



BOARD MEETING
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Kirribilli
Wednesday 15 February 2012 at 6:30pm

MINUTES

Attendees: Ivan Adlam (President), Andrew Gannon, Deanna Fekete, Sam Crosby, Bryan Weir, Joe Zammit, Stephen Handley and Christian Renford (CEO)

Apologies: Chris Noel, and Bronwen Watson (Leave of absence)

Visitors: John Whiting (Chairman of the ROMS Review Steering Committee)

6:30pm - John Whiting made a presentation on Rowing Australia's recommendation of Regatta Central as the preferred replacement for ROMS. J Whiting provided an overview on the required development schedule for Regatta Central and the steps towards the final recommendation presented to the State Associations and Rowing Australia Board in March 2012.

1. Welcome

7:30pm - I Adlam welcomed all to the February meeting of Rowing New South Wales Inc.

2. Confirmation of Minutes and Business Arising

2.1 Previous Meetings Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 18 January RNSW Board Meeting and the Circular Resolutions on 29 January 2012 as true and accurate record of the meetings.

Motion Carried

2.2 Business Arising

The CEO tabled the Board action sheet.

A verbal update on the status of pending items to be actioned from previous minutes was provided. The meeting further discussed:

- Documented use of the Paramatta River – the sub-committee charged to review this should be recognised. Tabled for further discussion at the March Board meeting

3 CEO Update

3.1 CEO Report

The CEO report for February was tabled. This report summarised the activities of NSW programs and initiatives from the period 13 January to 13 February 2012:

a) Regattas

The following regattas have been conducted in this reporting period.

	2010/11		
RNSW Regattas	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Taree Summer Regatta	1063	2383	525
RNSW Small Boats	547	746	396
Loreto ("11) Pymble ("12)	308	749	396
Balmain Rowing Club	230	541	205
NSW Rowing Championships	1028	2632	1222
AHIGS-IGSSA	142	530	607
Kings/PLC/RNSW	541	1780	1360

2011/12		
Entries	Seats	Athletes
1048	2442	526
424	599	306
303	787	681
238	583	250
1142	3001	1236
139	546	641
528	2012	1464

	2010/11		
AAGPS Regattas	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Newington ("11) Shore ("12)	189	948	1109
Grammar(11)Newington(12)	146	708	836

2011/12		
Entries	Seats	Athletes
189	956	1118
142	696	822

	2010/11		
CDRA Regattas	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Endeavour Rowing Club	350	727	251

2011/12		
Entries	Seats	Athletes
349	742	247

	2010/11		
NRRA Regattas	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Iluka Rowing Club*	259	434	118
NRRA Age Championships*	125	202	68
Tweed Heads Rowing Club	304	595	164

2011/12		
Entries	Seats	Athletes
330	542	164
94	156	49
239	464	134

* Regatta cancelled due to flooding. Rescheduled for April 2012

Note: General regatta statistics from Dec 2011 to February 2012 will be published broader membership consumption. Detailed regatta statistics are provided to the Regatta Commission, however are available to the Board at any time on request.

b) Membership

- Memberships as at 13 February 2012

	July 10 to Feb11	July 11 to Feb12	Total: 2010/11
Metro Comp	788	817	863
Metro Jnr*	1697	1769	1788
Regional Comp	336	350	350
Regional Jnr	259	376	273
Supporting	144	51	150
Official	-	264	-
AAGPS Jnr	642	625	642
Recreational	-	87	-
Patron (10/11 only)	80	80	80
*includes 2010/11 School competitors	3944	4419	4146

- Membership of Rowing NSW has surpassed the 2010/11 season.
- Recreational memberships have again decreased this month, resultant from several membership upgrades to competitive members

- c) Regatta Commission – date of the 2013 NSW State Championships
- Rowing NSW has received a formal request from Rowing Australia to host the 2013 NSW State Championships from 8-10 March 2013. Key dates for the 2012/13 regatta calendar have been the primary focus of the commission to date. Refer section 5.5b
- d) Kings and Queens Cup Luncheon
- NSW Governor and NSW Minister of Sport attendance confirmed
 - Full ball room booked at the Four Seasons Hotel – requires min 240 attendees to adequately fill the room
 - Marketing and promotion ongoing. Limited support from Clubs and schools with athletes not in the state team, or no direct affiliation with the NSW team.
 - Attendance as at 13 February:
 - Confirmed 160 people
 - Awaiting confirmation (eg state team) approx. 45
 - Outstanding targets 100 people or 10 tables
- e) Ergometer Demonstration – Martin Place
- 23 February 2012 in Martin Place Stage (crn Pitt Street): 7am – 10am.
 - [King’s and Queens Cup Luncheon](#): Friday 24 February 2012 at the Fours Seasons Hotel
 - Scope: Demonstrating the sport of rowing (via the use of the ergometer) to the general public – sport awareness, and promoting key NSW athletes.
 - Participants to include the following:
 - i. Celebrities - Media (eg Sunrise and Morning Show crew etc)
 - ii. Sporting Personalities (Swans, Waratahs, Swifts, Sydney FC)
 - iii. NSW Rowing Team athletes (tbc_
 - iv. School and Club Rowers
 - Event Partners
 - i. Bentelys – major sponsor
 - ii. Fitness First – event supporter
 - iii. Channel Seven (TBC)
- f) Website Statistics
- The number of unique visitors to the Rowing NSW website (including RowingManager) is increasing at a rate of approximately 28% pa. This impressive growth is representative of the efforts made in the online communication strategy via the website, weekly e-news and facebook. Significant peaks were seen in February resultant from the state championships.

