

## N.S.W. Union of Rowers Inc. Minutes of the Executive Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 held at Sydney Rowing Club.

**1. Present:** John Johnson (Chair); Anthony Brown, Barry Moynahan, Terry Maher, Neil Holmes (z), Phil Titterton (z) & Dr. Phil Sharp (z).

Apologies: Anne Craig, Dr. Eric Carter, Scott Turner, Barbara Ramjan & Liam James.

The Secretary advised that he had received a text message from Barbara Ramjan advising of a family medical emergency and the Liam & Barbara were unable to attend as they were at RPAH.

**2. Opening:** The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.07pm

**3. Obituaries:** The meeting observed one minute silence in respect of the passing of Errol Braznell (UTS Haberfield); Peter Scarlett (UTS Haberfield) & John Treloar (Newington Masters).

### **4. RECONVENE THE 2022 AGM.**

The Chairman reconvened the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

*Moved* Tony Brown, *seconded* Barry Moynahan that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 29/8/2021 be adopted as a true and correct record. *Carried. (M1-23).*

Secretary of complete the minutes of the meeting and repost to the website.

The Chairman closed the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

### **5. Confirmation of Minutes of Committee Meeting of 22/11/2022**

*Moved*, Phil Sharp *seconded* Tony Brown that the minutes of the November be adopted as a true and correct record. *Carried. (M2-23).*

### **6. Correspondence**

#### *i. Inward*

Barry Moynahan - Proposal for nomination for induction into NSW Hall of Champions.

#### *ii. Outward*

Secretary - 2023 Scholarship Application Form (attached). Refer minutes 22/11/22.

Meeting notice and Agenda 1<sup>st</sup> March and supplementary documentation.

#### *iii. Consideration of motions that notice has been given:*

*Moved* Barry Moynahan, *seconded* Barbara Ramjan, that the Union of Rowers request Rowing NSW to facilitate the induction of Gillian Campbell and Jennifer Luff within the New South Wales Sporting Hall of Champions as the first NSW Women's crew to represent Australia in Rowing at an Olympic Games (1992 Barcelona). *(M3-23).*

*New members* – Graham Walker Perm, Adrian Stewart (5), Steve Schinagel (5), Stephen Donnelly.

*Moved* A. Brown, *seconded* P. Sharp that the new members be approved subject to receipt of their subscriptions. *Carried. (M4-23).*

### **7. Treasurer's Report**

*Moved* Barry Moynahan, Neil Holmes *seconded* that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. *(M5-23).*

The Secretary gave a precis on the Treasurer's Report pointing out that total ticket sales to date were \$ 2,900 and donations amounted to \$ 3,538. Merchandise sales amounted to 969.00. The Term Deposit of \$ 40,000 matures on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **NSW UNION OF ROWERS INC FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 17/2/23**

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT
<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Account CBA</b>	
22/11/22	Account balance	<b>\$12,890.92</b>
	+ Deposits	
	Scholarship tickets	\$ 2,900.00
	Merchandise	\$ 969.00
	Membership	\$ 280.00
	Donations	\$ 3,538.11
	Interest	\$ -
		<b>\$ 7,687.11</b>
	<b>- Payments and Transfers</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
	Cash book balance	<b>\$20,578.03</b>

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Term Deposit		
CBA @ 2.25 % Matures 8/7/23		\$40,000.00
		<b>\$40,000.00</b>
	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$60,578.03</b>

### 8. Sub-Committee's Reports

#### Achieves

The Chairman reported on the morning tea held at Sydney Rowing Club (thanks recorded) with the Petrin family where the presentation of the carafe was made. The family raised the subject of the collection which the chairman inspected a week later. Further that the family needs the office space and would like to pass the collection to the Union for safe keeping. Some cataloguing of items remains which daughter (Renee) was doing.

The question of suitable (humidity controlled) safe storage was discussed at length with several suggestions raised (Public Library; Log Cabin; City of Penrith – property for museum; Cockatoo Island Maritime Museum etc.) must be considered by entire Executive.

Phil Titterton made the point that the Union needs to 'scope' the issue raising the questions:-

- a) What is the Union prepared to do in this sphere of responsibility?
- b) Does the Union want all collection or should some of the more personal general items go elsewhere?
- c) What financial support does it require to house and maintain it?
- d) Where an appropriate place be for temporary and long-term storage with public viewing?
- e) The long-term sponsorship/support required to add to and maintain the museum?
- f) An inventory of the collection is required.
- g) The Union has not actually committed itself to taking over all or part of the collection!

The urgency of the making decisions on these issues was stressed.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

Barry Moynahan gave a review of the proposed nominations which had been circulated.

*Moved* Tony Brown, *seconded* Phil Sharp that the motion be considered at the adjourned meeting as requested by Barbara Ramjan. *Carried. (M6-23).*

#### Recruitment

Email address correspondence was tabled listing most Bromley Trust recipients together with the request correspondence which was currently being forwarded to prospective members.

Geoff and Marcus were congratulated for their hard work.

#### Fund Raising & Merchandise Clearance

T. Maher reported that 16 pairs (sizes 8,7&4) of Mariner Shoes remained in stock (\$ 348.32) together with 39 neck ties (\$ 958.23).

