



## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

18/09/2010

**In Attendance:** Annelise Bissett, Bronwyn Flowers, Jed Dickson, Emma Mujic, Anthony Mujic, Stephen Pfennigwerth, Andrew Copeman, Merran Holmes, Natasha Pianca, Julia Hanrahan, Bronwyn Lever, Cheralyn Lie, Jack Hanley, Candice Wellington, Charmon Deen, Shahn Forrester, Karina Fretwell, Mark Fretwell, Thomas Marshall, Jai Parker, Jason Nissen, Genevieve Buckton and Bradley Huggins.

**Apologies:** Nina Rossi, Erin Gardiner, Rebecca Lindsay, James Elliott and Andrew Evans.

**Start:** 8:50 am

### Items:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the last annual general meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Forwarded: Bronwyn Flowers

Seconded: Merran Holmes

Motion passed unanimously

#### 1. Matters Arising

##### 1.1 2010/2011 Regatta Season

Upcoming regattas:

Spring (SIRC) 9<sup>th</sup> September

Nepean/ St George (Nepean River) 16<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup> September

NUBC (Berry Park) 30<sup>th</sup> October

HVGS (Berry Park) 31<sup>st</sup> October

We will need to hire a vehicle to tow the trailer when attending regattas away from Berry Park. Fundraising such as BBQs and chocolates will go towards hiring a car/ute. Members were reminded that everyone needs to get involved in fundraising.

##### 1.2 AUGs

The AUG team will be leaving for Perth next weekend (25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September)

Emma will send out a packing list, but the most important items are zooties and student cards.

#### 2. Revision of Goals from Last Year

##### 2.1 Trial of the Captain's Committee

This year, to make selections for uni games and the Throsby Gift relay, it was proposed that we put together a Captain's Committee of the boat captain, president and a third captain. Their job would be to form crews from all interested members and make selections when necessary.

From the trial, it was generally agreed that the committee had potential, though it would need improvements and more structure. While the committee was disorganised in their approach, it was found to have more benefits to have an official selection committee than a few senior members making private selections.

Criticism from members:

- It needs to be a disinterested committee i.e. committee members shouldn't be up for selection. While it was pointed out that this might not always be possible, it was agreed that this would be ideal.
- The first job of each captain's committee should be to sit down and put together selection criteria and make dates for each step of the process.
- There needs to be more transparency in the selection process.
- Injuries and illness needs to be taken into consideration when making selections.
- The committee should ask for realistic aims when asking members to complete tasks, e.g. a weekly 5 km erg not reasonable.
- Social rowers need to be kept involved
- The committee will also need the support of the members to fulfill all tasks if it is to be successful.

## 2.2 Corporate Regatta

- At the end of 2008, met with NRC and began gathering research and making plans for a corporate regatta.
- The regatta would involve getting crews from local businesses, train them over 4 or 5 weeks and hold a small regatta at Throsby Creek.
- NRC postponed this as they didn't have the time. Since then, they have decided to hold a corporate regatta on their own.

## 2.3 Vice Chancellor's Regatta

- The VC committee met earlier this year and decided to postpone the regatta until at least 2011 since it was too late to organise it for 2010 as well as plan the corporate regatta with NRC, however that didn't go ahead either.
- It was decided that since the VC regatta had a lot more to do with the club and its history, and would engage more student participation in the university, it should be a priority over the corporate regatta.
- It was recommended that as soon as possible, the new executive and interested members should meet and start planning the VC regatta.
- It was raised that next year will also mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club and so this may go towards celebrating it.

## 3. Executive Reports

### 3.1 President

### 3.2 Treasurer

## 4. General Business

- Club hats are now available at \$10 each. If interested, please see Bronwyn
- Annual dinner invitations have been sent out. Members were asked to fill them out ASAP.
- It was asked that all chocolate money/boxes be returned to Bronwyn
- It was reminded that all members who do not drive to the shed remember to pay drivers for petrol.
- It was raised that there has been an issue with members arriving late at Edwards Hall for car pooling. Members need to make an effort to be there on time, and ring ahead if they are running late.
- Sydney rowing club will be donating a lightweight women's quad skull to NUBC. It's approximately 10 yrs old and in good condition.
- It was asked that all members with a first aid certificate let the executive know they have one.
- Members were reminded to make an effort to put equipment away properly and in their correct positions.

## 5. Outline of Executive Roles

A general outline of each position of the executive was given.

## 6. Executive Elections

- The process for nominations for each role was: nominations from either the candidate or another member, followed by a second from another member. If the candidate accepted then they would be put down for voting. When there were no further nominations, then it moved to the next role. Voting for all roles was done at the end, where members voted one nominee per each position.

Position	Candidate	Nominated by	Seconded	Accept
<b>President</b>	<b>Merran Holmes</b>	<b>Stephen Pfennigwerth</b>	<b>Mark Fretwell</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	Annelise Bissett	Jed Dickson	Andrew Copeman	No
<b>Vice President (and SSAC Delegate)</b>	<b>Annelise Bissett</b>	<b>Merran Holmes</b>	<b>Karina Fretwell</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	Emma Mujic	Jed Dickson	Stephen Pfennigwerth	Yes
	Jack Hanley	Thomas Marshall	Julia Hanrahan	Yes
	Natasha Pianca	Bronwyn Flowers	Annelise Bissett	Yes
	Thomas Marshall	Jed Dickson	Jai Parker	No
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Emma Mujic</b>	<b>Bronwyn Flowers</b>	<b>Merran Holmes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	Andrew Copeman	Merran Holmes	Annelise Bissett	No
	Karina Fretwell	Mark Fretwell	Natasha Pianca	Yes
	Julia Hanrahan	Bronwyn Flowers	Annelise Bissett	Yes
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bradley Huggins	Stephen Pfennigwerth	Jack Hanley	Yes
	Natasha Pianca	Julia Hanrahan	Merran Holmes	Yes
<b>Boat Captain</b>	Jack Hanley	Merran Holmes	Andrew Copeman	No
	<b>Mark Fretwell</b>	<b>Jack Hanley</b>	<b>Stephen Pfennigwerth</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Regatta Planner and Uniform Coordinator</b>	Jack Hanley	Stephen Pfennigwerth	Jai Parker	Yes
	<b>Natasha Pianca</b>	<b>Merran Holmes</b>	<b>Mark Fretwell</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	Annelise Bissett	Annelise Bissett	Natasha Pianca	Yes
	Bronwyn Lever	Bronwyn Flowers	Merran Holmes	No
	Karina Fretwell	Annelise Bissett	Jed Dickson	Yes
	Charmon Deen	Jack Hanley	Merran Holmes	Yes
	Andrew Copeman	Merran Holmes	Julia Hanrahan	Yes
<b>Sponsorship and Social Coordinator</b>	<b>Jed Dickson</b>	<b>Julia Hanrahan</b>	<b>Jack Hanley</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	Natasha Pianca	Merran Holmes	Bronwyn Flowers	Yes
	Jai Parker	Jack Hanley	Annelise Bissett	Yes

7. The votes were counted and the Executive for 2011 announced:

President – Merran Holmes

Vice President (and SSAC Delegate) – Annelise Bissett

Treasurer – Bradley Huggins

Secretary – Emma Mujic

Boat Captain – Mark Fretwell

Regatta Planner and Uniform Coordinator – Natasha Pianca

Sponsorship and Social Coordinator – Jed Dickson

8. Meeting Close: 10:15 am