

**Minutes for the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of  
Rowing Queensland Inc**

11.00am, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Sportshouse Milton  
Cnr Caxton and Castlemaine Streets, Milton

**1. Welcome by the Chairman**

The meeting was declared opened at 11.00am.

Rowing Queensland (RQ) Chairman, Peter Schryver welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. Attendance:**

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| • P. Kerr (NBC)                     | K. Schryver (TRC)  |
| • N. Parr (TRC)                     | J. Cook (CRC)      |
| • I. Holzberger (B&GPS)             | M. Addis (UQBC)    |
| • E. Brown (TRC)                    | C. Bailey (TRC)    |
| • R. Alexander (B&GPS/ Life Member) | S. Newcomb (Cent)  |
| • P. Schryver (TRC)                 | R. Silcox (BRC)    |
| • T. Juratowitch (CRC)              | B. Greenland (CRC) |
| • D. O'Brien (Tatts)                | C. Slawson (BSRA)  |
| • R. Symonds (RQ CEO)               |                    |

**3. Apologies:**

Apologies were taken from:

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| • B. McCarthy (BRC) | S. Wallace (DRC)            |
| • T. Conrad (UQBC)  | R. Ebert (PRRC)             |
| • B. Eaton (VVRRC)  | P. Gunning (CRC)            |
| • M. Cameron        | S. Hinchy OAM (Life member) |
| • L. Pforr (CWS)    | G. Pforr (CWS)              |
| • C. Morton (UQBC)  |                             |

**4. Confirmation of Delegates**

Delegates were confirmed.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes from 121<sup>st</sup> AGM held on Saturday 4 June 2011.**

Motion: That the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

*Moved: E. Brown*

*Seconded: N. Parr*

*Carried*

**6. Adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2011.**

Rowing Queensland Inc is in a solid financial position. As a brief summary of the accounts, the CEO drew the meeting's attention to the following components of the audited financial report.

Revenues from Ordinary Activities returned a \$42,691 surplus in 2011. The complete audited financial accounts were pre-circulated to all clubs and voting members.

Overall annual income was down \$100,000 as compared to 2010, the main factors being reduced funding of approx \$50,000 from the Queensland Government. Other impacts requiring mention was Castaway's withdrawal as major sponsor in late 2011. RQ received a \$5K grant and office rent relief (approx \$5K) from the BCC as part of the Council's flood support to local sport and recreation organisations.

The meeting was advised that the Board undertook a review of water rescue support after the Surf Lifesaving incident and an incident at the Qld Masters Championships and had agreed to increase water rescue support at all RQ conducted regattas (where a seat fee is collected) will cost approx \$15,000 which was not budgeted. Surf Lifesaving clubs will be contracted to provide this service. The Board had discussed whether to increase seat fees to cover the additional costs or whether to use its reserves and agreed on the latter. The meeting strongly suggested that the Board review this decision and consider increasing seat fees especially when it does not what effect the upcoming State Government budget will have on its annual sport development grant.

The meeting agreed for the Chairman and B. Greenland to consider options to formally acknowledge Roger & Marjorie Morton for the tremendous financial support they and the brand Castaway have provided the Association over a long period.

*Motion: That the report for the financial year ending 31 December 2011 be accepted.*

*Moved: N. Parr*

*Seconded: I. Holzberger*

*Carried*

**7. Notices of Motions:**

The RQ Board proposed the following motions. The meeting agreed to discuss and vote on all constitution amendments as a block.

AMEND Rule 11 (e)(ii) the nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the member nominated and by the nominating member and written personal profiles of candidates prepared by the candidates, shall be lodged with the Secretary at least 60 days before the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place;

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Rule 11 (e)(ii) the nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the member nominated and by the nominating member and written personal profiles of candidates prepared by the candidates, shall be lodged with the Secretary at least 45 days before the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place;

AMEND Rule 20 (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held within 3 calendar months of the end of the Associations financial year.

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Rule 20 (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held within six (6) calendar months of the end of the Associations financial year.

AMEND Rule 25. BY LAWS

Any General Meeting, Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall have power to make By Laws for the government of the affairs of this Association and to make laws for the government of boat racing and use of boats and to amend, add to or rescind all or any of the said By Laws.

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Rule 25. BY LAWS

Any Board Meeting, General Meeting, Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall have power to make By Laws for the government of the affairs of this Association and to make laws for the government of boat racing and use of boats and to amend, add to or rescind all or any of the said By Laws.

AMEND Rule 29 (d) All amounts of \$20 or over shall be paid by cheque signed by any two of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, or other member authorised from time to time by the Board;

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Rule 29 (d) The Board shall make By Laws to deal with the authorisation of banking and payments;

*Moved: K. Schryver*

*Seconded: I. Holzberger*

*Carried*

## **8. Election of Board and other Office Bearers**

The Chairman addressed the meeting outlining the incumbent Directors and the 3 Director's positions up for re-election in 2012.

Three nominations had been received for the three vacant Board positions by the due date:

1. Mr P. Schryver (Chairman)
2. Mr N. Parr
3. Mr B. Greenland

As there were no other nominees, no election was required and the meeting endorsed Mr Peter Schryver, Mr Nick Parr and Mr Bruce Greenland be appointed to the Board of Rowing Queensland Inc. All three elected Director's term expires at the 2014 AGM.

