

**NSWRA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday 21st January 2009
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron**

Item	Description
1	<p>WELCOME Charles Bartlett called the meeting to order and welcomed all present at 6.30pm. Present:, Charles Bartlett, Norma Perry, Greg James, Owen Nix, Tim Clare, Mark Williams, David Evans and Georgie Lee</p> <p>Apologies: Andrew Rowley, Joseph Zammit, and Stephen Handley</p>
2	<p>CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES That the minutes of the Meeting 17th December 2008 be accepted <i>Moved: Greg James SC</i> <i>Seconded: Norma Perry</i> <i>Carried: 0001/2009</i></p> <p>Business Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Murray Clarke OAM The presentation by Murray Clarke OAM at the last Board Meeting; Wednesday 17th December 2008 was discussed with further support of forming the stakeholder group to represent Passive Water Users. Appropriate people need to be identified to form this group and attend meetings as soon as possible. <p>Follow up letters are to be sent to Minister Tripodi, Minister D'Amore and the Minister of Roads regarding the issues brought up by Murray Clarke OAM. NSWRA to invite the stakeholders to the NSWRA February General Meeting, Tuesday 10th February 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSWRA Constitution Greg James explained to the board that the NSWRA Constitution cannot be found. David Evans is to provide Greg James with the Certificate of Incorporation. The documents that need to be found are the Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association. Greg James is to report the status of the matter at the next Board Meeting on Wednesday 18th February 2009. • Leichhardt Rowing Club & Sydney Grammar School Collision Mark Williams provided his report on the incident to both parties. It was discussed that the report should have been detailed as a fact finding document rather than to suggest fault. David Evans to check that both parties submitted incident reports to NSW Maritime and whether NSWRA had a legal obligation to submit a report in absence of a referee. <p>That if there is no binding legal obligation on NSWRA to submit a report to NSW Maritime in respect of this incident then no report will be submitted <i>Moved: Greg James</i> <i>Seconded: Mark Williams</i> <i>Carried: 002/2009</i></p> <p>NSWRA to adopt Mark Williams' report dated 24th December 2008 except for paragraph 47 as Mark was not required to determine responsibility. Further, that the report be referred to the Regatta Commission to enable it to review the conduct of future events including Time Trials in light of the increase encroachment and traffic on waterways.</p>

	<p><i>Moved: Greg James</i> <i>Seconded: Norma Perry</i> <i>Carried: 003/2009</i></p> <p>David Evans is to draft a letter for approval by Mark Williams and Greg James before being sent to affected parties.</p>									
3	<p>FINANCE REPORTS The Chief Executive Officer explained that the projected surplus for 2009 was better than budgeted. This was thought to be due to the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in memberships numbers for the season and the success of the online renewal system. • Increased entries at regattas • Sponsorship <p>The Director of Finance noted the importance of the Audit Committee to look at and report to the Board for a long term investment strategy for the Association. Outstanding debtors in relation to the 2008 Kings Cup Lunch were seen as a priority and the Chief Executive Officer is to arrange the completion of the memorabilia.</p> <p>That the finance reports for the month ending 31st December 2008 be accepted <i>Moved: Norma Perry</i> <i>Seconded: Greg James</i> <i>Carried: 004/2009</i></p>									
4	<p>ROWING AUSTRALIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliated Competitor <p>Norma Perry, Wade Hewett, Andrew Rowley and David Evans are to provide a definition for a fully affiliated competitor at a meeting to be coordinated by David Evans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Performance Plan for Rowing Australia <p>Charles Bartlett asked the question of 'High Performance Plan for Rowing Australia', what is it and who delivers it? Andrew Randell and Stephen Handley are to attend meetings on NSWRA behalf. Charles Bartlett, Stephen Handley and Andrew Rowley to meet with Andrew Matheson, Rowing Australia High Performance. Rowing Victoria has received \$90,000.00 from Rowing Australia for their High Performance funding; to date NSWRA has received \$0.00.</p> <p>Charles Bartlett moved that Wade Hewett is to provide the Board with comment on the allocation of National Regattas as discussed at the Rowing Australia Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting. Mr Bartlett questioned the power of the Council to make such a decision and if not that the Minutes should be amended accordingly or rejected.</p>									
5	<p>NSWIS Charles Bartlett moved that a letter is to be written to Stani Slavova thanking her for her service to Rowing in NSW.</p>									
6	<p>NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFERS</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">NAME</th> <th style="text-align: left;">FROM</th> <th style="text-align: left;">TO</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tessa Barrett</td> <td>Balmain Rowing Club</td> <td>Tara Boat Club</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kylie Steel</td> <td>Sydney University Women's</td> <td>St George Rowing Club</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The above transfers were noted and approved</p>	NAME	FROM	TO	Tessa Barrett	Balmain Rowing Club	Tara Boat Club	Kylie Steel	Sydney University Women's	St George Rowing Club
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7	<p>DEPARTMENT OF SPORT & RECREATION The Chief Executive Officer advised the Board that a meeting with the Department of Sport and Recreation had been held to review applications from affiliated NSWRA constituent members for funding support under the Capital Assistance Program. Reviews had also been submitted for the Country Athlete and Country Coaches & Officials programs.</p>									
8	<p>COMMISSION REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regatta Commission <p>The Chairman of the Regatta Commission, Tim Clare advised the Board that the current program is struggling to reach time targets for regattas of finishing at approximately 3.00pm. It was noted</p>									

