

N.S.W. Union of Rowers Inc. Minutes of the 4th March, 2025 held at Sydney Rowing Club.

1. Present: John Johnson (Chair), Liam James KC Z, Anthony Brown, David Sollom OAM, David Clark , Brian Guthrie, Phillip Titterton OAM, Barry Moynahan OAM, James Johnson Z, Dr Eric Carter & Terry Maher.

Z = attended by Zoom Conferencing.

Apologies: Brabara Ramjan KC OAM & Dr. Philip Sharp.

2. Opening: The Chairman welcomed Executive members and opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

3. Obituaries: One minute's silence was observed in respect for the passing of Margaret Mackenzie OAM, RA and RNSW Life Member and Michael Kelly of Glebe Rowing Club. Ken Rickard-Bell of Sydney Rowing Club. Executive Members reflected on the involvement in the sport and achievements of Margaret and the Agnew family over many decades.

4. Adoption of the Minutes: Moved D. Sollom that the minutes of the 10th December, 2024 be adopted as a true and accurate record. Seconded by B. Guthrie and *Carried*.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes: Business arising was included in the meeting agenda.

6. Correspondence

Inward

Alex Warner application for 1 year membership. Approved by email vote.

Commbank – re complaint re setup of Union Account. Term Deposit info.

B. Moynahan, Phil Sharp, D. Sollom – Constitution review comment/input.

Outward

Membership – Draft Constitution Revision for comment.

Executive – Minutes 10/12/24 with attachments; meeting availability; Agenda.

President's letter to RNSW President re Stephen Croot and Barry Moynahan service to RNSW. No response has been received to date.

P Stroud coaching book 'Crew Builder' – Cover & table of contents to Executive.

7. Constitution Review L. James tabled the final draft and summarized the amendments that had been made.

He stressed that it is a living document and will no doubt require further review.

The Objects were revisited along with Disciplinary Proceedings 12.1 (d) and it was agreed to remove "or NSW (Integrity Bodies)."

Committee indemnity responsibility was discussed and Liam was of the view that the Vic Insurance held by RNSW should cover a RNSW Affiliated Association as an organisation. D. Sollom said he had reviewed the Vic Insurance Policy and doubted that we were covered and suggested asking RNSW to include us in their policy. L. James offered to raise the indemnity insurance question with RNSW.

Resolved that subject to the indemnity insurance question resolution minor typographical errors correction that a Special General Meeting be held late in April at Sydney Rowing Club and via Zoom Conferencing. to approve the proposed NSW Union of Rowers Incorporated Constitution 2025.

The Chairman and meeting thanked Liam for his work over the months in arriving at a finalised document.

8. Financial Report

D. Clark reported on the investigation by Commbank failing to action our request to amend the authorities on the Term Deposit however the address remains at Castle Cove much to his annoyance. Clearly nothing has changed! He said that he would revisit the bank to again get the authorities amended with the cooperation of the previous authorities.

FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT
	Bank Account CBA	
01-Jul-24	Opening Balance	19,531.89
	+ Deposits	
	Fund Raising/Social	7,450.00
	Australian Sports Foundation	1,767.01
	Membership	135.00

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	Merchandise Sales	135.00
	Interest on Term Deposit	1,848.62
	Total Deposits	11,335.63
	- Payments and Transfers	
	Affiliation fees	205.00
	Bank Fees	3.30
	Total Payments	208.30
28-Feb-25	Closing Balance	\$ 30,659.22
Deposit	CBA @ 4.45%	40,000.00
	Matures 4 August 2025	
	Balance	\$ 40,000.00
Totals	Balance at 28 Feb 2025	\$ 70,659.22

Australian Sports Foundation

Date	Donor	Donation	Fee	Retention	Deposited
03-Feb-25	Peter Stroud	25.25	0.25	1.25	23.75
03-Jan-25	Peter Stroud	25.25	0.25	1.25	23.75
11-Dec-24	Phillip and Anne Titterton	300.00	5.25	15.00	279.75
03-Dec-24	Peter Stroud	25.25	0.25	1.25	23.75
03-Nov-24	Peter Stroud	25.25	0.25	1.25	23.75
19-Jul-24	David Cay	101.00	1.00	5.00	95.00
14-Jun-24	Peter Kim	741.00	7.41	37.05	696.54
28-Feb-24	Peter Kim	538.00	5.38	26.90	505.72
27-Feb-24	Steve Schinagel	101.00	1.00	5.00	95.00
Totals		1,882.00	21.04	93.95	1,767.01
ASF fee as % collected		6.11%		114.99	

Moved by P. Titterton, seconded by A. Bown that the Term Deposit be increased by an additional \$ 5,000 total \$ 10,000 (from previous motion) to \$ 50,000 as soon as possible. *Carried.*

Moved by B. Guthrie, seconded by P. Titterton that the Treasurer's Report be received and adopted. *Carried.*

9. Scholarship Committee Appointment and Review

The Chairman said that the limited amount of time prevented a meeting last year prior to the recommendation being tabled to the Committee and asked for guidance from the Committee as to the maximum amount of funds available for the presentation of scholarships.

Moved A. Brown, seconded D Clark that 33% of current surplus (\$ 21,000) be allocated as a maximum to 2025 scholarships be awarded. *Carried.*

Moved T. Maher, seconded A. Brown that the following Committee Members: J. Johnson, P. Titterton, B. Guthrie, D. Clark, E. Carter with B. Ramjan to be approached be appointed as the Scholarship Evaluation Committee. *Carried.*

10. Sub-Committee Reports:

Recruitment & Fund Raising Committee

Moved D. Sollom, seconded A. Brown that D. Sollom be appointed Chair of the Recruitment Committee. *Carried.*

B. Moynahan offered to assist on the Recruitment and Fund Raising Committee.

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B. Moynahan reported that the Hall of Champions Diamond Scull Exhibition had received a favourable response.

He also urged support of the Michael Kemp (Vintage Wooden Rowing Shells Australia). E. Carter asked for contact details and offered to assist with the relocation of a Cotton Ergometer to University of Sydney Physiology Museum.

11. General Business:

The Chairman referred to a discussion with the President of the NSW Union of Oarswomen Sue Carew.

Moved J. Johnson seconded B Guthrie that P. Titterton, T. Maher & J. Johnson form a Sub Committee to discuss with the NSW Union of Oarswomen the feasibility of our mutual future. *Carried.*

Discussion on the next meeting date was deferred pending consideration of the date of the Special General Meeting to adopt the new Constitution and the timetable for the Scholarship Applications/Evaluations.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 7.48 pm.

ApprovedChairman /2025.

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