4 Finance Report

4.1 Finance Report and Balance Sheet

The CEO presented a detailed report on the management of accounts and Balance Sheet as at 31 January. The CEO highlighted scheduling and permanent budget variances, highlighting the following items within each business unit:

- i. Administration – Income is behind budget primarily due to receiving 50% budgeted for in the University of Sydney Business School Sponsorship. Membership income is slightly down for January due to memberships renewals coming in earlier months however is in line YTD. Expenditure is essentially in line with budget forecast for the month.
- ii. Operations – Income is above budget due to increased seat fees at NSW Small Boat and Taree Regatta’s. Expenses are up due to corresponding costs

of regatta income sharing and unbudgeted commitment to providing professional paramedic and aquatic water safety at all RNSW regattas.

- iii. Development – limited activity in development for January. Budgeted income from trusts (regatta fines) is behind January forecast however corresponding reduced expenditure accounted for in donations to the LE Steptoe Trust. Year to date income remains <\$3K behind budget however expenditure is also approx. \$1K above budget.

5 Board Matters

5.1 2012 State Championships – Overview

The meeting discussed the outcome of the 2012 NSW Rowing Championships. The meeting confirmed that despite the challenges surrounding the weather, largely positive feedback has been received to date.

The meeting noted the growth of the regatta in recent years, and expressed concern about the Championship programs capacity to cater for contingency situations should the need arise.

Action: A Blower and Regatta Commission to review options to allow sufficient time within the regatta program for contingencies based on current growth forecasts

The CEO confirmed that the SEMC will be conducting a full debrief of the event at its next meeting.

The Board congratulated the SEMC and NSW Office for their efforts in planning for the successful regatta.

5.2 Selectors Recommendations – 2012 State Team

The Selection Panel's recommendation for athletes to represent NSW at the 2012 Interstate Regatta was tabled. The CEO noted that the Competition Commission have reviewed the selection process and endorsed the recommendations of the Selectors with the following notes:

- Amy Clay (Mosman) the sculler selected using the event supplement criteria for the Nell Slater Trophy requests that the position be finalised by the result of the W1X race at the Nationals. Amy's reluctance to accept the position is due to the weed problem encountered by Brooke Pratley in the heat of the NSW Championship.
- The Selectors await some further discussion on the reserve for the LM4-. A squad of five athletes have been nominated
- Following Bronwen Watson's withdrawal from the proposed QC8, the Selectors await some further discussion on the reserve for the QC8.

King's Cup – Men's Coxed Eight

James Chapman, Francis Hegerty, Nicholas Hudson, Sam Loch, Dan Noonan, Fergus Pragnell, Nick Purnell, Matt Ryan and Toby Lister (coxswain)

Brodie Buckland – Reserve

Nick Garratt – Lead Coach

Tom Laurich – Assistant Coach

Queen's Cup – Women's Coxed Eight

Greta Beale, Amy Clay, Sarah Cook, Tess Gerrand, Monique Heinke, Laura Honson, Brooke Pratley, Rachel See and Genevieve Fick (coxswain)

Reserve – TBC

Gonzalo Briones – Lead Coach

Adam Vine-Hall – Assistant Coach

Penrith Cup – Men's Lightweight Coxless Four (Squad of Five)

Dean Robinson, Rod Chisholm, Ed De Carvalho, Oliver Zuk, and Dennis Bernhardsson

Steve Luker – Lead Coach

Rob Richards – Assistant Coach

Victoria Cup – Women's Lightweight Coxless Quad Scull

Laura Dunn, Katharine McKeever, Sarah Pound, Bronwen Watson

Jacky Peile – Reserve

Ellen Randell – Lead Coach

Sarah Keene – Assistant Coach

Noel F Wilkinson Trophy – Men's Youth Coxed Eight

Philip Adams, Jay Ditmarsch, Rory Glover, Tom McClintock, Jonathon Rundle, Tom Sacre, Nick Wheatley, Aaron Wright, Franc Gourlas (coxswain)

