



**BOARD MEETING**  
Sydney Yacht Squadron  
*Wednesday 19 March 2014 at 6.00pm*

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Ivan Adlam (President), Bryan Weir (Deputy President), Stephen Handley, Deanna Fekete, Sam Crosby and Tony Blower (Secretary)

**Apologies:** , Miranda Bennett, Andrew Gannon , Chris Noel

**Absent;** Bronwen Watson

**Guest;** Carmen Wearne (Rowing Australia)

**1. WELCOME**

6.00pm - I Adlam welcomed the Directors to the March Board meeting of Rowing NSW Inc

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING**

2.1 Previous Meetings Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 19 February 2014 RNSW Board Meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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.

2.3 Matters arising

i) Discussion was held on the voting entitlements of constituent members. It was resolved that no change should be made to the existing structures nor to the entitlements for Member Clubs as outlined in the First Schedule to the RNSW Constitution Clauses( a), (b) and (c) . It was however felt that the definition of Affiliated Association in clause (d) should be refined to distinguish between those associations representing school groups and those which represent a number of regional clubs. Specific wording and voting entitlements to be considered and finalised at the next meeting

Action; B Weir to prepare wording for consideration at the April meeting of the Board

ii) Discussion was held regarding Rowing Australia and its Elite Club Funding program. Once again the need for transparency was stressed.

iii) The draft documentation of the usage of the Parramatta River by rowers was reviewed

### 3. RNSW PROGRAMS

#### 3.1 Regattas

Seventeen regatta were conducted in the period

Regattas	2013			2014		
	Entries	Seats	Athletes	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Small Boats Regatta	421	587	324	484	691	399
Pymble Ladies College	280	702	553	268	721	563
Tweed Heads & Coolangatta	238	494	143	212	462	142
NRRA Age Championship	-	-	-	136	222	72
Sydney Girls High	297	747	551	299	810	603
Sydney Grammar School	124	520	628	193	960	1133
Newcastle Grammar	399	933	294	442	1011	308
Balmain Rowing Club	321	702	302	282	680	295
Endeavour Rowing Club	452	986	307	370	787	258
NSW Rowing Championships	1157	2927	1271	1215	2984	1311
St Josephs College	159	748	888	144	692	818
Newington College	194	956	1122	113	456	516
PLC/Kings/RNSW	508	1790	1338	497	1776	1375
Leichhardt Rowing Club	322	843	392	264	651	274
South Grafton High & Iluka	238	494	143	189	378	110
AHIGS-IGSSA	150	546	623	154	280	671
Sydney Boys High	194	956	1122	181	904	1063

#### 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

	February '13	February '14	Total: 2012/13
Metro Comp	812	873	859
Metro Jnr	1836	1814	1904
Regional Comp	393	358	406
Regional Jnr	438	454	442
Supporting	49	24	52
Official	247	276	256
AAGPS Jnr	552	620	553
Recreational	147	229	207
Patron	77	77	78
	4552	4725	4757

The membership renewal rate is ahead of last season's figures by 173 individual's year to date.

#### **4.FINANCE REPORT**

Summary assessment of accounts for each department:

- i) Operations –Income is running above budget for the month and above budget by over 30K year to date due to both club and RNSW regatta seat fees being above budget. Annual events is also in line with budget with Kings Cup lunch making a profit of over \$3K .Operations expenses are currently below budget for the month but over budget YTD by over 15K. This mainly consists of BRO equipment expenses as reported last month.
- ii) Development –Coaching course income was the only Income generating activities in this reporting period. Development Income is above budget for the month and YTD. Expenditure is in line for the month and slightly ahead YTD due to state team expenses .This will even out after March due to donation from L.E. Steptoe trust.
- iii) Administration – Income for the reporting period is right on line for the month and slightly behind YTD. Bank interest is down but we should have a catch up with the term deposits now in place. Memberships are also slightly down on Metro Junior category which will even out after March as a large number school have put in late registrations for School Boy and School Girl regattas, in particular AAGPS schools.
- iv) Overall February has enabled us to catch up slightly so we are now running around \$11,500 YTD behind budget

Motion; To accept the Finance report

Motion; Carried

#### **5 BOARD MATTERS**

5.1 The Circular Resolutions for the ratification of the men's senior and youth eight at the interstate regatta and the execution of the Service Agreement with Rowing Australia were noted

