

N.S.W. Union of Rowers Inc. Minutes of the 22nd November, 2022 held at Sydney Rowing Club.

1. Present: John Johnson (Chair), Barry Moynahan, Liam James z, Anthony Brown, Barbara Ramjan, Phill Titterton z, Geoff McIntyre z, Brian Guthrie z, Scott Turner, Dr. Phil Sharp z & Terry Maher z. (z = attended by Zoom). Apology: Anne Craig.

2. Opening: The President opened the meeting at 6.01pm

3. Obituaries: None reported.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Committee Meeting (attached)

Moved P. Sharp, *seconded* B. Moynahan that the minutes of the October Meeting be adopted as a true and correct record. *CARRIED.* with no business arising.

5. Correspondence Inward

Dept. of Fair Trading Constitution revision requirements - to Sub Committee

G McIntyre/A Craig Recruitment initiative – to Sub Committee

B. Moynahan Sub Committee Report /visit to M Kemp.

J. Johnson Presentation arrangements for L Petrin morning tea - invitation.

Outward

P. Titterton Files Committee Minutes 2014 to 2021.

Sub & Committee Discussion Paper #2 Newsletter contributions/editor etc

Consideration of motions that notice has been given:

To consider the Criteria Review Recommendation of the Scholarship Evaluation Committee. (attached)

The recommendations of the Evaluation Review were tabled and lengthy discussion ensued with members expressing view points and proposals summarized as follows:-

A. Brown spoke on the deliberations of K. Jameson, J. Johnson, B. Guthrie and himself saying that the recommendations were the outcome of that meeting.

B. Guthrie said that the record of meeting did not record any dissent or opposing view and the voting on many points was three to one. P. Titterton's recommendations were approved. Only points not already covered in those approved in B. Ramjan and his recommendations were then given consideration. The decisions were not unanimous.

T. Maher took exception at the wording of point 1. "Definition of Ideal Recipient" saying that it was irrelevant to regional and many metropolitan clubs that do not draw from private school programs and focus on novice development pointing out that the criteria never had a definition in the past and that the awards were always open to all young RNSW registered members.

J. Johnson explained that the intention of the clause was require school rowers to show an ongoing commitment to the sport.

A. Brown said that school rowers were receiving scholarships without any guarantee that they would be continuing in the sport toward representation goals. His understanding of the goal of the awards is to progress young rowers through to the elite competition.

B. Ramjan said that she was not that interested in representation; more so in long-term competing, contribution and personal development. Also that height and weight are irrelevant on the application form as youths go through growth spurts.

T. Maher suggested that a redraft of the application form and the included criteria should be undertaken.

A. Brown said that some members were concerned that preference was given to applicants at school and those who had just left school were disadvantaged. It was pointed out that preference has always been placed on emerging athletes not those who are already in performance programs.

B. Guthrie said that there is an instance where an U18 competed successfully in U23 crews. Such exceptional athletes should only be scored on their age (17) not their competition category.

P. Titterton said that he was not aware of anyone being scored out of age and agreed that all scoring should be against actual age.

B. Moynahan spoke on his involvement over many years suggesting that the performance assessments for the National Championships be removed since the regatta rotates around the states and very few young athlete's families can afford for them to compete unless they are at a private school or sponsoring club. The committee viewed the suggestion favorably.

L. James said in trying to quantify the ideal candidate it should be considered that other funding programs exist:- BMG Scholarship (Novices); Club Elite Programs and High Performance Trust Grants

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(Nationals) asking where does the Union Scholarships fit in this? It was explained that our grants are for the younger talented emerging/developing rowers.

P. Sharp reflected that we cannot use the scholarships as a talent identification program. He suggested that a Zoom interview with the “finalist group” of applications would be very helpful in reviewing their goals and ambitions. The meeting was in favor of the proposal.

J. Johnson reiterated that it would be helpful if the Committee knew how many awards would be funded.

Moved P Sharp, *seconded* A. Brown that the maximum number of scholarships to be funded in any year be made known to the Evaluation Committee prior to their final deliberations. *CARRIED.*

It was agreed the Application Form (which includes the Criteria) be redrafted by the Secretary encompassing the suggestions and forwarded to the committee for further consideration and revision prior to Christmas.

New members:

J. Johnson tabled two applications for Steve Schinagel and Adrian Stewart both of Newington Masters.

Moved A. Brown *seconded* S. Turner that the applications be approved subject to the Treasurer’s receipt of membership fees and application forms. *CARRIED.*

6. Treasurer’s Report:

NSW UNION OF ROWERS INC FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 20/11/22

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT
Cheque 17/10/22	Account CBA Cash book balance	\$11,905.99
	+ Deposits	
	Scholarship tickets	-
	Merchandise	
	Membership	
	Donation	1,400.93
	Interest	
		\$1,400.93
	Less Payments and Transfers	
	L Petrin memorial	416.00
	Cash book balance	\$12,890.92
	Term Deposit	
	CBA @ 2.25 % Matures 8/7/23	\$40,000.00
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	Total Funds	\$52,890.92

Unpresented Cheque

612261 Taisa Knoke-Driver

\$1,000

Scholarship Club Fund Raising Tickets

The need to reactivate the primary fund raising program was discussed.

Moved B. Ramjan, *seconded* T. Maher that the Scholarship Club Raffle for the 2023 Scholarships be drawn on the last day of the Trickett Regatta (16/4/23) and ticket sales commence immediately. *CARRIED.*

The process was discussed with revised tickets to be published; advertised on the web; sold face to face at the Reindeer & Sprint regattas and advertised in the RNSW weekly newsletter and social media pages.

Moved S. Turner, *seconded* A. Brown that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. *CARRIED.*

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7. Sub-Committee's Reports:

Recruitment – G. McIntyre requested cooperation in compiling the email address of those who we do not have with all Committee members asked to assist. RNSW to be approached to assist with addresses.

The draft letter has been approved. Secretary to circulate the lists.

Fund Raising – A. Craig – see above.

Archives – B. Moynahan reported that Michael Kemp had offered to store the 2 rowing ergometers at his property and asked members to support the visit to his property to review his collection the following day.

He requested assistance in obtaining a Hiab type truck to transport the rowing machines to the property.

The NSW Hall of Champions was discussed and a fact sheet was to be prepared naming likely Olympians for consideration and should be ready in January.

Social Functions & Excursions – D. Fekete deferred.

Constitution Review – L. James reported that he was already undertaking a review for RNSW and that Sport NSW also has a model that can be used in our review. He expected a draft to be available in February.

Scholarship Evaluation Criteria Review (see above)

Newsletter and website – T. Maher (see Discussion Paper # 2)

8. General Business

50 year Service Awards to be revisited and outstanding awards issued.

Merchandise Clearance

Resolved that the Secretary be authorised to clear the remaining stock at the Taree Summer Regatta.

Volunteer Assistance

The Chairman requested the support of members to assist at the State Championships particularly regarding assistance with vision impaired competitors on the water.

B. Moynahan suggested that such volunteers could be added to the regatta rosters.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 7.14 pm wishing all members a Merry Christmas.

ApprovedJohn Johnson.....Chairman 1/03/2023.