



**NSWRA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday 17th June 2009
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron**

Item	Description
1	<p>WELCOME Andrew Rowley called the meeting to order and welcomed all present at 6.30pm.</p> <p>Present: Andrew Rowley, Charles Bartlett, Norma Perry, Joe Zammit, Owen Nix, Tim Clare, Greg James QC, Wade Hewett, Georgie Lee</p> <p>Apologies: Stephen Handley, Mark Williams SC</p>
2	<p>CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES That the minutes of the meeting 20th May 2009 be accepted</p> <p><i>Moved: Owen Nix</i> <i>Seconded: Joseph Zammit</i> <i>Carried: 37/2009</i></p> <p>Business Arising: nil</p>
3	<p>NSWRA OFFICE REPORT Miss Georgie Lee provided the Board with an overview of what the office staff have been doing in the past month, namely the organisation of the 2009 Presentation Dinner and the 2009 Australian Youth Cup. Paul Coates had travelled to Lithgow and Bathurst with Ray Green OAM and met with the Mayor of Bathurst among others to discuss the prospect of developing rowing on the Chifley Dam. The trip was said to be a success and received local media attention.</p> <p>Miss Lee had recently attended a forum regarding the new changes to legislation regarding Associations and passed on the information to Mr. Greg James QC and Mrs. Norma Perry for their perusal.</p>
4	<p>ROWING AUSTRALIA Mr. Wade Hewett explained to the Board that Rowing Australia had called for Associations to nominate individuals for two of the four commissions; Development Commission and the Events Commission. NSW nominated Ken Baxter for the Events Commission and Greg James QC and Chris Noel for the Development Commission. Mr. Hewett advised the Board that NSW was the only State that made any nominations.</p> <p>In regards to the Rowing Australia Strategic Plan, Mr. Hewett asked the Board to work on a report for each section of that plan including Sport Development, National Rowing Brand, Commercial Development Plan, Market Rowing, Promotion, National Events, Media Communications and Support Platform. It is noted that there has still been no response in regards to the definition of a member as distributed by Rowing NSW.</p> <p>Mr. Tim Clare informed the Board that he had met with Mr. David England on Tuesday 16th June 2009 to discuss ROMS and advised Mr. England that ROMS does not suit NSW business practices. In the six years the system has been developed there has been minimal improvement due to a limited budget. From a risk management point of view, NSW has contributed around</p>

	<p>\$100,000 toward Rowing Manager. Rowing Australia require the statistics on ROMS for funding purposes.</p> <p>Both Mr. Clare & Mr. England proposed a proper review of ROMS be undertaken with suggested personnel; David England, Colin Smith, Andrew Dee and Tim Clare. Mr. Hewett advised the Board that ROMS is owned by James Worrell, not Rowing Australia and that an invitation be made to other states to put forward potential committee members. The committee is to determine the functionality of ROMS. Mr. Bartlett suggested that Stephen Croot be met with prior to the first ROMS Review Committee meeting.</p>
5	<p>FINANCE REPORTS</p> <p>Mrs. Perry presented the Financial Reports for the period ending 31st May 2009. It was noted that the relationship between the Kings Cup Committee and Rowing NSW need to be sorted out in terms of responsibility and control.</p> <p>That the Finance Reports be approved:</p> <p><i>Moved: Norma Perry</i> <i>Seconded: Greg James QC</i> <i>Carried:38/2009</i></p>
6	<p>SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL REGATTA CENTRE</p> <p>Mr. Bartlett suggested a letter be written to the Sydney International Regatta Centre in regards to the herbicide, fees and charges and propeller guards. Rod Richardson is to continue to arrange the service of outboard motors.</p>
7	<p>2009 SYDNEY WORLD MASTERS GAMES</p> <p>Mr. Zammit advised the Board that the Sports Agreement had been signed by Mr. Rowley and an invoice had been issued to 2009 Sydney World Masters Games Organising Committee. Entries are coming in thick and fast and the online boat hire booking and payment system is working really fantastically, thanks to Stephen Croot.</p> <p>The Social Function on the Tuesday 13th October is to be managed by a committee consisting of Margaret Mackenzie, Georgie Lee and Kim & Charles Lloyd Jones. A meeting is to be arranged to begin organising the function.</p>
8	<p>NSWIS</p> <p>The Head Coach position was advertised and interviews are due for Tuesday 23rd June 2009. Andrew Matheson, Charles Turner, Andrew Rowley and Steve Handley are expected to be the interview panel.</p> <p>The Development position is not currently on the radar though it is noted would be incredibly beneficial to rowing in NSW.</p>
9	<p>DEPARTMENT OF SPORT & RECREATION</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
10	<p>COMMISSION REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regatta Commission <p>The Chairman of the Regatta Commission Mr. Tim Clare explained the further discussions being made with Rowing Victoria in regards to the Edward Trickett Grade Championship regatta. In 2010 the regatta will be in NSW and Victoria will bring their clubs along, other states will also be invited. In 2011 the regatta will be in Victoria, and NSW will be encouraged to attend and by 2012 it is expected to be a full National Grade Championship regatta independent of Rowing Australia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance & Audit <p>The Chairperson of the Governance and Audit Committee, Mrs. Norma Perry advised the Board that the Committee was not functioning appropriate to make a report but hopes to develop</p>

