



2019 Rowing SA (RSA) Annual General Meeting – Minutes

Held at Rowing SA on Monday 26th August 2019 – 100 Military Road, West Lakes Shore (6.30pm)

Present:

- **RSA Board Directors & Staff**
 - Philip Paterson (Chair), Shannen Graham, Jamie Grant, Andrew Hannon, Greg Melbourne, Steve Pennington
 - David Hutton (CEO), Bec Lannan (Regatta Operations Manager), Brett Ralph (Regatta Course Manager)
- **RSA Honorary/Foundation/Financial Life Members & President/Vice-Presidents**
 - Steve Pennington
 - Barney Cundell
 - Paul Logan
 - Tim Ward
 - Bob Russell
 - Lou Crotti
 - Doug Raymond
 - Michael Harbison
 - Greg Melbourne
 - Phil Gebhardt
- **RSA Affiliated Club/School Delegates**
 - Tim Hennessy (St Peters College)
 - Jarrad Schar (Scotch College)
 - Ben O'Connell (Norwood Morialta High School)
 - Stacey Walker (Torrens RC)
 - Jess McRae (Adelaide RC)
 - Margaurite Richards (AUBC)
 - Daren Potts (Pembroke)
 - Stef Wilden (Goolwa RC)
 - Phil Gebhardt (Mannum RC)
 - Doug Raymond (Riverside RC)
 - Bill Othams (Pt Pirie RC)
 - Brynley Millward (St Peters Girls)
- **2018/19 RSA Competitive Rower Members** (over the age of 18yo)
 - Denise Abood
 - Jess McRae
 - Tim Santin
 - Phil Gebhardt
 - Catherine McDougall
 - Mick Sweeney
 - Jo Malcolm
 - Margaurite Richards
 - Stef Wilden
 - John Bentley
 - Simon Lane
 - Andrew Hannon
- **Other Attendees**
 - Brett Ralph (Course Manager & BRO)
 - Christine Cundell (RSA Volunteer)

Apologies:

- Graham Coldwell
- Tim Hender (St Ignatius College)
- Phil Mangelsdorf
- Penny Halliday

- John Halliday
- Mick Eastaughfe
- Stuart Harrison (Tailem Bend RC)
- Juliette Wilkinson
- Mike Page
- Philip Marshall
- Ron Mobbs
- Chris Greening
- Greg Walters
- Helene Wipf-Grant

Welcome:

The Chair of Rowing SA, Philip Paterson (PP) welcomed those present to the 2019 AGM of Rowing South Australia and flagged no voting for directors would be required.

He invited the CEO, David Hutton to give a brief summary of the year's activities of the Association, highlighting key points from the Annual Report and National representatives.

David Hutton spoke to the following:

- New Weather and Condition Management Policy.
- Increase in competitive rowers with main increase from schools, more support needed for senior clubs
- Increased investment in regatta filming – particularly for State Championships and Head of the River (live streaming and big screen)
- 25 regattas held across the season and across the state
- 2nd Grade State Championships held with the Riverland Regatta at Berri – record numbers made for a nice logistics problem
- Expanded investment in state teams across the board – Pathway, Senior, Masters.
- Great representation in Australian National Team
- Boat Race Officials represented SA in many National events, and Brett Ralph at the U23 World Championships in Florida.
- OAR Café working well and going from strength to strength
- Facilities upgrades – SASI High Performance Room, upgrade to RSA Indoor Rowing Room, ongoing landscaping and maintenance around West Lakes Facility.
- Regatta Course – Grant to replace moorings and footings securing the course, upgrading barge, security cameras
- Board subcommittees have been busy
- Riggers programs getting off the ground, corporate rowing programs also piloted
- Lots of work done in coach education and working with children for clubs and officials
- New website launched and increased social media presence
- Increased communication with Rowing Australia including teleconferences and state visits.

PP thanks David Hutton for summary and work throughout year.

Acknowledges success of SA Rowers internationally and calls for round of applause in recognition of their efforts.

Touches on issues of noise and enforcement of our rules as a continuing issue for our community.

Welcomes all to the formal part of the meeting. Welcomes Michael Harbison, Vice Presidents, Life & Foundation members, general members.

Confirms we have a quorum.

Acknowledges apologies sent in from members and notes apologies from the floor.

Declarations of conflict of interest: There were none declared. PP flags a conflict to be raised with an item later in the meeting.

Valediction:

The following members of SA rowing community passed away during the year,

John Marshall
Ted Thomas
Ants Nurk
Anthony Seymour Mathews
Alvin Ranson
Theresa Baxter

PP invites those present to stand and observe a minute's silence for these members.

PP introduces the Board members present, and Shannen Graham in particular. Shannen came on to board part way through the year to fill vacancy and is not from within the rowing community.

Voting:

PP outlines the voting processes – Affiliated Clubs, Competitive Rowers over the age of 18, Foundation and Honorary Life Members are eligible to vote if present. Voting members will vote by raising a coloured slip of paper when motions are called.

Elections of Directors and Secretary are by secret ballot however this will not be required due to the number of nominations being less than the positions available.

