

N.S.W Union of Rowers Inc.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 28th August 2016, held at Sydney Rowing Club

1. **Present:** Paul Coates (Chair), Barbara Ramjan, Russell McLean, Brian Guthrie, Gavin Parcai, Ben Brenner, Keith Jameson, Anne Craig, Terry Maher, Tim Wainman, Eric Carter, Louis Petrin, Dr. Phil Sharp Kim Rudder, Tony Blower, Ken Ambler & Laurel Ambler
2. **Opening:** The President Paul Coates opened the meeting at 11.03am and welcomed all attendees.
3. **Apologies** were presented for David Sollom, Geoff McIntyre, Phillip Titterton, Iain MacDonald, Jenny Cole, Alan Simons, Bryan Weir & Barry Moynahan OAM.
4. **Obituaries:** A minute silence in respect of the passing of former members Bob Day, Brian Kelleher, Paul Rowe, Maurice Grace, Bruce Evans, Jon Lanning, Jack Boerma, Vic Williamson, A John Rogers, Bill Winkworth & Bill Goulding.
5. **Adoption of the Minutes** of the Annual Meeting of 23rd August, 2015. *Moved* B. Guthrie, seconded R. McLean that the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting be taken as read. *Carried.*
Moved A. Blower, seconded T. Wainman that the minutes be adopted as a true and correct record. *Carried.*

Business Arising from the Minutes No items of discussion arose.

6. Consideration of the 2015-16 Annual Report and Financial Statement

The President's Report was presented by Paul Coates and in Phil Titterton's absence gave a precis of the Annual Report and Financial Statement. He noted the strong support of the Scholarship Club and merchandising program which permitted seven scholarships to be presented and a donation of \$ 1,000 to the Tamar Rowing Club flood relief fund.

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

The meeting was informed that the version of the report that would be posted on the website would contain photos of the scholarship winners.

An appreciation was given to Eric Carter & John Boulton for their donation of \$ 1,000 each.

Moved B. Guthrie, seconded K. Jameson that the Annual Report and Financial Statement be adopted. *Carried.*

A comment was made by Russ McLean regarding communication and distribution of newsletters. This has been referred to the new Executive Committee

7. Office Bearers

P. Coates spoke on the contribution to the wellbeing of the Union made by the two retiring officers David Sollom and Russell McLean and members present endorsed his comments.

Moved T. Maher, seconded Dr. P. Sharp that the Union's appreciation be extended to David Sollom for his outstanding contribution. *Carried.*

Moved Dr. P Sharp, seconded B. Guthrie that the member's appreciation be extended to Russell McLean for his dedicated service. *Carried.* Russell thanked the members for their support over the years.

The Chair presented the following unopposed nominations for the 2015-16 year.

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

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Tim Wainman, Keith Jameson OAM, Louis Petrin & Krysten Munro.

Moved K. Ambler, seconded R. McLean that the incoming Executive be appointed and endorsed by the meeting. *Carried.*

8. General Business

Paul Coates spoke on the outstanding service of Bryan Weir to the sport in many executive rolls over his 50 years of involvement and said that unfortunately Bryan could not attend to receive his certificate.

Kim Rudder was asked to step forward to receive his Master of the Year Award. His significant contribution as a rower and a coach of schoolboy and master rowers was acknowledged. Kim thanked the meeting for the award saying that it is most appreciated.

Dr. P Sharp said that because of his work in Victoria he was unable to attend Committee meetings and asked if the meetings could be held on a Monday evening.

P. Sharp said that E. Chapman had approached him to take over the RNSW Archivist's position a number of years ago. The archives were stored at his house. RNSW ended the office of Archivist several years ago. S. Roll approached him for the loan of records to support the Australian Rowing History website. The records were not returned to him and since then the Union has set up a sub-committee to consolidate and digitize the archives. A history of Haberfield Rowing Club is currently being prepared and he requested access to the material to assist the project. He requested a resolution of the matter of the archives.

K. Jameson said that the Archives Committee was extremely keen to have Dr. Sharp participate in the Committee and requested a date when Phil would be available to meet.

P. Sharp undertook to email the Chairman dates when he would be available.

Moved Dr. P. Sharp seconded B. Guthrie that congratulations be extended to the Australian Olympic Rowing Team on their successes in Rio. *Carried.*

K. Jameson said that Sydney R.C. was very proud of their representatives and were having a welcome back dinner to congratulate them.

Resolved that the date of the next meeting be set by email exchange.

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 11.28am.

Approved Chairman/...../2017.