

N.S.W. Union of Rowers Inc. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 27th August, 2023 held at Sydney Rowing Club.

1. Present: John Johnson (Chairman), Keith Jameson OAM, Brian Guthrie, Terry Maher, Dr. Philip Sharp, Barbara Ramjan, Kenneth Ambler, Laurel Ambler, Anne Craig, Geoff McIntyre AM, Anne McIntyre, Barry Moynahan OAM, David Clark & Jacky Peile.

2. Opening: The President opened the meeting at 10.31am and apologies were received for Anne & Phil Titterton OAM, Simon McNamara, Michael Poole, Graham Lorking, Anthony Brown, Dr. Peter Kim, Peter Stroud & Liam James.

3. Obituaries: A minute silence was observed in respect for the passing of John Ranch Olympic Silver Medalist and past member of Leichhardt and Sydney; Errol Braznell (UTS Haberfield); Peter Scarlett (UTS Haberfield); John Treloar* (Newington Masters); Stephen Callaghan (St George); Harald Jahrling RNSW NSWIS & RA; John Blackwood (Balmain) and recently Harold Kratz OAM* aged 96 (Lower Clarence) and John Sheldrick (Drummoyne). *= Union Member.

4. Adoption of the Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the 28th August 2022 were tabled. *Moved* Dr. Phil Sharp that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 28th August 2022 be adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded Brian Guthrie, CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

The Secretary reported that following the Covid 19 lockdown business had returned to normal and that despite the inactivity the Union's finances were in a solid position.

The Chairman reported that the presentation had been made to the Petrin family in recognition of the contribution of Louis to the Union.

Barry Moynahan reported that all the Union's historical records and memorabilia had been removed from Louis' warehouse and was in storage at Leichhardt R.C. Thanks was given to Leichhardt for making storage space available.

6. Consideration and Adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statement

Anne Craig reported that Scholarship Club Ticket sales were almost back to pre-Covid levels despite poor spectator attendance at regattas. She thanked David Clark for his work as Auditor and his offer to take over as Treasurer.

Appreciation was given to our donors; Dr Peter Kim; Simon McNamara and to our donor members.

Anne was congratulated for the wonderful effort she had devoted to the job of Treasurer since 2011.

Geoff McIntyre complimented the Executive on the way the affairs of the Union had been conducted over the year. He reflected on the progress that the Union had made and complimented the Secretary on his meticulous efforts. On retiring from the role of Patron he said that he would continue his support in every way possible.

The Chairman thanked Geoff, Anne and Barry for their contribution to the well-being of the Union over the years.

Barry Moynahan supported the comments saying whenever a vacuum in the management appeared we have been able to fill it with competent people. He thanked Keith Jameson for his work on the Union particularly with the scholarship evaluation saying that he had been a stalwart of the sport over the decades.

The Secretary spoke on how the Union had evolved into a legacy organization saying that it now works hand in hand with the J. B. Sharp Memorial Regatta Committee saying that we look forward to celebrating the Centenary of the winter regatta series with them next year.

Moved Dr Phil Sharp, seconded Ken Ambler that the Annual Report and Financial Report be adopted. CARRIED.

7. Election of Life Members

Moved Dr Phil Sharp, seconded Barry Moynahan that Anne Craig, Keith Jameson OAM and Geoff McIntyre AM become Life Members of the NSW Union of Rowers. CARRIED by acclamation.

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Anne Craig said that she had learnt so much about rowing from the members of the Union and it has an important role to play in the development of young rowers; wishing us all be best for the future.

Terry Maher wished our newest rowing club; Community Rowing Club every success under the competent guidance of Barbara and Anne.

8. Election of Office Bearers

Moved Geoff McIntyre that Barry Moynahan be appointed Patron of the Union. Seconded Brian Guthrie, CARRIED.

The Secretary advised the meeting that no election for positions would be necessary and read the names of the nominees as listed on the meeting notice paper:

Nomination/s

Patron	Barry Moynahan OAM
President	John Johnson (2 year term ending in 2024)
Deputy President	Liam James (2 year term ending in 2024)
Elite Vice-President	Terry Maher
Vice-Presidents (4)	Anthony Brown, Brian Guthrie, Phillip Titterton
Honorary Secretary	Terry Maher
Honorary Treasurer	David Clark
Committee Members (12)	Deanne Fekete, Neil Holmes, Barbara Ramjan, Dr. Philip Sharp.

Moved Keith Jameson, seconded Barbara Ramjan that the listed Officers and Committee be ratified for 2023-24 year. CARRIED.

8. General Business

The Secretary spoke on recent correspondence with RNSW and the City of Penrith relating to the archives and a suitable premises to store our collection and if possible, to provide office space for RNSW.

This is a long-term project which could be a win-win for both the Union and Association.

Geoff McIntyre spoke on his disappointment at the response to the approach made to Bromley Trust Scholarship recipients to join and support the Union.

He asked if he could do a follow-up letter to the recipients to further canvass for their membership. The Chairman thanked Geoff for his offer.

Anne Craig also expressed her disappointment at the failure of Union Scholarship recipients to renew their membership after their free 5 year membership expired.

The meeting's attention was drawn to the current and past membership lists posted on the website which in alphabetical order with the year their membership expired/es and the listing is intended to aid recruitment and retention.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.04pm

Approved John Johnson. Chairman 25/08/2024