

**Minutes for the 124th Annual General Meeting of
Rowing Queensland Inc**

11.00am, Saturday 14th June 2014

Nichols Theatre
Oaklands Parade, East Brisbane

1. Welcome by the Chairman

The meeting was declared opened at 11.18am.

Rowing Queensland (RQ) Chairman, Barnaby Eaton welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their patience during the registration process.

Attendance:

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| • B. Eaton (Vikings) | P. Dixon (CRC) |
| • N. Parr (TRC) | J. Cook (CRC) |
| • I. Holzberger (B&GPS) | J. Horrocks (CRC) |
| • S. Wallace (DRC) | L. Jealous-Bennett (BRC) |
| • E. Brown (TRC) | I. Holzberger (B&GPS) |
| • A. Williams (TRC) | M. Sparksman (Tatts) |
| • D. Bellamy (KRC) | N. Doughan (KRC) |
| • P. Gunning (CRC) | G. Ward (T&JCU) |
| • E. Draydon (UQBC) | I. Smith (GPS Qld) |
| • B. Greenland (CRC) | J. Allen (DRC) |
| • P. Brown (DRC) | G. Carroll (BGR) |
| • M. Ford (BRC) | F. Gobbo (UQBC) |
| • W. Hatfield (Tatts) | P. Howard (B&GPS) |
| • K. Lambros (Tatts) | C. Raven (TRC) |
| • P. Schryver (TRC) | C. Talbot (B&GPS) |
| • D. O'Brien (Tatts) | R. Symonds (RQ CEO) |
| • J. Mullins (RQ Lawyer) | P. Hicks (RQ staff) |
| • M. Connelly (Appointed Returning Officer) | |

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

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| • R. Ebert (PRRC) | M. Smith (PRRC) |
| • S. Hinchy OAM (Life Member) | R. Alexander (B&GPS/ Life Member) |
| • C. Beech (DPRC) | J. Reid (B&GPS) |
| • M. Budd (RRC) | P. Donovan (RFRC) |

- C. Cottrell (Life Member) P. Pettigrew (TRC)
- N. L'Efevre (GPS Qld) G. Smith (LMRC)
- C. Morahan (GUSPRC)

3. Confirmation of Delegates

Delegates were confirmed.

4. Confirmation of Minutes from 123rd AGM held on Saturday 25 May 2013.

Motion: That the minutes are a true and accurate record of the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: D. O'Brien

Seconded: J. Allen

Carried

5. Adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2013.

Rowing Queensland Inc. is in a very solid financial position. As a brief summary of the accounts, I draw your attention to the following components of the audited financial report.

2013 financial accounts have been audited in line with the Act.

- Revenues from Ordinary Activities returned a \$32,832 surplus in 2013.
- Income was \$454,192 less than 2012 – The major item was the Rowing Pontoon program which was completed in 2012. There was a corresponding decrease in expense.
- Government grants slight increased, due to carry over of the Jobs Plan program.
- The Major event income decreased by \$54,000 (no Pan Pac Games in 2013 (approx. \$12,000) and the new procedure for collection of seat fees for national championships (\$35,000) now paid direct to RA.
- Regatta increased seat fees due to water rescue services (corresponding increase in expense)
- Expenditure was \$464,535 less than 2012 - Employment was less due to Operations Manager resigning in June and no replacement appointed.
- Administration slight increase in expenses. This corresponds with the increase in income.
- State Team costs down due to no Youth Cup in reporting period.

Cash at bank is down by \$157,943. This is due to new procedure of Qld Government grants agreement where they now pay in 2 separate instalments. First instalment for 2014 was not received until early 2014. This varies from past years when the monies have been received in December.

Should the new constitution be adopted later in the meeting, the Finance Director advised that the financial reports would be delivered in a new format. I. Holzberger also understood that under Company Limited by Guarantee rules, the auditor would be required to resign after a prescribed number years.

Motion: That the audited report for the financial year ending 31 December 2013 be accepted.

Moved: N. Parr

Seconded: B. Greenland

Carried

6. Election of Board and other Office Bearers

The Chairman outlined he and the two Director positions are up for election at this AGM. It was pleasing to receive five nominations for the General Director positions and asked the nominees in attendance to stand so everyone knew who they were.

As the position of Chairman was up for re-election, the Chairman asked B. Greenland to take over as Chair for this election. B. Greenland advised there was only one (1) nomination from B. Eaton for the position of Chairman was received by the due date and therefore was duly elected.

B. Eaton resumed as meeting Chair.

Five (5) nominations had been received for the two (2) vacant Board positions by the due date:

1. Mr E. Draydon
2. Mr P. Gunning
3. Mr N. Parr
4. Ms J. Reid
5. Mr I. Smith

An election is required and Mr M. Connelly (who the Board appointed as the Returning Officer) was asked to brief the meeting as to how the process would take place. Attendees were then asked to cast their votes and provide them to the Returning Officer.

Mr Connelly returned to announce the outcome of the election of officers. There were a total of 315 votes cast.

First elected Director – Mr I. Smith
Second elected Director – Mr N. Parr

Motion: That Mr B. Eaton, Mr I. Smith and Mr N. Parr be elected to the Rowing Qld Board.

Moved: P. Schryver
Seconded: E. Brown
Carried

7. Appointment of Auditor for 2014.

The Board's nomination for 2014 is Mr Norman J Hoare, Morris and Batzloff, Chartered Accountants.

Moved: N. Parr
Seconded: P. Schryver
Carried

8. Notice of Motion:

The Chairman provided an overview and background to the motion. The Board of Rowing Queensland wishes to adopt a raft of changes to align the governance of RQ to that endorsed by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), and supported by Rowing Australia. All of the members of Rowing Australia – being the States – are working towards or already have adopted the mandatory governance principles set out by the ASC.

Motion:

1.1 To apply under Part 11A, Division 1 of the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 (QLD) to the chief executive for approval to transfer Rowing Queensland Inc's incorporation to a company limited by guarantee under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) Part 5B.1;

1.2 That the President and two members of the Management Committee be authorised to sign the application form required to be provided to the Queensland Office of Fair Trading and the President be authorised to provide such certifications as shall be necessary;

1.3 To change name to Rowing Queensland Limited; and

1.4 That the existing Constitution be repealed and replaced with a new Constitution with effect from the date of transfer (being the date when registration is accepted by ASIC). A copy of the new constitution is available on-line or at the Club or upon request a copy will be mailed to you.

These are all part of the one resolution.

Moved: B. Greenland *Seconded: I. Holzberger*

The meeting was provided with sufficient opportunity to speak for or against the motion and the mover of the motion was provided with closing arguments. Mr Connelly advised the meeting of the procedure for casting their vote on the Special Resolution which required a 75% majority.

Mr Connelly returned to announce the outcome of the Special Resolution ballot. There were a total of 283 votes cast. (250 for and 33 against – 88% majority), therefore the Motion was successful.

9. General Business:

The Chair provided a vote of thanks to B. Greenland who is stepping down from the Board. Bruce is a strong supporter of rowing in Queensland and has had two separate stints on the RQ Board and the rowing community is appreciative of his service to the sport and organisation.

The Chair also thanked Mr Connelly for his time to act as the RQ Returning Officer in the lead up to and during the course of the AGM.

The Chair asked for a motion for the Returning Officer to destroy all voting papers.

Moved: P. Schryver

Seconded: E. Brown

Carried

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.40pm



Nick Parr
Chairman

17th May 2015



Ross Symonds
Company Secretary

17th May 2015