

**Minutes for the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of  
Rowing Queensland Limited**

11.00am, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Toowong Rowing Club  
37 Keith Street, St Lucia QLD

**1. Welcome by the Chairman**

The meeting was declared opened at 11.10am.

Rowing Queensland (RQ) Chairman, Nick Parr welcomed all to the meeting.

**Attendance:**

- N. Parr (RQ/UQBC)
- P. Zelow (PRRC)
- P. Howard (B&GPS)
- Z. Cox (BRC)
- G. Clarke (Tattersall's)
- J. Price (TRC)
- M. Bridgeford (UQBC)
- M. Stewart (RQ CEO/Vikings)
- R. Ebert (RQ/PRRC)
- P. Hicks (RQ SDM)
- E. Brown (RQ/TRC)
- J. Rynne (RQ)
- S. Wallace (RQ/Dragons/Commercial)
- K. Lakhotia (PRRC/BRO)

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

- S. Hinchy OAM (RQ Life Member)
- I. Smith (RQ)
- M. Morton (RQ Life Member)
- R. Morton (RQ Life Member)
- C. Schauble (RQ/T&JCU)
- T. Ford (Vikings)
- P. Hugget (RQ Life Member)
- I. Holzberger (B&GPS)

**3. Confirmation of Club Representatives and Proxies**

Club Representatives and Proxies were confirmed.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes from AGM held on Sunday 17 May 2015.**

Motion: That the minutes are a true and accurate record of the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

*Moved: R. Ebert*

*Seconded: E. Brown*

*Carried*

**5. Chairman's Report**

Chairman, Nick Parr, thanked all stakeholders, members and sponsors for their support and involvement in the construction of the course at Wyaralong Dam. Now looking forward to Stage 2 of the development occurring late 2016.

Congratulations to all teams at the Interstate Regatta at the 2016 National Championships, special mention to the Womens Youth VIII for their success, and to the Lightweight Mens Four for their fourth consecutive championship.

Murray Stewart joined RQ late 2015 and has hit the ground running. Farewell was made to Ross Symonds, Daniella Serra and Ben Groth, who finished up at RQ as CEO, Communications Coordinator and Regatta Operations Coordinator respectively in 2015. Special mention to Peter Hicks who has shouldered a heavy burden through these staff changes.

**6. Adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2014.**

Rowing Queensland Ltd. is in a different financial position to previous years with reserve being used to build the new rowing course at Wyaralong. As a brief summary of the accounts, we draw your attention to the following components of the audited financial report.

2015 financial accounts have been audited in line with the Act by Morris & Batzloff.

- Revenues from Ordinary Activities returned a \$6,596 surplus in 2015.
- Income was \$77,741 less than 2014 – This decrease in revenue was due to the cessation of the Jobs Plan program and the BSRA deciding to manage regatta operations and safety internally rather than externally through RQ. There was a corresponding decrease in employment expense.
- There was also the resignation of 2 positions (Regatta Operations and CEO) and with these resignations saw an extraordinary payment of \$25,000 in leave owing that was not accrued.
- The Wyaralong Development also started and impacted on the balance sheet with the purchase of work boats and a contribution of \$25,000 in administration offset.

No questions were raised from the floor.

Motion: That the audited report for the financial year ending 31 December 2015 be accepted.

*Moved: M. Stewart*

*Seconded: E. Brown*

*Carried*

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

The Chairman outlined two (2) Director positions are up for election at this AGM. It was pleasing to receive three (3) nominations for the General Director position:

1. Nick Parr
2. Ray Ebert
3. Janine Reid

As an election is required, John Rynne assumed the chair and advised that voting is now to take place. All representatives and proxies were provided with the ballot paper upon signing in for the AGM. Attendees were then asked to cast their votes and place them in the ballot box. The Chair appointed and P. Hicks are scrutineers. No concerns to these appointments were raised from the floor.

The scrutineers returned and provided the Chair with the outcome of the election of officers. There were a total of 52 votes cast. The Chairman announced the outcome of the ballot.

Elected Director – Mr Nick Parr  
Elected Director – Mr Ray Ebert

## **7. General Business:**

- M. Stewart announced a trialing of the Qld School Sports model over next two years, involving the changing of age groups and regions used in school rowing competitions. Change will hopefully see an increase of schools participating in the sport. P. Hicks has been in consultation with RA consultant, should begin looking at trial programs and sites – funded by the Australian Sports Commission – in the next 6 months. Hopefully new system will allow for more consistent management.
- P. Hicks announced movement of Level 1 coaching course to entirely online model. It will require states to develop support structures for further development of new coaches.
- M. Stewart mentioned transition to Revolutionise and Rowing Manager, and that Queensland has picked up the systems better than other states. Some linking issues still being ironed out but generally is running very smoothly.
- M. Stewart discussed Rowing Australia's Campaign Number One, and the development of separate male and female National Training Centres. RA is currently in the process of inspecting states and their facilities for the location of the women's training centre, with 20<sup>th</sup> June being the date for the final decision. Qld has put in a strong application, with cooperation from clubs, schools and QAS for use of facilities, it would be a great opportunity for the state to host a National Centre. R.Ebert highlighted that attendance at centre would be compulsory for all athletes wanting to compete in National Senior Teams.

- Follow up being that consultation with clubs and schools to develop a state-based under-pinning development program will begin shortly.
- Stage 2 of development at Wyaralong will begin in the second half of the year, with last changes to plans and paperwork being made. Looking forward to Stage 3 of the development, discussions with schools/clubs in regards to leasing facilities will also begin in the next few months.
- Special mention of P. Hicks and his work in organising the Australian Masters Championships to be held 2 – 5 June. Largest Masters ever, with 5,600 seats entered, and a huge amount of planning involved in the event.
- S. Wallace paid tribute to the passing of Cliff Slawson, Executive Officer of the BSRA and generous patron of Dragons Rowing Club.
- P. Hicks congratulated Steve Hinchy OAM for winning Volunteer of the Year, no one more deserving of such an award.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.05pm



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Chairman – Nick Parr



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Company Secretary – Murray Stewart