	<p>that due to the support and size of the Roseville and North Shore Regatta that they will be split and on two separate dates at SIRC. For the Taree weekend; Port Macquarie and Manning River Regattas in January that the Masters Single Scull was cut from the 2009 program to address the time issue and there will need to be further cuts to address the 2010 weekend.</p> <p>To compensate for cutting back on some small boat events from regattas such as the Taree weekend thought may need to be given to providing competitors with opportunities to row small boats in another regatta in late January i.e. single sculls, double sculls and pairs. A review of seat fees for big boats and small boats may be necessary to manage the huge entry levels in small boats through implementation of a differential entry fee.</p> <p>Mr Clare noted that at this stage no feedback has been received by the clubs as to what they want in the program for 2009-2010. Mr Clare would like to see all junior competitors throughout NSW pay equivalent membership fees.</p> <p>The conduct of regattas such as the NSWIS Time Trials were discussed in regards to safety, insurance and attendance of Boat Race Officials and was proposed that they be brought into the NSWRA Regatta Calendar to ensure management processes identified as a result of the recent Head of the Parramatta incident are implemented.</p> <p>In regards to the up and coming host-less regattas on Sunday 15th February and Sunday 22nd March 2009 possible clubs to approach hosting those regattas are Glebe RC, University of NSW and Leichhardt, Drummoyne, Balmain, Mosman and Sydney Women's MLC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit Commission <p>The Board noted that the Charter had been received and the Director of Finance asked that all Board Members review the Charter for discussion at the next Board Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athlete, Coach and Development Commission <p>As a result of changes to the NSWIS Rowing program and the impact on the role of Stani Slavova, Stephen Handley made a recommendation to the Board that a review of the NSW Selection Panel was required. Mr Handley recommended that Chris Noel should be appointed to the Panel.</p> <p>That the NSWRA does not accept the recommendation of Chris Noel to the State Selection Panel. <i>Moved: Tim Clare</i> <i>Seconded: Mark Williams SC</i> <i>Carried: 005/2009</i></p> <p>A recommendation from the Board to the Chairman of Selectors is that the Board would like to see a person appointed to the NSW Selectors Panel other than coming from association with a large Sydney club and that a Call for Nominations is to be placed on the NSWRA website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities <p>It was agreed that the NSWRA need to ramp up their political position. Charles Bartlett is to follow up with Wade Hewett in regards to Weir Reserve</p>
9	<p>CORRESPONDENCE No correspondence noted</p>
10	<p>CEO REPORT</p> <p>The NSWRA is to invite Christian Renford, Chief Executive Officer of Rowing QLD and Chairman of the ROMS Committee down to discuss the financial and functional aspects of ROMS. In attendance should include Stephen Croot, David Evans, Tim Clare, Paul Coates and Georgie Lee.</p> <p>The disqualification of Balmain crews in the Drummoyne/Balmain Regatta on the 11th October 2008 due to the entry of non members was discussed and the crews are to be reinstated and no non member fines to be issued in relation to Kim Bailey or Robyn Schremmer.</p>

	It was discussed that an award, race or trophy be named in memory of Georgia Green
11	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSWRA Board Strategy Review Update <p>The minutes of the NSWRA Board Strategy Review are accepted and adopted</p>
12	<p>The meeting closes at 10.00pm</p> <p>Next meeting Wednesday 18th February 2009</p>
14	<p>APPROVED</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18/02/2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Andrew Rowley PRESIDENT</p>