



2017 Rowing SA (RSA) Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Held at Rowing SA – 100 Military Road, West Lakes Shore (6.30pm)

Present:

- **RSA Board Directors & Staff**
 - Philip Paterson (Chair), Andrew Hannon, Georgina McGuinness, Richard O’Dea, Steve Pennington, Helene Wipf-Grant
 - David Hutton (CEO), Bec Lannan (Regatta Manager)
- **RSA Honorary/Foundation/Financial Life Members & President/Vice-Presidents**
 - Michael Harbison (Pres), Paul Logan (Vice-Pres), Steve Pennington (Vice-Pres), Phil Mangelsdorf (HLM), Tim Ward (HLM), Barny Cundell (FLM), Lou Crotti (FLM), Doug Raymond (FLM), Phil Gebhardt (FLM),
- **RSA Affiliated Club/School Delegates**
 - Adelaide RC (Ron Mobbs), Loreto College (Chris Penny), Mannum RC (Phil Gebhardt), Mawson BC (Jerry Elder), Murray Bridge RC (Tallulah Seidel), Pembroke School (Daren Potts), Phoenix RC (Tina Lowe), Pt Pirie RC (Bill Othams), Prince Alfred College (James Hammond), Riverside RC (Doug Raymond), Scotch College (Jarrad Schar), St Peter’s Boys College (Tim Hennessy), Taillem Bend RC (Anna Scheepers), Torrens RC (Amy Park), Wilderness School (Ron Mobbs)
- **2016/17 RSA Competitive Rower Members** (over the age of 18yo)
 - Carmine Barone (Torrens RC), Phil Gebhardt (Mannum RC), Kane Grant (Adelaide RC), Andrew Hannon (Adelaide RC), Stuart Harrison (Taillem Bend RC), Simon Lane (Adelaide RC), Tina Lowe (Phoenix RC), Mackenzie Lum (Adelaide RC), Christine MacLaren (Adelaide Uni BC), Philip Marshall (Adelaide Uni BC), Jesse Molloy (Adelaide RC), Amy Park (Torrens RC), Steve Pennington (Phoenix RC), David Rowe (Adelaide Uni BC), Tallulah Seidel (Murray Bridge RC), Victoria Seidel (Murray Bridge RC), Michael Sweeney (Riverside RC), Helene Wipf-Grant (Torrens RC)
- **Other Attendees**
 - Brett Ralph (Course Manager & BRO), Tom Doornbos (Rowing Coach), Christine Cundell (RSA Volunteer)

Apologies:

- Jamie Grant (Director), Greg Melbourne (Director), Bryan Draper, Trevor Hirth, Penny & John Halliday, Amber Halliday, Bob Russell, Richard Sexton, Mark & Caroline Mussared, Alison Smith, Chris Greening, Andrew Dodson.

Declaration of Interest

Nil

Welcome & Introduction – Before the formal meeting the RSA Chairman, Philip Paterson commented on the changes to the clubrooms, outlining the new arrangements for the new café, "OAR" and introduced the lessees Alex Smith and Rick Fisher.

Recognition of Athletes? We exist to support rowing generally but those athletes representing SA on National teams warrant acknowledgement.

2016/17 National Reps – (coached by Jason Lane)

- **Senior Aust Rowing Team** – 2017 World Cups 2 & 3, 2017 World Championships
 - Olympia Aldersey (Adelaide RC / SASI / Nat Training Centre)
 - Molly Goodman (Adelaide RC / SASI / Nat Training Centre)
 - Alex Hill (Adelaide RC / SASI / Nat Training Centre)
 - Nathan Bowden (Sydney RC / SASI / Nat Training Centre)
- **Aust U23 Rowing Team** – 2017 World Championships
 - Verayna Zilm (Adelaide RC / SASI)
 - Georgia Litt (Adelaide University BC)
- **Aust U21 Rowing Team** – Trans Tasman Cup
 - Jack Deans (Adelaide RC / SASI)
 - Kane Grant (Adelaide RC / SASI)
 - Celia Cowan (Pembroke School)
 - Mitch Reinhard (Unley HS)
- ***Walford 1st 8 Girls who backed up SA Head of the River with first in the Open Schoolgirl Eights at the 2017 National Championships***

1. Welcome Philip Paterson

Philip formally thanked all for their attendance and explained that under the constitution he would chair the meeting. He confirmed a quorum present.

2. Acknowledgement of members who have passed during the year:

- Bob Pennington; former RSA & RA board member, RSA, RA & FISA boat race official and significant contributor to the sport of rowing
- Mike Brown; member, committee member & president Murray Bridge RC
- Jack Richards; Adelaide RC and former Kings Cup oarsman
- Bruce Bock; Mannum RC & former State Oarsman
- Bob McKenzie; Railways RC & former State Oarsman
- Alan Nielsen; Port Adelaide RC
- Ron Bratts
- Prem Singh; former Auditor for SARA & later RSA for many years

3. Procedures

The Chair acknowledged the members of the Board present, with the exception of Jamie Grant and Greg Melbourne, and welcomed the President Michael Harbison, the Vice-Presidents present, and all Foundation and Honorary Life Members. He also thanked the general membership for their interest and attendance.

