

N.S.W. Union of Rowers Inc. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 28th August, 2022 held at Sydney Rowing Club.

1. Present: John Johnson, Keith Jameson, Brian Guthrie, Terry Maher, Dr. Philip Sharp, Barbara Ramjan, Kenneth Ambler, Loren Ambler, John Treloar; Via Zoom Phillip Titterton, Anthony Brown (Chair), Neil Holmes, Kevin Wall.

2. Opening: The President opened the meeting at 11.02am and apologies were received for Geoff McIntyre, Anne Craig, Barry Moynahan, Deanna Fekete, Krysten Munro, Kim Rudder & Liam James.

3. Obituaries: A minutes silence was observed in respect for the passing of Ray Harwood of Leichhardt and Port MacQuarie R.C.'s, Mick Ellercamp of Lake MacQuarie R.C. Robert Wright & Mike North Ash of Mosman R.C., Stephen Guthrie* of Drummoyne R.C., Peter Scarlett of UTS Haberfield. Jennifer Chapman of Sydney R.C., Pauline Coates of SUBC, Doug Donoghue* AM of SRC and Charles Bartlett of Leichhardt R.C. (*Union Members)

4. Adoption of the Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the 29th August 2021 were unavailable. The President reported that he was unable to obtain the recording of the Zoom meeting. K. Jameson reported that he had extensive notes of the meeting and offered to prepare minutes. *Moved* T. Maher to facilitate the continuation of the 2022 Annual Meeting that K. Jameson prepare the draft minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting for submission by email to those present at the 2022 meeting for consideration and ratification and the present meeting be adjourned at its conclusion until the 2021 minutes are adopted. Seconded K. Jameson CARRIED.

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

The President spoke to his report noting that it was the 90th Report noting that John Johnson was awarded the Inaugural RNSW Boat Race Official of the Year Award

T. Maher referred to the Merchandise Report saying that sales suffered due to Covid and drew members attention to the stock and size reports and urged members to support the clearance sale.

He advised that due to the lack of ability at regattas to raise fund through Scholarship Club tickets, efforts had shifted to seeking benefactor contributions through the Australian Sports Foundation. He made special mention of the generosity of a close acquaintance Dr. Peter Kim who donated \$ 5,000 toward the Scholarships in the 21-22 year and had since donated over \$ 2,400 suggesting that the incoming Committee should consider awarding him a permanent membership.

The meeting expressed their gratitude.

K. Jameson noted that the Australian Sports Foundation usually takes a few months to disburse donations and so the figure in the financial statement at 30/6/22 may not represent the full amounts donated during the financial year.

Moved Brian Guthrie, seconded John Johnson that the Annual Report and Financial Report be adopted. CARRIED.

6. Election of Office Bearers

The Secretary forward nominations from Anthony Brown, Dr. Philip Sharp, Eric Carter, Anne Craig, Barbara Ramjan, Liam James, Barry Moynahan, Brian Guthrie & Terry Maher. John Johnson tabled three additional nominations for John Johnson, Deanna Fekete and Phillip Titterton.

T. Maher spoke on the need to abide by the Constitution and that the submission requirements should have been followed.

Moved T. Maher that the three tabled be accepted following the precedent of the recent years due to Covid and communication difficulties. Seconded K. Jameson. CARRIED.

B. Ramjan pointed out that the Annual Meeting should have the capacity to fill office bearer vacancies.

It was agreed that the Constitution should reviewed by the incoming Committee.

A. Brown and T. Maher advised the meeting that no election for positions would be required

	Nomination/s
Patron	Geoff McIntyre
President	John Johnson (2 year term)
Deputy President	Liam James (2 year term)
Elite Vice-President	Terry Maher

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Vice-Presidents (4) Anthony Brown, Brian Guthrie, Phillip Titterton

Moved P. Sharp seconded B. Guthrie that due no nomination being received for Honorary Secretary that Terry Maher act as interim Honorary Secretary. CARRIED.

Honorary Secretary Terry Maher (Interim)

Honorary Treasurer Anne Craig

Committee Members (12) Anthony Brown, Eric Carter, Deanna Fekete, Brian Guthrie,
Barry Moynahan, Barbara Ramjan, Dr Philip Sharp, Phillip Titterton (8)

P. Titterton questioned the duplication of Vice-Presidents on the Committee saying that he wanted to ensure that Neil Holmes and other interested members could nominate for the casual vacancies and maximize members involvement.

B. Guthrie explained that some office bearers (excluding President & Deputy President) can hold two positions.

Moved B. Ramjan, seconded K. Jameson that the listed a Officers and Committee be ratified for 2022-23. CARRIED.

The Secretary was asked to advertise the casual vacancies.

7. General Business

A. Brown reflected on the difficult period that confronted the sport in the past three years.

He thanked Keith Jameson for his outstanding contribution to the administration and wellbeing of the Union. In reply Keith said the he had thoroughly enjoyed his eleven years working with the executive and is retiring to reduce his work load in later life. The meeting applauded Keith for his efforts.

A. Brown spoke on the retirement of Kim Rudder and the wonderful effort that he had devoted to the Union in the rolls of Secretary and editor of the Come Forward Newsletter. His commitments at North Shore have taken him from us.

Gratitude was also given to retiring Secretary Krysten Munro for her contribution in recent years working in very difficult circumstances.

The retiring President handed the Chair over to John Johnson.

J. Johnson thanked A. Brown for his stewardship as President and supported his comments with regard to the contributions of K. Jameson, K. Rudder and K. Munro. He drew the meeting's attention to the Louis Petrin Carafe which was to be presented to the family by the Union.

Speaking on behalf of Barry Moynahan, the Secretary referred to the Louis Petrin Collection and the need to liaise with the family for the return of records and memorabilia which had been loaned from the Union and a number of sources. The question of a storage facility remains the major issue.

John Treloar spoke on his interest in helping the with archives and spoke on the need to place the collection in safe accessible storage.

The meeting agreed that the Archives Committee should be reformed by the incoming Committee and K. Jameson and J. Treloar expressed their interest in contributing.

Kevin Wall said that he was looking forward to joining the Union and assisting in any way possible.

There being no further business the President adjourned the meeting at 11.52am.

RECONVENE THE 2022 AGM on 1st March 2023 at 6.10pm.

The President John Johnson 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*.

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

The Chairman closed the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Approved Chairman/...../20 .