

N.S.W. Union of Rowers Inc. Minutes of the 10th April, 2024 held at Sydney Rowing Club.

1. Present: John Johnson (Chair), Dr. Philip Sharp Z, Anthony Brown, David Clark , Brian Guthrie, Liam James Z, Phillip Titterton Z, Dr Eric Carter Z & Terry Maher. Z = attended by Zoom Conferencing.

Apologies: Brabara Ramjan & Barry Moynahan.

2. Opening: The Chairman welcomed Executive members and opened the meeting at 6.02pm.

3. Obituaries: One minute's silence was observed in respect for the passing of John Hudson (LRC), Lionel Robberds (LRC).

4. Adoption of the Minutes: Moved B. Guthrie that the minutes of the 6th March, 2024 adopted as a true and accurate record. Seconded by P. Titterton and *Carried*.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

All items to be covered in the meeting agenda.

6. Correspondence Inward & Outward

Various sources - Louis Petrin Collection. Display at Nationals/ trophy re-purposed ACW4x.

Various recipients – Scholarship Application notice – 4 Applications received to date. Closes 26/4/24.

Liam James - Partial draft revised Constitution.

Secretary - Merged current Constitution with Model Constitution – Proposed Sub-committee meeting.

Notice of motion: Moved Terry Maher, seconded Brian Guthrie that the Youth Scholarship Evaluation Committee comprising Barbara Ramjan, Brian Guthrie, John Johnson, Phil Titterton & Terry Maher be reappointed for 2024. *Carried*.

7. Financial Report

NSW UNION OF ROWERS INC FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 05 APRIL 2024

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT
	Bank Account CBA	
01-Jul-23	Opening Balance	16,892.63
	+ Deposits	
	Fund Raising/Social	6,050.00
	Membership	240.00
	Donation - ASF	1,972.49
	Donation - Non ASF	100.00
	Interest	900.00
	Total Deposits	9,262.49
	- Payments and Transfers	
	Affiliation fees	198.00
	Bank Fees	5.23
	Total Payments	203.23
05-Apr-24	Closing Balance	\$ 25,951.89
	Term Deposit	
	CBA @ 4.25 % Matures 8/7/24	\$ 40,000.00
	Total Funds	\$ 65,951.89

New members Nil

Outstanding receipts

Steve Schinagel	ASF Donation (made to ASF on 27 02 2024)	101.00
Dr Peter Kim	ASF Donation (made to ASF on 28 02 2024)	538.00

\$ 639.00

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The Treasurer gave a precis of his report.

Adoption of the Treasurer's Report was moved by A. Brown, seconded by B. Guthrie and *CARRIED*.

8. Sub-Committee Reports:

Archives The President reported that RA had 2 glass cabinets displaying valuable items from the Petrin Collection (focused on the Olympics) with a trophy from the collection being re-purposed to the Margaret MacKenzie OAM Trophy for the Australian Champion Women's Quad Scull with Louis' wife Lorraine making the presentation. After the Olympics the collection will be made available for viewing at RA.

The Secretary to contact Nancy Wahlquist from LRC regarding the missing box containing RNSW Annual Reports.

Constitution Review L. James gave his apologies for the delay in preparing drafts due to personal & professional obligations and reporting that a useful comparison draft between the current and Fair Trading model constitution had been prepared by the Secretary.

The document he had been working on is based on the model constitution for regional sporting associations prepared by Sports NSW which had some beneficial elements in it which could be incorporated. This draft was not complete as it was at a point that required decisions on the Union's governance structure.

He suggested holding a meeting of the Review Sub-Committee at the Chambers in the boardroom which has the necessary facilities.

Liam suggested taking the comparison draft as the base and adding the beneficial elements from the Sports NSW template such as disciplinary proceedings from RNSW; reference to Sport Integrity policies; references to RNSW policies. These matters could be reviewed and thrashed out by the Sub-Committee in conference.

The secretary stressed that the Union is a philanthropic association/society focused on raising funds to assist young participants and supporting the sport generally. The Union does not stage regattas or other competition or sporting activities. The objects should state this clearly.

Liam said that our affiliation with RNSW provides a few benefits:

1. A voice (vote) in their affairs at RNSW General Meetings.
2. Cover under RNSW (V-Insurance) umbrella insurance for rowing related activities and public liability*.
3. Integrity Policies where bullying/vilification etc. many take place between members (access to their complaints handling). This would change the status of Union members who are not current members of RNSW*.

P. Sharp suggested that it would be helpful that the pros and cons (memo of issues) could be listed in the margins of the drafts so that the Union's responsibilities are clear. Also the majority of our members would not think that they have any involvement with RNSW even having been past members. They may well not be bound by the policies of RNSW*.

**These are 'grey areas' and require further investigation and clarification.*

The likely date of the sub-committee meeting was discussed with the last week of April till first week May suggested. Liam to forward an email to the members of the sub-committee to clarify availability.

The President thanked Liam for his hard work on the drafts.

Fund Raising

The Secretary reported that \$ 6,100 in ticket sales had been received for the Scholarship Club. The draw will take place at lunch time at the Trickett Regatta on Sunday 14th.

Newsletter & Website

Results from the Australian Rowing Championships are posted on the website.

Resolved that the Annual General Meeting be held on Sunday 25th August, 2024 at SRC with the 50 Year Certificate Recipients being invited to attend followed by a BBQ. Venue to be confirmed.

9. General Business:

The date for the next meeting is to be set.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 6.44pm.

ApprovedChairman /2024.