

MINUTES

Item #	Item
1	ATTENDANCE & WELCOME RSA Chair Dr Greg Keene (GK) welcomes attendees and acknowledges Kaurna People as traditional owners of the land we meet on. - Quorum confirmed. - Thanks board members for their work over the last year. - Informs those present that he will be stepping down as Chair of Rowing SA after this meeting, but will continue to be an active member of the board for the remainder of his term. - Outlines procedures for the meeting.
1.1	PRESENT <u>Non-Voting Attendees</u> - Andrew Swift (RSA) - Kathryn Presser AM (TRC) - Anna Tree (RSA) - Peter Young RSA) - Rick Sawers AM (RSA) - Catherine McDougall (RSA) - Liza McNally - Grace Blake (RSA/AUBC) - Ron Mobbs (MBRC) - Dennis Cooper (RSA) - Christine Newberry (RSA) - Bec Lannan (RSA) - Brett Ralph (RSA) - Robin Bourne (Mannum RC) - Kati Ritchie (Port Adelaide RC) - Paul Knight (RSA) - Tom Merrigan (Pembroke) <u>Club & School Delegates</u> - Harrison Lindner (Adelaide High School) - Bill Natt (Adelaide University Boat Club) - Simon Burr (Goolwa Rowing Club) - Phil Gebhardt (Mannum Rowing Club) - Ron Mobbs (Murray Bridge Rowing Club) - Mark Mussared (Phoenix Rowing Club) - Sally Martin (Pembroke School) - Matthew Walker (Walford) - Daren Potts (Pulteney Grammar School) - Bill Othams (Port Pirie Rowing Club) - Amanda Tidswell (Seymour College) - Brynley Millward (St Peters Girls School/CBC) - Wade Hall-Craggs (St Peters Boys College) - Phillip Mangelsdorf (Tailem Bend Rowing Club) - Janet Barelli (Torrens Rowing Club) - Daniel Ralph (Unley High School) <u>Foundation/Honorary Life Members & Vice Presidents</u> - Phillip Mangelsdorf - Lou Crotti - Greg Keene - Fearnley Szuster - Doug Raymond - Jill Talbot <u>Voting Members</u> - Greg Walters - Ashleigh Barber - Rob Ellis - Philip Gebhardt - Caroline Mussared - Mark Mussared

	- Matt Russell - John Bentley - Damien Derlique - Simon Burr	- Celia Cowan - Caroline McNally - Bill Nat
1.2	APOLOGIES Apologies have been received for the following: - Jo Malcolm - Jo Bills - Annsley Kerr - Ian McBryde - Rob Cheesman - Christine Cundell - Barny Cundell - Dean Clayton - Stuart Harrison - Michael Eastaughffe	
1.3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None declared	
2	VALE - Members are invited to speak on those members who have passed away during the last year. - GK acknowledges the following members: - Margaret McLoughlin - Lindsay Southcott - Margaret Lord - Barry Mackenzie - John Blank - Ron Simpson - Sue Trinne - Joanne Melbourne - Bob Baily - Graham Cuell - Brian Richardson OAM - Keith Coldwell OAM - Lou Crotti and Phillip Mangelsdorf speak about some of the passed members. - Those present held a minutes silence.	
3	ADOPTION OF MINUTES 2024 AGM held 19 August 2024 Motion: Acceptance of AGM Minutes Moved – Greg Walters 2nd – Daren Potts Motion carried	
4	2024/25 SEASON OVERVIEW RSA CEO Andrew Swift (AS) provides overview of season and recent performance of the association. - The CEO reflected on the past six years of progress at Rowing SA, noting strong growth in participation, the introduction of new disciplines such as Coastal and Indoor rowing, and continued national and international success of South Australian athletes, including a Paralympic gold medal. - He emphasised the increasing pressures facing the organisation: greater competition from other sports, rising regulatory and compliance obligations, and higher operating	