*Moved: R. Alexander*

*Seconded: E. Brown*

*Carried*

The meeting acknowledged the excellent work of outgoing Director, Tim Conrad who did not re-nominate for the Board.

**Vice Presidents** – One (1) nomination was received. Six (6) further nominations were received from the floor. The following were appointed.

- Mr Chris Morton (UQBC)
- Mr Jack Hutchinson (TRC)
- Mr Chris Beech
- Mr Steve Hinchy (Life Member)
- Mr Richard Powell (UQBC)
- Mr Steve Wilson

It was decided not to nominate further person at this time and that the Board give due consideration in appointing a female as a Vice President.

*Moved:* B. Greenland

*Seconded:* R. Alexander

*Carried*

## **9. Appointment of Auditor for 2012.**

The Board's nomination for 2012 is Mr Norman J Hoare, Morris and Batzloff, Chartered Accountants.

*Moved:* B. Greenland

*Seconded:* N. Parr

*Carried*

## **10. General Business**

### **10.1 Vale - Mr Jim Dowrie OBE**

The meeting noted the passing of RQI Life Member, Mr Jim Dowrie OBE (Toowong Rowing Club), on the 20th June 2012. Jim was one of the truly great rowing administrators in Queensland, being largely responsible for the set up of the Lake Kurwongbah course during the 1970's as an Australian standard course, including chairing the committee of the 1972 Men's National Championships at Kurwongbah. He was also instrumental in the construction and maintenance of the courses at Hinze Dam and Lake Wivenhoe, being almost single handily responsible for the construction of the Lake Wivenhoe held start platform. The time and financial effort he put into the sport was immeasurable.

Jim was a renowned athlete in his time, rowing for Queensland in the 1950 and 1951 King's Cups and winning many QLD State Championships as a member of Toowong Rowing Club, where he was large contributor to the construction of the club's current clubhouse after the 1974 floods. After his rowing career ended he became one of Queensland and Australia's top Boat Race Officials, being a member of the Jury at many National Championships and King's Cup Regattas from 1963 to the early 1990's. Jim also served on the Rowing Queensland Board for many years and for a short time as the Queensland delegate to the Rowing Australia Council.

Jim will be missed in the rowing community. Rowing QLD sends its thoughts to his family.

### **10.2 Life Membership**

The Board proposed to the meeting that Mr Duncan Free be awarded Life Member of Rowing Queensland.

Duncan, a four-time Olympian has officially announced his retirement from rowing. The 2008 Olympic gold medallist in the men's pair had been endeavouring to compete at his fifth Olympic Games in London later this year but eventually succumbed to an ongoing rib cartilage issue.

Over the past two decades Duncan established himself as one of Australia and the world's most successful rower. Duncan's rowing ability was personified by the fact that not only was he Australia's leading sculler for over a decade, but he then made the switch into sweep oar rowing and won Olympic gold. Duncan made his debut for the Australian Rowing Team in 1994 as part of the men's quad scull. He competed at 10 world

championships across his career, resulting in two gold and two bronze medals. He made his Olympic debut in 1996 in the men's quad scull, winning a bronze medal, before finishing fourth and seventh in the same event at both the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games.

*Motion: Duncan Free be awarded Life Membership of Rowing Queensland*

*Moved: N. Parr*

*Seconded: E. Brown*

*Carried*

#### 10.3 Water Safety

Mac Addis spoke about he and a fellow rower recently took time out to view the river and the rowers, from the City Cat skipper's point of view.

Three interesting observations:- Boats fitted with the RQI endorsed lighting were readily identified from a distance, in the pre-dawn light, boats fitted with all other forms of lighting were in peril, as they simply could not be seen and the skippers are switching off their infrared detection systems, due to problems with glare in the cockpit.

In light of the above, it would seem that RQ should insist that the endorsed lighting be adopted as the only acceptable lighting by all clubs with sanctions imposed by MSQ, for failure to comply. RQ Chairman provided an update on discussions to date regarding the incident and possible recommendations. It is important that all recommendations be part of the big picture to help improve overall safety on the river including education. Clubs raised the issue of cost of the lights and how they can be enforced and how do we get the individual boat owners to purchase these lights.

RQ has suggested to the Brisbane City Council the option of again offering the boat light subsidy program with possible support from TransDev (City Cat operators).

RQ will be involved with all recommendations as we are party to the Brisbane River Taskforce which will meet shortly after the Water Police report is available.

#### 10.4 Education & Safety Officer

The meeting was advised that Tom Heffernan has tendered his resignation effective 16 November 2012 to travel and work overseas. RQ would like to thank Tom for his work over the last two and half years in establishing some excellent protocols around the Brisbane River safety program. Tom is well respected by all including MSQ, TransDev and Brisbane City Council (BCC). RQ have submitted a request for financial support from the BCC to support the Education & Safety initiatives. C. Slawson (BSRA) advised the meeting that the BSRA Principals are considering of not continuing with ongoing financial support towards the position beyond 2012.

#### **Close of Meeting**

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 12.20pm.