5.2 The call by Roads and Maritime for input into the Regional Boating Plan was noted

5.3 The State Championship Regatta was reviewed and the draft report of the Regatta Commission was discussed

5.4 The success of the Kings Cup Lunch was noted.

5.5 The Service Agreement with Rowing Australia for provision of marketing and umpire boats was noted as being executed.

5.6 The draft Rowing Australia Member Protection Policy was reviewed and it was resolved to follow up with RA to determine the proposed consultation and adoption timeline

5.7 A recommendation from the Competition Committee that the Board approve the following crews for the interstate master's regatta was tabled;

**Mens 8+**

Tom Hugh (Bow)	Drummoyne RC
Tom Brown	Old Ignatians
John Struik	Mosman RC
Rob Newlinds	Mosman RC
Geoff Canning	Drummoyne RC
Stuart Halsall	Old Ignatians
Dan O'Callaghan	Leichhardt RC
Rob McNeill (Stroke)	Drummoyne RC
Cox - Robert Wright	Mosman RC
Reserve - Bill Moyes	University of NSW RC
Coach – Rob Glendenning	Drummoyne RC

**Womens 8+**

Caroline Vernon (Bow)	Leichhardt RC
Debora Church	Sydney RC
Tiffany Hutchinson	Mosman RC
Virginia van Ewyk	Leichhardt RC
Nikki Blackwall	North Shore RC
Dianne Williams	Leichhardt RC
Kristin Liljeqvist	Sydney RC
Daniela Borgert	Leichhardt RC
Cox - Chloe Congdon	Leichhardt RC
Reserve - Deanna Fekete	Leichhardt RC
Coach – Steve Sherry	Leichhardt RC

**Mens 4x**

Ken Ambler (Bow)	Sydney RC
Marc Binder	Mosman RC

Sean Abbott  
 Paul Bartels  
 Reserve – Ken Major  
 Coach – Steve Gordon

Mosman RC  
 Mosman RC  
 Glebe RC  
 Mosman RC

**Womens 4x**

Tess Fearon (Bow)  
 Angela Conry  
 Renata Ijpma  
 Kathleen Hextell  
 Reserve – Kellie Edmunds  
 Coach – Lizzi Chapman

Lake Macquarie RC  
 Leichhardt RC  
 Balmain RC  
 Drummoyne RC  
 Glebe RC  
 SUWRC

Motion; That the crews nominated by the Competition Commission be approved as state crews for the purpose of the interstate master’s regatta 2014

Motion; Carried

5.8 The submission of the Regatta Commission for the following rule change, as a reviewable decision was discussed;

<b>Previous Law</b>	<b>Recommended Law</b>
Law 8. (2)(B)(ix) ADAPTIVE An Adaptive competitor is a rower with a disability who has been classified according to the criteria set down from time to time by (Rowing Australia or FISA), i.e, is: a) able bodied with sensory impairment, intellectual impairment, head injury or similar, or b) physically disabled being a paraplegic, amputee, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida or similar.	Law 8. (2)(B)(ix) PARA ROWING A Para Rowing competitor is a rower with a visual or physical impairment who has been classified according to the criteria set down from time to time by Rowing Australia or FISA.

Motion; That the Laws of Boat Racing be amended to adopt the new Law 8 (2) (B) (ix) as a reviewable decision.

Motion; Carried

5.9 The need for a Masters Rowing Mission Statement was discussed and it was decided that we need to better define this so as to assist the Competition Commission in its formulation of Masters Selection Policy.

Action; S Handley to prepare a document for discussion at next board meeting

5.10 The Rowing NSW Constitution was discussed in light of the ASC Mandatory Requirements. Several areas were identified as needing further consideration

Action; B Weir to review draft possible wording for consideration at the April meeting of the Board

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 The board noted the lack of BROs for upcoming Bay regattas.

6.2 Carman Wearne a director of Rowing Australia joined the meeting as a guest. She spoke about the ongoing relationship between RA and Rowing NSW and looks forward to our ongoing cooperation.

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Ivan Adlam  
President

Anthony Blower  
Board Secretary

Next Meeting 16 April at 6:00pm (Kirribilli)