



**BOARD MEETING**  
Sydney Yacht Squadron  
*Wednesday 21 October 2015 at 6.00pm*

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Ivan Adlam (President), Stephen Handley, Deanna Fekete, Danika Wright, Liam James, Fiona Toose, Sarah Cook and Tony Blower (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Stephen Donnelley (Deputy President)

**1. Welcome**

1.1 6.00pm - I Adlam welcomed the Directors to the October Board meeting of Rowing NSW Inc

1.2 I Adlam warmly welcomed the new Director to the Board; Sarah Cook

1.3 I Adlam advised that a letter of resignation from the board was received from Miranda Bennett, effective immediately. This will cause a casual vacancy under Section 35 of the constitution. I Adlam will write to M Bennett and thank her for her contribution to the board.

Action; A Blower to put a notice on the webpage calling for nominations by 6 November 2015

**2. Confirmation of Minutes and Business Arising**

2.1 Previous Meetings Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 19 September 2015 RNSW Board Meeting but to include the following in item 5.7; The Board agreed to continue to defer the decision as to the adoption of the RevolutioniseSport database as the Membership Database for Rowing NSW at this time.

Motion; Carried

2.2 It was agreed that future minutes would be agreed at the subsequent board meeting and only when approved by the whole board placed as a final draft on the Rowing NSW webpage

### 2.3 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 board has decided to add the following items to the Business Arising Schedule;

National Database

Strategic Plan

Wentworth Point Development

Rhodes Ferry Wharf

Nepean River usage

### **3. Rowing NSW Programs**

#### 3.1 Regattas

Regattas	2014			2015		
	Entries	Seats	Athletes	Entries	Seats	Athletes
Head of the Nepean	38	196	207	38	192	203
Newcastle Uni Pre IV	272	566	176	174	394	123
Henley on Hunter	485	564	119	152	340	120
Lower Clarence	207	347	98	166	290	88
Head of the Shoalhaven	32	156	166	30	168	181
Shoalhaven Sprints	168	353	147	205	395	147
Nepean RC	273	604	282	250	535	237
NSWIS Time Trial 1	120	129	129	94	108	106

#### 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

	September '14	September '15	Total: 2014/15
Metro Comp	602	918	921
Metro Jnr	416	450	1832
Regional Comp	290	267	361
Regional Jnr	266	228	457
Supporting	20	24	27
Official	111	153	283

AAGPS Jnr	54	54	619
Recreational	96	101	280
Patron	80	80	78
	1935	1975	4857

The membership renewal rate is ahead of last season's figures by 40 individuals year to date

#### **4. Finance Report**

Due to the absence of the Rowing NSW Finance Officer on holidays the Finance Report is carried over to the next month.

#### **5. BOARD MATTERS**

5.1 Further discussions were held regarding the strategic plan and it was noted that a forum of Club Presidents and the board was held on Thursday 15 October where the plan was reviewed.

Action; I Adlam and D Wright to progress the plan and complete summary of meeting

5.2 The Annual General Meeting was noted as being a success  
 Motion; To reappoint the Auditors EVS for a further period.  
 Motion; Carried

5.3 The Board noted the paper on the proposed Rhodes Ferry Wharf and expressed in the strongest terms its opposition to the proposed development.

Action; A Blower to investigate employing professional assistance in formulating a plan to oppose the construction of the wharf and report back to the board. It was also agreed that the relevant GPS School Principals should be engaged and that RNSW would approach the Masters in Charge of Rowing and Sports Masters at those schools to garner support for opposition to the wharf

5.4 The Board noted the Rowing Australia Member Protection Policy No 7 and further noted it is a Whole of Sport Policy.

Motion; To adopt the Rowing Australia Member Protection Policy No 7 dated 8 October 2015 under the Constitution Section 5A  
Motion; Carried

5.5 The Board noted the paper on the Premiership Point Score and has tasked L James and D Wright to investigate the matter and report to the board at the conclusion of the current season.

Action; L James and D Wright

5.6 The Board considered the draft charter for the Risk and Audit Committee. A redraft of the charter will be prepared for further review.

Action; I Adlam

5.7 The Board ratified the Circular Resolution of 24 September endorsing the admission of the Singapore American School into the Rowing NSW Independent Schools Regatta. And further endorsed the Circular Resolution of 7 October Ratifying the Competition Commission's recommendations as to the State Coaches for the 2015/16 season. The coaches are;

Women's VIII, Alfie Young

Men's VIII, Nick Garrett

Women's Youth VIII, Judith Ungemach

Men's Youth VIII, Jason Baker

Women's Lightweight IVx, Ellen Randel

Men's Lightweight IV-, Tim McLaren

5.8 The Board considered the following changes to the Laws of Boat

Racing;

Law	Current Law	Proposed Law
8. (2) (B) (vii) i)	A rower may compete as a Masters rower from the beginning of the year in which he reaches the age of 27 provided that in the current year he has not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ Competed as an Australian representative or as a representative of another country.</li> <li>☐ Competed as a State Representative other than as a Master.</li> </ul>	A rower may compete as a Masters rower from the beginning of the year in which he/she reaches the age of 27
8. (3) (d)	The minimum weight for a coxswain shall be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) For all men’s crews (other than Under 19, 17, 16, and Schoolboy crews) – 55kg.</li> <li>(ii) For men’s Under 19, 17, 16 and Schoolboy and women’s crews (other than women’s lightweight and women’s under 19, 17, 16, and Schoolgirl crews) – 50kg</li> <li>(iii) For women’s lightweight and Under 18, 16, 15 and Schoolgirl crews – 45kg.</li> </ul>	The minimum weight for a coxswain shall be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iv) For all men’s crews (other than Under 19, 17, 16, and Schoolboy crews) – 55kg.</li> <li>(v) For men’s Under 19, 17, 16 and Schoolboy and women’s crews (other than women’s lightweight and women’s under 19, 17, 16, and Schoolgirl crews) and mixed crews – 50kg</li> <li>(vi) For women’s lightweight and Under 19, 17, 16 and Schoolgirl crews – 45kg.</li> </ul>
9. (c)	No events will be approved by this Association for any regatta or other competition unless the entries in all races held at those regattas or competitions are restricted to members of a club or school that is affiliated. In the case of entries by crews and scullers from interstate and overseas, permission must be first obtained by the Board and the details of the entry lodged on the entry forms prescribed in Schedules 9 (a), (b) and (c) in accordance with Law 9 of the Laws of Boat Racing.	No events will be approved by this Association for any regatta or other competition unless the entries in all races held at those regattas or competitions are restricted to members of a club or school that is affiliated. In the case of entries by crews and scullers from interstate and overseas, permission must be first obtained by the Chief Executive Officer and the details of the entry lodged on the entry forms prescribed in Schedules 9 (a), (b) and (c) in accordance with Law 9 of the Laws of Boat Racing.

It was noted that these changes would be Reviewable Decisions under Section 43 (1) (c) of the Constitution

Motion; To accept the changes to the Laws of Boat Racing.  
 Motion; Carried

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 A paper prepared by S Handley as Chair of the Competition Commission outlining the Elite Development Pathway for Rowing NSW was noted and endorsed fully by the board. A plan is to be put in place to implement the Pathway program.  
Motion; To appoint S Cook to the Competition Committee to replace T McLaren.  
Motion; Carried

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Ivan Adlam  
President

Anthony Blower  
Board Secretary

Next Meeting 18 November 2015 at 6:00pm (Kirribilli)