



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST, 2009

WEST LAKES CLUB ROOMS

Present: B. Pennington, S. Pennington, M.Eastaughffe, P. Logan, J. Oliver, P. Halliday, D.White, L. Daw, T. Hirth, L. Vadasz, A. Swift, P. Marshall, D. Thomas, S.Wilden, B. Bormann, P. Cudmore, L. Williams A. Randell, , J. Dawson, J. Absolon, T. King, C. Gray, S. Perry, P. Logan, L. Lippis, D. Neall, G. Ward, A. Hughes, V. Spencer, G. West, G. Hebblewhite, D. Raymond, P. Erskine, P. Shaw, J. Lane, V. Knight, M. Giffen, L. Crotti, D. Eichler, M. Mussared, C. Mussared, C. Radloff, P. Cudmore

Apologies: P. McCarey, B. Russell, P. Mangelsdorf, P. Knight, B. Ralph, M. Harbison, J. Logan, C. Judd, L. Maxwell, M. Oliver, P. Magerl, R. Elleway

B. Pennington opened the meeting by inviting members to speak on those members who had passed away during the year.

1. VALE

Colin Swanson

Lou Crotti acknowledged Colin's passing...

"It was a pleasure to have known Colin. He was a dedicated supporter of the Association. A non-rower, who had his heart and soul in the sport. He enjoyed his job, had a dry sense of humour and was very tolerant and supportive – A huge loss"

Bruce Roberts & Doug Sanders

David Neall talked about the great support of Bruce and Doug for South Australian Rowing. They were both extremely active at the Torrens Rowing Club particularly after WW2 in an effort to get rowing re-established. – "sorely missed"

Ken Way

Vicky Knight spoke of Ken. A long standing and well loved foundation member of SARA. A member of Torrens and Port Adelaide Rowing Clubs. He served as President at Port Adelaide Rowing Club, as well as other roles. – "He added colour and will be well missed"

Derek Swann

Michael Eastaughffe spoke of Derek – A well known member of the Port Adelaide Rowing Club and Port Adelaide Football Club (apparently a nifty winger in his day!) He made a substantial contribution to the Club. As well as roles as regatta commissioner, umpire and BRO for SARA, he was also an Official with Rowing Australia.

Doug Howie

John Absolon expressed his sadness at the passing of Doug. A member of the Adelaide Rowing Club and a Kings Cup rower in the mid 1940's. – "sorely missed"

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008/09

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 27 August 2008 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

MOVED L. Crotti **SECONDED** D. Eichler **ALL IN FAVOUR**

3. ADOPTION OF 2008/09 ANNUAL REPORT

The Rowing SA Annual Report was tabled.

D. White introduced the Rowing SA staff to the meeting, due to many new appointments and re-shuffling of roles.

In addition she thanked a new on-board sponsor "Pea Squared Design" for their assistance with the production of the Annual Report. She acknowledged their great work and generosity in completing the report in a very tight time frame.

B. Pennington thanked Deb for her work so far in her role as General Manager. A testament to all Deb's hard work is the amount of volunteers that are now on board and helping in various capacities.

There being no other queries, the Adoption of the 2008/09 Report was

MOVED: P. Halliday **SECONDED: P. Marshall** **ALL IN FAVOUR**

4. ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2008/09

T. Hirth presented the 2008/09 Financial Statements for consideration. As he was cognisant of the fact that some members may not have had the opportunity to review these properly, he offered to answer any questions in relation to the financial statement after the meeting.

In summation, it was an unsettled year with three general managers at the helm, but the Association was able to maintain a strong balance sheet. Rowing SA is fortunate to have a good financial base. Money was spent during the year on assets and still has funds in reserve for future years. Cash flow however continues to remain tight and needs to be managed well.

Trevor commented that the financial management of the new course will be a challenge to administer, although all members will benefit.

There being no queries, the Adoption of the Financial Reports was:

MOVED: T. Hirth **SECONDED: J. Oliver** **ALL IN FAVOUR**

5. ELECTIONS

Election of Patron and Vice Patrons as per previous years:

Patron His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, AO, CSC, RANR, Governor of South Australia

Vice Patrons Lord-Mayor of the City of Adelaide, The Right Honourable Michael Harbison
Mayor of the City of Charles Sturt, Harold Anderson AM JP

MOVED: G. Hebblewhite SECONDED: S. Perry ALL IN FAVOUR

President There being no other nominations received the existing President Mr. Bob Pennington was re-elected under rule 6a part 2,

Vice Presidents All Vice Presidents from previous years were re-nominated (Inadvertently left out of the 2008/09 Annual Report)

Lou Crotti, Michael Eastaughffe, Rod Elleway, Lou Lippis, Bob Russell, Penny Halliday

In addition M. Eastaughffe nominated Paul Logan for services to the association.

MOVED: S. Perry SECONDED: M. Eastaughffe ALL IN FAVOUR

Auditor Long-standing auditors Wakefield Chartered Accountants were nominated for the next financial year.

MOVED: T. Hirth SECONDED: M. Eastaughffe ALL IN FAVOUR

B. Pennington thanked Vice President Lou Crotti for his legal advice in relation to the course development. The contract has been comprehensive and complicated and Lou has been invaluable with his support.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SARA Rule Changes

There was much discussion in relation to the proposed changes to the rules of the Association as circulated and tabled. These are briefly notarised hereunder:

- 1) Change of name of Association from South Australian Rowing Association Inc to Rowing South Australia Inc and logo change from SARA to Rowing SA.
- 2) Rule 5 a) viii) – Introduction of new Limited Membership category.
- 3) Rule 5 b) iv) (1) Competitive Memberships – Replace first sentence to “The Secretary of every club in the Association shall register all members of such club wishing to compete in regattas by providing such information as required from time to time by the Association for its registration database”
- 4) Delete Rule 5 b) iv) (3) in its entirety – Competitive Memberships
- 5) Delete Rule 21 in its entirety – Composite crews

After much discussion, it was agreed that all changes be accepted as written:

MOVED: M. Eastaughffe

SECONDED: S. Pennington

ALL IN FAVOUR

There being no other business the Annual General Meeting was closed at 7.40 pm