Motion carried

Seconded: B Weir

The meeting confirmed Norma Perry as the Acting RNSW President, until the completion of the casual vacancy procedures as outlined in RNSW Rule 8(vi)

Action – CEO to commence casual vacancy proceedings in accordance with Rules 8(vi)

The CEO tabled a supporting letter from A Rowley outlining his desire to remain involved with the association wherever the Board deems it appropriate. The meeting confirmed the continuation of Andrew Rowley's appointment to the following positions:

1. NSW Councillor to Rowing Australia (until the end of 2010)
2. Chairman of the Facilities Development Commission

Motion: To confirm the continuation of Andrew Rowley's appointment as the NSW Councillor to Rowing Australia and Chairman of the Facilities Development Commission.

Moved: P Trives

Seconded: J Zammit

Motion carried

N Perry noted that it was timely whilst in this transition position that all members of the Board undertakes a review process to ensure the ongoing effective governance of the Board. The meeting agreed to conduct a self assessment review to be completed within two weeks.

Action: N Perry to circulate Board assessment framework

6. Finance Reports

The CEO tabled the monthly analysis of the budget as at 31 January 2010. The CEO noted the revised formatting of the 2009/10 budget into the three primary business units:

- a. Operations
- b. High Performance / Development
- c. Administration

The CEO reiterated that highlighted anomalies in monthly budget forecasts will be addressed in the 2010/11 budget via the implementation of more accurate monthly accruals throughout the budget development phase.

The 2009/10 budget as approved at the June General Meeting stated a deficit of approximately \$45,000. The CEO noted the implementation of several administrative efficiencies and indicated that a revised forecasted deficit of \$12,500 for the 2009/10 financial year.

P Trives provided a verbal overview of the authorisation process for all financial transactions between the RNSW Office and the Director of Finance.

The Board acknowledged and thanked the Selectors for their efforts and commitment to our State team. The Board confirmed the endorsement of the following squads for the NSW State Team to Compete at the 2010 Interstate Regatta in Nagambie, Victoria:

Nell Slatter Trophy (Women's Single Scull)
Brooke Pratley (Sydney University)
Coach Curtis Jordan

Bicentennial Cup (Women's Youth Eight) – squad of nine
Elise Andrews (Drummoyne RC) Greta Beale (Sydney University) Isobel James (Leichhardt) Sarah Jones (Grafton High School) Grace Michell (Sydney University) Ashleigh Peppernell Jessica Riley (Nepean RC) (Sydney University), Beatrix Sheldrick (Sydney University) Johanna Tarrant (Grafton High School)
Cox. Laura Warden (Sydney University)
Coach Stani Slavova (Leichhardt RC)
Crew Co-ordinator James McCartney (Sydney University)

Victoria Cup (Women's Lightweight Quad)
Jacky Peile (St George RC), Olivia Heath (Leichhardt RC), Elizabeth Scott (Leichhardt RC)
Laura Dunn (UTS RC)
Reserve Katherine McKeever (UTS RC)
Coach Ellen Randell

Queens Cup (Women's Eight) – squad of nine
Emma Costello (Sydney University) Monique Heinke (UTS RC) Laura Honson (University of NSW RC) Amy Ives (Mosman RC) Anna O'Brien (St George RC) Chloe O'Regan (Sydney University) Brooke Pratley (Sydney University), Kelli Stride (Sydney RC) Bronwen Watson (Sydney University)
Cox Beth Smith (Mosman RC)
Coach Nick Garratt
Crew Co-ordinator Alan Bennett (Sydney University)

President's Cup (Men's Single Scull)
Nicholas Hudson (Sydney University)
Coach Mark Prater (Sydney University)

Noel F. Wilkinson Trophy (Men's Youth Eight) – squad of nine
Ryan Barraclough (Sydney University) Sasha Belonogoff (Sydney University) Ryan Edwards (Sydney University) Tom Gunton (Mosman RC) Tim Harley (Sydney RC) Charles Marriott (Mosman RC) Steven Peile (St George RC) Hamish Playfair (Sydney University), Scott Woodward (Sydney RC)
Coxswain Daniel Claydon (Sydney RC)
Coach Robert Richards (Macquarie University)
Crew Co-ordinator Adam Vine-Hall (Sydney RC)

Penrith Cup (Men's Lightweight Four) – squad of five
Lachlan Carter (Sydney RC) Edward de Carvalho (Sydney University) Toby Ledgerwood (Sydney University) Edward White (Sydney University) Oli Zuk (UTS RC)
Coach Mark Prater (Sydney University)

Kings Cup (Men's Eight) – – squad of ten
Terrence Alfred (Sydney University) James Chapman (Sydney RC) Dominic Grimm (Sydney RC) Francis Hegerty (Sydney University) Tom Laurich (Mosman RC) Sam Loch (Sydney University), Dan Noonan (Mosman RC), Fergus Pragnell (Sydney University), Nicholas Purnell (Sydney University) Matthew Ryan (Sydney University)
Cox Tobias Lister (Sydney University)
Coach Curtis Jordan
Crew Co-ordinator Marty Rabjohns

CEO noted that two appeals have been submitted in accordance with the RNSW Appeals Policy

9. Interstate Regatta Lane Allocation

C Noel proposed an amendment to the existing random lane draw for the Interstate Regatta is held during the National Regatta - Rowing Australia to allocate lanes for the Interstate Regatta based on the finishing places for the previous year.