#### Social Functions & Excursions

Nothing to report.

#### Constitution Review

The revised constitution template from the Department of Fair Trading has been circulated and a draft proposal was awaited from Liam. The time frame for the review was prior to the Annual General Meeting.

#### Scholarship Evaluation Criteria and Committee Review

Draft call for nominations letter had been circulated suggesting Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April (13 days after Trickett Regatta) as the closing date for applications. RNSW Presentation Dinner date is 17<sup>th</sup> June venue TBA.

The updated application was tabled with amendments highlighted.

*Moved* Tony Brown, *seconded* Barry Moynahan that the letter and Nomination Form be approved and posted on RNSW and the Union website. *Carried. (M7-23).*

The Secretary suggested that any member of the Executive with the time to work and contribute to the Evaluation Committee. The meeting was in agreement with the proposal.

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## **Newsletter and website**

The Secretary reported the addition of the Minutes sub-heading to the website along with the results of the RNSW State Championships.

## **9. General Business**

Assistance with separate speedboat at the Championships to assist with the passage of sight impaired rowers was further discussed.

Consideration was to be given to 50 year Service Awards and Masters of the Year Awards recipients.

*Moved* Tony Brown, *seconded* Phil Titterton that Awards presentation be made at the Annual General Meeting. *Carried. (M8-23).*

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.02pm to a Zoom Meeting date and time to be advised.

## **RECONVENED MEETING OF 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**

**Present:** Phil Titterton (Chair), Barbara Ramjan, Dr. Eric Carter, Anthony Brown, Dr. Phil Sharp, Liam James, Brian Guthrie & Terry Maher. All attended via Zoom Conferencing.

**Apologies:** Barry Moynahan, John Johnson, Anne Craig & Scott Turner.

The meeting reconvened at 6.04pm to consider:

Item 6 iii. *Consideration of motions that notice has been given:*

*Moved* Barry Moynahan, *seconded* Barbara Ramjan, that the Union of Rowers request Rowing NSW to facilitate the induction of Gillian Campbell and Jennifer Luff within the New South Wales Sporting Hall of Champions as the first NSW Women's crew to represent Australia in Rowing at an Olympic Games (1992 Barcelona).

Further email correspondence from Barry Moynahan was also considered in his absence.

Barbara Ramjan speaking to the motion made the following points reserving the right of reply to the conclusion of discussions:

1. The motion was to recognise two distinguished female athletes bearing mind that no women rowers have been inducted into the Hall of Champions.
2. That a suggested alternative, Megan Still was a Canberra based athlete.
3. She was disappointed that no other Executive member commented of the proposal.
4. Both athletes were unsupported and went on to represent at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics as the first NSW Women's crew. A full precis of their distinguished careers at state, national level successes and the World Championships was also given from the notes supporting the motion.
5. Only 7 NSW female rowers up till 1996 had been selected for Olympic Rowing representation.

Phil Sharp said that he had a conflict of interest because of his relationship with Paul Rowe. He regarded the motion as worthy of support. Should anyone wish to put forward other name/s then that would need a separate motion.

Tony Brown said that he fully supported the nomination more male and female rowers for the Hall of Champions. Speaking against the motion he said he could not find the criteria for induction, but it appeared that inductees from Olympic sports are athletes that "are on the top of the tree in international competition" and reviewed those already inducted. He mentioned other female rowers that enjoyed success since 1992. His point of reluctance was that any recommended nomination should have credibility on the international stage. He fully supports getting more athletes nominated.

Terry Maher read the motion stressing that we were asking RNSW to "facilitate the induction" and that it had been a long time since any rower had been inducted and this needed addressing.

Liam James mentioned his conflict of interest as a Director of RNSW and questioned if absolute success was the only measure given further that the nominees were pioneers in the relatively short period that women's rowing had gained prominence. Reviewing the Hall of Champions website he said that "women reaching the pinnacle of their sport" and also "pioneers in their sport" is mentioned. He supported the motion on that basis and also suggested putting forward a separate motion promoting the nomination of others.

Dr. Eric Carter thanked Liam for his summary saying that pioneers should be recognised.

Brian Guthrie said that he closely read Barry's notes and supported the nomination.

The meeting noted that the NSW Hall of Champions has two separate listings for scullers and rowers which RNSW should have addressed.

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The secretary proposed to circulate to executive members the draft correspondence encompassing the motion and suggestions before it being forwarded to RNSW.

Barbara Ramjan in reply said that the Australian Hall of Champions was for outstanding international athletes. The NSW Hall of Champions was to recognize outstanding NSW athletes in their various fields of endeavour and without the pioneers our sport, particularly the women, would not be enjoying the support and success that it is having.

The Notice motion was put and *Carried* 7 for, 1 against. (M9-23).

Moved A. Brown, seconded T. Maher that the Union, in the correspondence to RNSW, request the Rowing NSW Board to become pro-active in recommending distinguished rowers of both genders to the NSW Hall of Champions and that the Union of Rowers Executive and RNSW Honours Committee become involved in this process. *Carried*. (M10-23).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.42pm.

Approved John Johnson. Chairman 6/6/2023.