	costs across staffing, insurance, facilities, and event delivery. He stressed the importance of operating like a business while preserving community spirit, ensuring sustainability and credibility. - Financially, Rowing SA reported a \$13,918 deficit for the year, largely due to depreciation changes, but recorded a cash profit of \$236,902. Revenue increases were attributed to higher regatta operations income, membership growth, and grant funding — particularly through the Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing's Performance Pathway Program. Notable expense variations included reduced insurance costs through the national insurance scheme, increased development expenses for the new Academy Program, and higher payroll costs linked to expanded staff support. - The CEO also updated members on the West Lakes Facility Redevelopment, highlighting progress on the Business Case, draft drawings, costings, and engagement with government stakeholders. He underlined the need to continue advocating for infrastructure investment and to diversify revenue streams to ease reliance on membership fees, with sponsorships, grants, and facility income playing an increasing role. - In closing, the CEO thanked staff, the Board, clubs, schools, coaches, volunteers, and members for their contribution, emphasising that Rowing SA is now stronger and more sustainable than six years ago due to collective effort. - Questions from floor: - o Robin Bourne asks what the previous building value was before \$14 Million dollar revaluation. AS shares previous valuation around the \$5 million mark. - o Ron Mobbs asks if Oceania Championships are or could be a financial benefit to RSA like the AMRC or ARC. AS responds that potentially this will be the case eventually, but in its first year back as an event, and potentially for the next few years, it is unlikely to be a financial benefit to the host state.
5	<u>ADOPTION OF 2024/25 ANNUAL REPORT</u> Motion: Acceptance of 2024/25 Annual Report Minor change to Greg Walters biography in Annual Report - Moved – Daren Potts 2nd – Lou Crotti Motion carried
6	<u>ADOPTION OF 2024/25 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> Questions from the floor: - Lou Crotti: 2 wooden racing sculls for sale. Please reach out for more details. Motion: Acceptance of 2024/25 Financial Statements Moved – Fearnley Szuster 2nd – Lou Crotti Carried
7	<u>ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS</u>
7.1	PATRON: Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC Motion: Election of Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC as Patron of Rowing SA Moved – Fearnley Szuster 2nd – John Bentley Carried
7.2	VICE-PATRON: Mayor Angela Evans

	Motion: Election of Mayor Angela Evans as Vice-Patron of Rowing SA Moved – Doug Raymond 2nd – Greg Walters Carried
7.3	PRESIDENT: Phillip Mangelsdorf Motion: Election of Philip Mangelsdorf as President of Rowing SA Moved – Doug Raymond 2nd – Rob Ellis Carried
7.4	VICE-PRESIDENTS: Lou Crotti, Michael Eastaughffe, Rod Elleway, Robert Russell, Penny Halliday, Paul Logan, Steve Pennington Motion: Election of current individuals to continue as Vice-Presidents of Rowing SA Moved – Daren Potts 2nd – John Bentley Carried
7.5	AUDITOR for 2025/26: Bentleys Motion: Election of Bentleys as Auditor for Rowing SA for 2025-26 Moved – John Bentley 2nd – Greg Walters Carried
8	ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS None received.
9	<u>ELECTED DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS</u> GK outlines voting procedures for the evening. GK thanks Kathryn Presser for her time on the board. Scrutineers for the evening are Brett Ralph and Peter Young. Election from the following nominations in alphabetical order (surname): • Lou Crotti • Danielle Ford • Jo Malcolm • Catherine McDougall • Liza McNally • Tom Merrigan A break occurs for Members to cast their vote and scrutineers to count votes.
10	ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTED RESULTS GK announces successful candidates – Catherine McDougall, Liza McNally, Tom Merrigan. Thanks the other nominees for their willingness to be involved, and for their continued efforts in the sport.

11	OTHER BUSINESS No other business
12	CLOSE GK wishes good luck to all members for the season ahead. - Closes meeting (7:40pm)