Board agreed in principle with C Noels discussion paper.

Action – RNSW Councillor and CEO to review whether amendments to the lane draw allocation can be made by the RA Board or this requires rule changes that need Council endorsement.

10. Future of Non-Composite Rules

C Noel tabled a introductory discussion paper seeking to review the composite restrictions at the NSW State Championships. The objective of the paper is to enhance the State Championships as a club event by looking at adding some more events that do not accept composite entries.

Action – C Noel to provide further detail in the discussion paper and forward to the Regatta Commission.

11. RNSW Office and Staff Reports

The CEO tabled the Staff Operational report. The report provided an overview of issues/actions that RNSW and NSWIS staff are actioning for the month preceding the Board meeting.

Additionally the CEO tabled the following supplementary reports:

- i. Membership
- ii. Regatta entry comparison (January – February)
- iii. Regatta entry v membership (February)
- iv. NTID Testing

12. Notification of Transfers

The following notification of transfers has been received in December 2009 and January 2010.

| First Name | Surname | From Club | To Club | Month Submitted/Approved |
|------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lewis | Wickenden | Sydney Rowing Club | Drummoyne Rowing Club | 20/01/2010 |
| Emily | Wohlfel | Drummoyne Rowing Club | Balmain Rowing Club | 20/01/2010 |
| Tim | Drinkwater | Hunter Rowing Club | Glebe Rowing Club | 20/01/2010 |
| Patricia | McMeekin | Balmain Rowing Club | North Shore Rowing Club | 20/01/2010 |
| Kathryn | Lewis | St George Rowing Club | Drummoyne Rowing Club | 20/01/2010 |
| Michelle | Battersby | Mosman Rowing Club | Sydney University Boat Club | 20/01/2010 |
| Susan | Overall | Mosman Rowing Club | Sydney University Boat Club | 20/01/2010 |
| Carissa | Louwen | North Shore Rowing Club | Mosman Rowing Club | 20/01/2010 |
| Matthew | McCormack* | Canberra Rowing Club | Sydney University Boat Club | 20/01/2010 |
| Jeremy | Campbell | Port Macquarie Rowing Club | Lower Clarence Rowing Club | 20/01/2010 |
| Tom | Sacre | Mosman Rowing Club | Sydney University Boat Club | 20/01/2010 |
| Sarah | Sackville | Leichhardt Rowing Club | Sydney University Boat Club | 17/02/2010 |
| Laura | Warden | Leichhardt Rowing Club | Sydney University Boat Club | 17/02/2010 |
| Andrew | Hourigan | University of NSW Boat Club | Macquarie University | 17/02/2010 |
| Alison | de Vos | Sydney Rowing Club | UTS Rowing Club | 17/02/2010 |
| Jay | Ditmarsch | Sydney Rowing Club | Mosman Rowing Club | 17/02/2010 |
| Greg | Moeller | Brisbane Waters Rowing Club | Balmain Rowing Club | 17/02/2010 |

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| Elsa | Hietbrink | Sydney University | UTS Rowing Club | 17/02/2010 |
| Matthew | Campbell | Sydney University | Leichhardt Rowing Club | 17/02/2010 |
| Tamsin | Brew | North Shore Rowing Club | Drummoyne Rowing Club | 17/02/2010 |
| Megan | Symington | Brisbane Waters Rowing Club | Central Coast Rowing Club | 17/02/2010 |
| Deborah | Summer | Brisbane Waters Rowing Club | Central Coast Rowing Club | 17/02/2010 |

* Interstate Transfer

Note – transfers are deemed accepted upon receipt of the duly endorsed forms

The above transfers were noted and accepted.

13. General Business

13.1 Constitutional Review Committee

G James provided an overview of the recent actions of the Constitutional Review Committee. G James indicated that the preliminary consultation phase has reached its conclusion and the drafting of a draft constitution can now commence.

Action - B Weir to assist G James in the drafting of the constitution and appropriate notices

13.2 Australian Honours

The Board acknowledged and congratulated Keith Jameson and Sydney Rowing Club when on Australia Day when he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal.

With over forty five years of unbroken and distinguished service to our sport by Keith Jameson, the RNSW Board, on behalf of the staff and all members and looks forward to his continuing contribution to our sport in the years ahead.

Meeting closed – 9:15pm

Next Meeting – 17 March 2010 @ 6:30pm
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