Adoption of the 2018 AGM minutes:

No questions were raised regarding the minutes of the 2018 AGM.

- Motion to adopt – **Moved** B Cundell, **Seconded** D Potts. **Carried.**

Adoption of SGM Minutes (held immediately after 2018 AGM):

No questions raised regarding SGM minutes.

- Motion to adopt – **Moved** D Potts, **Seconded** J Malcolm. **Carried.**

Adoption of the 2018-2019 Annual Report:

It was proposed that the Annual Report be taken as read.

PP spoke briefly to the report, highlighting the following:

- Growth in numbers of competing rowers

- Ongoing research into enhancement of the West Lakes infrastructure stressing the long-term nature of this project
- Local/national/international results and success
- Acknowledgment of the volunteers and the importance of growing their numbers
- Governance issues still remaining, particularly the required changes to the Constitution – PP highlighted that he is passionate about bringing the association up to the standard set by the government.
- Success of Oar Cafe
- Thanked the volunteers and staff for their work through the year.

PP invited questions from the floor. No questions were raised.

- Motion to accept 2018-19 Annual Report – **Moved** P Logan, **Seconded** T Ward. **Carried.**

Adoption of 2018-2019 Financial Statements:

PP noted that the financials for this year addresses a historical building depreciation issue that is out of line with the Australian Accounting Standards the board had inherited. The board has corrected this for this year resulting in:

- A prior year depreciation adjustment of \$341, 854
- Re-statement of the 2018 comparative result by adding a depreciation charge of \$21, 614
- An additional depreciation charge in the current year of \$21, 614

This has no outcome on cash generated or cash resource of the Association.

Financial performance was broadly in line with budget, not as strong as is ideal - PP would like to see cash generated doubled, to ensure the community can enjoy the services they already expect.

Lou Crotti raises question regarding indicated income/expenditure from the café and associated use and if this is related to prior arrangements in the space. PP agrees and indicates there was some expenditure items due to this.

Lou Crotti questions if this is missing from this years financials because it is mixed with 'rent' and 'outgoings' line items generally? PP indicates this is the case.

No further questions regarding the Financials.

- Motion to adopt 2018-2019 Financial Statements – **Moved** D Potts, **Seconded** B Cundell. **Carried.**

Recommendation for Rowing SA Life Membership: Ronald Lawrence

Bob Russell speaks to the nomination.

- Motion to accept nomination of Ronald Lawrence for Life Membership – **Moved** P Mangelsdorf, **Seconded** B Russell. **Carried.**

Election of Office Bearers:

Patron – Proposed that the Governor of SA the Honorable Hieu Van Le AC be re-elected.

- **Moved** T Ward, **Seconded** P Logan. **Carried.**

Vice Patrons – Lord mayor of Adelaide declined re-election due to work commitments.

Proposed that the City of Charles Sturt Mayor, Angela Evans be re-elected.

- **Moved** P Logan, **Seconded** B Cundell. **Carried.**

President – As there were no nominations other than the incumbent, Michael Harbison, it was proposed to reappoint him.

- **Moved** L Crotti, **Seconded** T Ward. **Carried.**

Vice Presidents – No new nominations were received, it was proposed to re-elect the incumbents.

- **Moved** D Potts, **Seconded** D Raymond. **Carried.**

Elected Directors – As mentioned in Annual Report several directors resigned during the year. In accordance with the Constitution there are 6 elected director positions and three are vacant for this meeting.

Only two nominations for these vacancies have been received – Jamie Grant (reappointment), and Jarrad Schar (new appointment) – as such they have been successful in their nomination.

Elected Secretary – the Constitution calls for an elected Secretary with responsibilities that are identical to an elected director. Richard O’Dea has previously filled this role but has resigned. Only one nomination for this position has been received – Shannen Graham – as such Shannen will fill this role.

PP indicates there is one casual vacancy remaining and calls for any nominations from the floor. No nominations are forthcoming.

PP indicated the Board will look to appoint a person for this position.

Current appointed directors are Philip Paterson and Georgina McGuinness. Georgina resigned through the year – the Board will look to fill this vacancy.

Appointment of Auditor – Grant Thornton were the Auditors for 2018-2019.

PP explained position and history of auditors and new sponsorship arrangements with Rowing Australia and Grant Thornton nationally. This opportunity led to HLB Man Judd resigning from position of auditor, and RSA Board appointing Grant Thornton as auditor.

PP declares conflict of interest due to prior employment with Grant Thornton.

PP declares that he had no involvement in the offer of sponsorship to Rowing Australia and outlines that Grant Thornton, Rowing Australia, and the Rowing SA Board has agreed no conflict of interest exists.

It was proposed that Grant Thornton be reappointed.

- **Moved** P Logan, **Seconded** T Hennessy. **Carried.**

Other Business:

Steve Pennington has resigned from the Board after 20 years of service.

David Hutton provides a summary of Steve’s contribution to rowing and Rowing SA.

PP makes presentation of gift to Steve as recognition of service to Rowing SA.

No other items of business.

PP thanks all for attendance and declares meeting closed.

Meeting Closed – 7.30pm.