	<p>governance tools accessible to all clubs within NSW.</p> <p>Miss Lee advised the Board that letters for submissions for the 2008-2009 Annual Report will be sent out on the 18th June 2009 and due back in the Office by 14th August 2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection Panel In the absence of the Chairman of the Selection Panel, Mr. Stephen Handley it was noted that the NSW Youth Cup Team are having great preparation for the regatta on the 10th – 12th July 2009. They are having 2 training camps in the lead up to the regatta which has not been done for a while so things are looking positive. • Boat Race Officials Commission The Chairman of the Boat Race Officials Commission Mr. Owen Nix explained that there will continue to be training of new and current officials in the lead up to the 2009-2010 season and that uniform is due to be ordered for all currently accredited officials by way of long sleeve shirts and fleece vests. • Facilities & Waterways Commission The Chairman of the Facilities and Waterways Commission Mr. Charles Bartlett advised the Board the thank the efforts of the Members of the Bay Clubs Forum for their time and effort with management of the Iron Cove Bridge matter; Alexander Weilsmann, David Longhurst, Jeff Andrews, Anne Parbury, Matthew Braithwaite Young, Nick Baxter and Mike Morrisey. <p>Mr. Bartlett advised the Board that the work on Iron Cove Bridge is going ahead despite efforts in developing an alternative bridge design, traffic plans among other things.</p> <p>Suggested items of importance or safety issues to be raised with the RTA are micro chipped buoys, illumination under the bridge, 4 knot speed limit in the Bay expect for rowing coaches and fixing the stone wall.</p> <p>Mr. James QC has been requested by the Bridge to Bay Alliance to provide 24hr contact for clubs and schools who use Iron Cove for training while bridge works are occurring.</p>												
11	<p>NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFERS</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <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>Charles Bezzina</td> <td>Leichhardt</td> <td>Sydney</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Liam James</td> <td>Balmain</td> <td>Sydney University</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dean Robinson</td> <td>Leichhardt</td> <td>Sydney</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The above transfers were noted and accepted</p>	NAME	FROM	TO	Charles Bezzina	Leichhardt	Sydney	Liam James	Balmain	Sydney University	Dean Robinson	Leichhardt	Sydney
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12	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009 NSWRA Presentation Dinner Correspondence received from Chris Noel in relation to the Premiership Shield was noted. Miss Lee explained to the Board that numbers were down on 2008 but consistent with previous years. • Update on CEO recruitment Christian Renford had been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Rowing NSW and begins on the 3rd August • Canada Bay Council – Correspondence Received The Board was unaware that a deal had been made with the City of Canada Bay Council in relation to supplying traffic control for school regattas at Rodd Park and Bayview Park. • John St Vincent Welch – Correspondence Received Mr. Rowley advised that he will speak to Mr. Welch personally to obtain a sufficient undertaking that the Board approve <p><i>Moved: Greg James QC</i></p>												

	<p><i>Seconded: Owen Nix</i> <i>Carried: 39/2009</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glebe JB Sharp Regatta – Correspondence Received <p>In relation to a report received from Mr. Tim Wainman, referee at the Glebe JB Sharp Regatta a letter to be sent to Mr. Patrick McGlynn in relation to the Code of Conduct Breach and a vessel incident report to be submitted to NSW Maritime in relation to the speed boat on the course and inform the Rowing NSW Safety Officer Mr. Charles Watson.</p>
13	<p>The meeting closed at 10.15pm Next meeting on Thursday 23rd June 2009</p>
14	<p>APPROVED 17/06/2009 PRESIDENT</p>