Tom Gunton – Reserve

Mark Prater – Lead Coach

David Gely – Assistant Coach

Bicentennial Cup – Women's Youth Coxed Eight

Jessie Allen, Coco Bryant, Georgie Gotch, Olivia Heath, Rachel Kiely, Georgia Miansarow, Leah Saunders, Ellena Winstanley, and Kate Whittaker (coxswain)

Holly Lawrence – Reserve

Alfie Young – Lead Coach

Chris Holliday – Assistant Coach

President's Cup – Men's Single Scull

Sasha Belonogoff

Mark Prater - Coach

Nell Slater Trophy – Women's Single Scull

Amy Clay

Nick Garratt - Coach

The Board endorsed the the 2012 NSW Rowing Team as presented by the Selectors and recommended by the Competition Commission. The meeting confirmed the matter for the LM4- and the QC8+ to be resolved by the Selectors in consultation with the Competition Commission.

Motion: To endorse the 2012 NSW Rowing Team as presented by the Selectors and recommended by the Competition Commission.

Motion Carried

5.3 Youth Cup – Event Requirements

The CEO tabled the draft Event Requirements for the 2012 Youth Cup. The CEO noted that the Competition Commission have reviewed and endorsed the Event Requirements as tabled

Motion: To endorsed the Event Requirements for the 2012 Youth Cup as tabled
Motion Carried

Action: Sport Development Officer to publish on the website and communicate to clubs and schools and all available athletes.

5.4 Agenda and Structure of the Presidents Meeting

With the adoption of the Rowing NSW Constitution in June 2011, the Board is no longer required to convene General Meetings in the format (February, April and June) determined by the former NSWRA Constitution.

To ensure regular and effective communication is maintained between Rowing NSW and members, the Board at its July 2011 meeting adopted a tailored communications program for specific target audiences to replace the former General Meetings.

The Board resolved to conduct a Presidents Meeting in April 2012. Agenda items for presentation and discussion to include, but not limited to:

- Draft 2012-16 Strategic Planning process
- Documented use of the Paramatta River

The meeting agreed to expend an invitation to Club Presidents, nominated club/school delegate and former Vice Presidents.

Action: CEO to send invitations to the April Presidents Meeting

5.5 Regatta Commission

a) Commission Members

A Gannon has indicated that he can no longer commit the required time to the Regatta Commission, and requested the role of the Board delegate on the regatta commission be reconsidered.

The CEO noted that the Regatta Commission has discussed the situation and as a specialist skill set is required to effectively contribute to the Commissions operations, it recommended the Board consider appointing the third nominee in the original application process – Alex Butt (CIS)

Motion 1: To amend to the Regatta Commission structure removing the requirement to have a Board delegate.

Motion 2: To endorsed the Regatta Commissions recommendation to appoint Alex Butt to the Regatta Commission.

Motion Carried

Action 1: CEO to amend Regatta Commission structure accordingly

Action 2: A Blower to confirm appointment with A Butt.

b) Correspondence from Rowing Australia

The CEO tabled a formal request from Rowing Australia to schedule the 2013 NSW State Championships from 8-10 March 2013.

Key dates for the 2012/13 regatta calendar have been the primary focus of the commission to date. At this stage a draft calendar has been developed however formal consultation with key stakeholders has not yet commenced. The Regatta Commissions February meeting has been postponed to 15 March where this request will be considered.

Action: CEO to communicate RA request to the AAGPS

c) Competition Opportunities for Under 21 Athletes

S Handley tabled a discussion paper "Competition Opportunities for Under 21 Athletes". The discussion paper was debated by, and received the support of the Competition Commission.

The discussion paper put forward a consideration to change the structure of U21 regatta competition so it provides a longer season of racing for U21 athletes (comprising young men and women generally one or two years out of school) to offer more attractive and rewarding proposition for athletes in this age group to continue rowing, particularly school leavers with prior rowing experience.

The meeting supported the proposal to restructure the Regatta Program for U21 Championship Events. The Meeting further referred this to the Regatta Commission for implementation in the 2012/13 season.

Action: A Blower and Regatta Commission to implement for 2012/13 season

6 General Business

6.1 Commission and Sub-Committee Minutes

The following Commission and Sub-Committee Minutes were tabled at the meeting:

- Regatta Commission (22/12/11) & Draft 2012/13 Regatta Calendar
- HPDP Teleconference (21/12/11)
- SEMC (14/01/12)

Meeting closed - 9:30pm

Next Meeting: 21 March 2012 @ 6:30pm (Kirribilli)