

## N.S.W Union of Rowers Inc.

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017, held at Sydney Rowing Club

1. **Present:** Paul Coates (Chair), Russell McLean, Keith Jameson OAM, Tim Wainman, Eric Carter, Louis Petrin, Kim Rudder, Tony Blower, Ken Ambler, Laurel Ambler, Phillip Titterton, Anne Titterton, Barry Moynahan OAM, John McLeod, Hugh McLeod.
2. **Opening:** The President Paul Coates opened the meeting at 11.10am and welcomed all attendees.
3. **Apologies** were presented for Anne Craig, Phil Sharp, Tony Brown (Jnr), Iain MacDonald, Steve Roll, Mick Poole, Dr Rob Hampshire, Terry Maher, Brian Guthrie, Krystin Munro, Barbara Ramjan
4. **Obituaries:** A minute silence in respect of the passing of former rowers: Nim Greenwood, Beryl Crockford (Drummoyne), Gene Mason (Glebe, Balmain, Haberfield), Bruce Riley (Iluka), Alan Flint (Leichhardt), Doug Parry, Robert Williams (Manning River), Wade Hewitt (Leichhardt), Mick Ryan (Balmain)
5. **Adoption of the Minutes** of the Annual Meeting of 28<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016. *Moved* A Blower, *Seconded* K. Jameson that the Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting be taken as read, and that the minutes be adopted as a true and correct record. *Carried.*
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes** No items of discussion arose.
7. **Consideration of the 2016-17 Annual Report and Financial Statement**

The Annual Report was presented by Paul Coates and in Anne Craig's absence, he gave a précis of the Annual Report and Financial Statement. He noted the strong support of the Scholarship Club and merchandising program which has permitted seven scholarships to be presented this year.

The success of the seven scholarship winners presented at the RNSW Presentation Dinner was noted together with the significant number of former scholarship recipients who have become representatives in Australian Rowing Teams.

An appreciation was given to Eric Carter for his generous donation, and to Terry Maher for his organization of the Union's Marketing program.

Louis Petrin gave a précis of the Archives Report, and his views on a future home for the collection.

*Moved* Russ McLean, *Seconded* Ken Ambler that the Annual Report and Financial Statement be adopted. *Carried.*

#### 8. Office Bearers

Paul Coates spoke on the significant contribution made by Tim Wainman who has moved to Kiama and is retiring from the Executive after 12 years service, which included a term as President in 2008. Paul also informed the meeting that our Patron, George Neilson, has moved from Russel Lea to the War Veterans Home in Narabeen. George will turn 101 in October this year.

The Chair presented the following unopposed nominations for the 2017-18 year.

- (a) Patron - George Neilson OAM
- (b) President – Phillip Titterton
- (c) Deputy President – TBA
- (d) Elite Vice-President – Terry Maher
- (e) Public Officer – Anne Craig
- (f) Vice-Presidents – Eric Carter, Tony Brown
- (g) Honorary Secretary – Paul Coates
- (h) Honorary Treasurer - Anne Craig
- (i) Honorary Auditor - Simon Croot
- (j) Committee Members Brian Guthrie, Barry Moynahan OAM, Dr. Phil Sharp,

Hugh McLeod, Keith Jameson OAM, Louis Petrin & Krystin Munro.

*Moved* T Wainman, *Seconded* K Ambler that the incoming Executive be appointed and endorsed by the meeting. *Carried.*

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**9. General Business**

Paul Coates presented the Union's 50 year Award for 2017, and spoke on the service to Rowing in NSW, to:

Anne Titterton of Sydney University Womens Rowing Club

John McLeod of Newcastle Rowing Club

Ian Clubb of Sydney Rowing Club, who regrettably could not attend.

All had distinguished rowing records, and each went on to serve, and continue to serve, their Club and Association throughout their careers.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members and guests for their attendance and invited all to a barbeque lunch, and closed the meeting at 11.40am.

Approved ..... Chairman ...../...../2017.

