

N.S.W. Union of Rowers Inc. Minutes of the 23rd October, 2024 held at Sydney Rowing Club.

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

Apologies: John & James Johnson & Neil Holmes.

2. Opening: The Chairman welcomed Executive members and opened the meeting at 6.32pm.

3. Obituaries: One minute's silence was observed in respect for the passing of Brian Richardson OAM & Iain MacDonald. It was noted that Jindabyne Rowing Club had just affiliated with RNSW.

4. Adoption of the Minutes: Moved P. Titterton that the minutes of the 10th April, 2024 adopted as a true and accurate record. Seconded by B. Guthrie and *Carried*.

5. Correspondence Inward & Outward

Scholarship Evaluation and notices.

Notice of AGM and nominations. Annual Report and Financial Statement. Minutes of AGM.

Anne Craig request removal of her address from auditor's report.

Liam James - Partial revised Constitution.

The contents of the RNSW Annual Report (link only distributed) was discussed along with the lack of interest evident at the RNSW Annual General Meeting by the lack of nominations for the Board.

Letter of support for Community Rowing Club.

6. Financial Report

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FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 17 OCTOBER 2024

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT
	Bank Account CBA	
01-Jul-24	Opening Balance	19,531.89
	+ Deposits	
	Fund Raising/Social	1,200.00
	Membership	120.00
	Total Deposits	1,320.00
	- Payments and Transfers	
	Affiliation fees	205.00
	Bank Fees	3.30
	Total Payments	208.30
17-Oct-24	Closing Balance	\$ 20,643.59
Term Deposit	CBA @ 0.95 % Matures 21 October 2024	\$40,000.00
	Interest earned since 1 July 2023	1,825.76
	7 day rollover facility	
	Balance at 17 October 2024	\$ 41,825.76
Total Funds		\$ 62,469.35

The Treasurer reported that the Term Deposit had matured and was currently on a 7 day roll over facility which is earning 0.95% interest. The Committee needs to reinvest the Term Deposit and revise the signatories. The authorities for the Term Deposit being Anne Craig, Phillip Titterton and Kim Rudder.

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The CBA form to amend the authorities was tabled.

Moved B. Guthrie, seconded D. Clark that the Treasurer draft a letter to the bank for Phil Titterton and Kim Rudder to sign and roll over the investment with an increase from \$ 40,000 to \$ 45,000. Further that the Term Deposit Authorities be changed to David Clark, John Johnson and Terence Maher. *CARRIED.*

7. Sub-Committee Reports:

Recruitment Geoff McIntyre's efforts to have past scholarship winners rejoin was discussed.

It was reported that memberships applications, renewals and data amendments can now be done on-line to facilitate the system.

Phil Titterton suggested offering free Union membership to all master rowers in NSW for 12 months and expanded on the idea by adding another non-voting associate class of membership (requires Constitution changes).

Barry Moynahan recalled that a survey being conducted several years ago of regional clubs to boost membership.

It was suggested that RNSW could be approached to add a button to their membership process for interested rowers to join the Union as a non-paying member.

Tony Brown reported that he was meeting with the RNSW CEO in the next week and that he would approach her on the Union's behalf requesting their cooperation in achieving our goals as well.

David Sollom offered to participate on the Recruitment Sub-Committee.

Constitution Review Liam James' involvement in the development approvals for Community Rowing Club had been given priority.

Moved T. Maher, seconded P. Sharp that the latest revision of the draft Constitution be circulated to all committee members for comment and suggestions with the timetable for finalization being mid-January. *CARRIED.*

Fund Raising David Sollom offered to participate on the Recruitment Sub-Committee.

T. Maher reported that the \$ 1,200 in fundraising was for the Scholarship Club from 3 members Kim Rudder, David Sollom & Terry Maher and urged all members to subscribe to the Union's only fundraiser.

Archives B. Moynahan suggested that the Union consider having an excursion to Michael Kemp's property at Wilberforce to inspect his extensive collection of wooden boats.

Newsletter & Website T. Maher mentioned that the "Six of the Best" Diamond Sculls Trophy Display posting had raised considerable comment and a visit to the display would be another excursion suggestion.

A website usage report was circulated with increased traffic due to the Olympics and the Sharp Series.

8. General Business:

It was reported that Owen Nix is the father of a baby daughter Avalon.

The date for the next meeting is to be set for December.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 7.34pm.

ApprovedChairman /2024.