The Chair outlined the process of voting, explaining that this year there would only be a vote for the position of Elected Secretary as only three nominations were received for the three vacancies for Elected Directors.

Scrutineers appointed were Board member Andrew Hannon and Carmine Barone from Torrens RC.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the 2016 AGM have been distributed.

Lou Crotti pointed out that the minutes omitted recording the appointment of Vice-Presidents. The minutes were passed with the correction noted

Moved - Tina Lowe

Seconded - Lou Crotti

Carried

5. Adoption of the 2016-17 Annual Report

Reports on the year's activities have been distributed.

The Chair highlighted a number topics from the Annual Report

• Café

- Outlined the new outsourcing direction and look forward to the coming weeks and months – together with Rik Fisher & Alex Smith we are going to activate this facility.
- RSA has committed to a new floor and air conditioning.

• Facilities review

- We have been through a consultation process with the assistance of Consultants, OneEighty Sport & Leisure Solutions - funded by an OR&S grant.
- The view is that one opportunity is to reposition the café to the southern precinct, build four new boatsheds in this area and have new administration facilities above – there are sketches of this on display. Alternatives may evolve.
- Some remediation of the existing boat sheds was also identified which we are taking on board.
- The Board does not want to create false expectations. Clearly this is an ambitious, long-term and expensive proposal, and for the next three months David and the Board will be exploring funding opportunities. We will keep Members informed.

- **Western Deck**
 - It took some time, but it is happening – should be functional by the end of next week.
- **Available boatshed space**
 - We understand the keen interest in securing available space – by the end of this week we will distribute an EOI process that the Board signed off on last week.
- **Participation in the sub-committees**
 - They are up and running – I am thrilled there are now 14 newly engaged people participating in those sub-committees and contributing to the RSA governance model. If you want to get involved speak to David Hutton.
- **Constitution – still on our agenda**
 - “House-keeping” issues will be addressed at a SGM later this year.
 - Structure and voting will be addressed at a separate SGM prior to next year’s AGM once we have everyone in the community understanding that there is a need to change the structure and voting arrangements in our Constitution.
- **In summary** a busy and positive year – he thanked David, his staff, sub-committees and the Board for their input.
 Questions to the report:
 - Phil Mangelsdorf questioned the recording of Honorary Life Members, requesting that they be separate from Foundation and Financial Life members. Lou Crotti explained the significant difference between the three groups and supported Phil's view.
 - It was noted and will be changed in future reports

Motion of acceptance:
 Moved - Tina Lowe,
 Seconded - Lou Crotti
 Carried

6. Adoption of 2016-17 Financial Statements

The audited financial statements have been distributed.

The Chair drew attention to his report, highlighting the following

- Rowing activities in line with budget.
- He had outlined the key reasons for the difference between this year and last year results.
 - Additional resource costs
 - Dragon boats / course utilization

Report moved - Tina Lowe
 Seconded - Paul Logan
 Carried

7. Recommendation for Life Membership

Nil

8. Election of Office Bearers

Patron

It is proposed that His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia, be re-elected.

Moved - Barny Cundell

Seconded - James Hammond

Carried

Vice-Patrons

It is proposed that The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Martin Haese & City of Charles Sturt Mayor Angela Evans be re-elected.

Moved - Tina Lowe

Seconded - Lou Crotti

Carried

President

There have been no nominations other than the incumbent, Michael Harbison. It is proposed that Michael be re-elected.

Moved - Phil Mangelsdorf

Seconded - Tim Ward

Carried

Vice Presidents

It is proposed that our Vice – Presidents be Re-elected:

Lou Crotti, Michael Eastaughffe, Rod Elleway, Robert Russell, Penny Halliday, Paul Logan, Phil Mangelsdorf, Steve Pennington

Moved - Tina Lowe

Seconded - Tim Ward

Carried

Appointment of Auditor

Due to changes in Prem Singh's practice the board is proposing that Chartered Accountants HLB Mann Judd be appointed auditor for next year. HLB have a connection through Trevor Hirth who has acted as Finance Commissioner for many years. Trevor is no longer connected to the firm so there are no independence issues and RSA will benefit from the past involvement.

Moved - Philip Paterson

Seconded - Lou Crotti

Carried

9. Election Results

Elected Directors

In accordance with our Constitution half of the Elected Directors have stood down:

- Jamie Grant
- Steve Pennington
- Richard O'Dea

Three nominations have been received for three Elected Director positions:

- Jamie Grant
- Steve Pennington
- James Hammond

In accordance with clause 11.4 of our Constitution there is no need for an election and the three nominees were declared to be Elected Directors.

Secretary

There were two nominations for the position of Elected Secretary:

- Richard O'Dea
- Anna Scheepers

We have conducted a secret ballot tonight in accordance with the Constitution.

Richard O'Dea has been elected to the position of secretary. *Anna Scheepers* was thanked for nominating.

10. Other Business

- Under our constitution, matters of other business must be lodged in writing with the secretary by 15th July. No such notifications were received so accordingly there are no matters of Other Business to be addressed at tonight's meeting

Philip Paterson then thanked all for their attendance and introduced Georgina McGuinness as our new appointed Board Member, and explained that David Hutton was taking a well earned leave break for the next 4 weeks.

The meeting was then closed.