



RICHMOND ROWING CLUB INC.

7 Boathouse Drive, Melbourne VIC 3004

Minutes of the 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 25th July 2020 10:00am

1. Welcome

- a. The President welcomed all to the AGM, and acknowledged that due to the current pandemic, the AGM is being held online via Zoom.
- b. Attendees were asked to email Tim Evans to confirm their attendance at the AGM.
- c. There were no apologies or proxies.
- d. It was confirmed that a quorum of members was present via Zoom.
- e. The attendees via Zoom at the AGM are listed below.

Alex Silber	Ian Taylor	Philip Munson
Allan Randall	Imogen Aitken	Ray Dennis
Ally Dejaegher	John Carey	Richard Healy
Amy Catlin	Jon Roberts	Robert Gordon
Anthea Amos	Karen Doggett	Rod Hendley
Barry Campbell	Kathy Macrow	Sarah Houghton
Chelsea Crouser	Kim Begelhole	Shern Timmins
Christine Sullivan	Kirsty Fergie	Simon Crunden
Dana Hill	Lachlan Stewart	Stefanie Dudczig
Dennis Beck	Laurent Demay	Sue Virginia O'Hanlon
Derek Begg	Leigh Sullivan	Susanna Mullner
Diana Vernon	Lucy Crunden	Tim Evans
Dianne Angus	Michelle Joy	Will Golding
George Frederiksen	Mike Gehling	Yash Vegi
Geraldine Goss	Mike Numa	Zoe Maxwell
Gypsy Shepherd	Peta Burgess	

2. Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting were presented for confirmation.

- a. The minutes had been previously distributed to club members via email, and no hardcopies were required for this year's meeting.
 - i. Minutes include the attendance list, financial statements, auditor's report, committee members' report on the financial statements.
 - ii. Minutes were presented for comments by members. No questions were asked.
- b. VOTE is only by members who attended the 2019 Annual General Meeting – majority acceptance required.
 - i. Proposed: Tim Evans
 - ii. Seconded: Dennis Beck
 - iii. Members accepted.
 1. This approval was by way of a show of hands on Zoom by members at the 2020 AGM who also attended the 2019 meeting.



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3. Presentation of Reports

a. President's Report, Jon Roberts

- i. The president acknowledged the unusual past year for the club, with bush fires, state championships being cut short due to bad weather, and the COVID-19 pandemic causing the club to close. Regardless, the president believes the club had a successful year to date, both on and off water.
- ii. The president would like to thank those on the committee for their work over the past 12 months, especially to those no longer remaining on the committee, being Kim Begelhole, John Carey and Ally Dejaegher. The president especially thanked Ally for her support of the president over her past 4 years on the committee.
- iii. The president reviewed the club's goals and acknowledged that the club membership numbers are tracking well, especially given the current pandemic.
- iv. The president thanked the club's coaches, both paid and volunteer.
- v. Member engagement was also well, although with changes. The Presentation Night was held online, and the Quiz night has been postponed until later in the year.
- vi. One of the goals for the club is to reach the Top 5 of the Rowing Victoria Club Premiership. The previous year the club rose from 17th position to 9th. Rowing Victoria has yet to declare the results from the 2019/2020 season, but based on the club's own internal scoring, we believe that the club has had a successful year on water.
- vii. The president congratulated Kate Dyball, Michelle Joy and Dario Sportelli for their Gold Medal wins at the Rowing Victoria State Championships.
- viii. With respect to Governance and Finance, the club is in a strong position. The pandemic has resulted in a cancellation of all hall hires, but the club is in a strong financial position regardless. The club has made the most of the opportunity and has done some maintenance work. This has included new carpets in the main hall and classroom, new flooring in the gym, painting and realignment of the wall between the men's and women's changerooms.
- ix. The fleet has been expanded with the purchase of a second hand eight, a couple of second-hand singles from MLC. Also the purchase of a new single from Wintech and the purchase of a couple of second-hand Sykes stern-coxed quads. There has also been additional equipment for the gym, purchased included a Concept2 bike.

b. Vice President's Report, Aline Dejaegher

- i. Aline stated she was not continuing as Vice President and thanked the committee for their hard work.
- ii. She stated that her time on the committee was a great learning experience, and highly recommended it to others to take on.
- iii. Aline thank the President (Jon Roberts) for his support of her over the past 4 years.
- iv. Aline also thanked all the club's volunteers.

c. Secretary's Report, John Carey

- i. John acknowledged that he was restricted with his time over the past couple of months, and this impacted his ability to carry out all the responsibilities of the Secretary's role.
- ii. John stated that it was a pleasure to be part of the club and looked forward to re-engaging with the club soon.



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- iii. John wanted to especially thank Kathy Macrow, Kim Begelhole and Ally Dejaegher for their assistance with the role over the past couple of months.
- d. Treasurer's Report, Kathy Macrow.
 - i. Kathy formally acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which we are all meeting - the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin nation. She acknowledged their elders, past and present, and their emerging elders - their youth.
 - ii. Kathy spoke of the difficulties many community-based sporting clubs were facing given the pandemic, but stated that Richmond was in a strong financial position and was not at risk.
 - iii. This strong position was based on the great work done over the years by the club, especially the renovation of the club which increased revenue from hall hires.
 - iv. Kathy acknowledge the wonderful job Lucy Crunden has done over the years in supporting the development of the venue hire business. Kathy also thanked Tim Evans for his development of software to support the venue hire business and membership system.
 - v. Kathy also wanted to call out the club culture and its support of volunteering.
- e. Head of Rowing Report, Tim Evans
 - i. Tim thanked the coaches, and all those who stepped up in any capacity to assist with the rowing program over the past year.
 - ii. Tim congratulated Kate Dyball, Michelle Joy and Dario Sportelli for their Gold Medal wins at the Rowing Victoria State Championships. He also acknowledges that they were to represent Richmond at the Nationals in Sydney, but were unable to do so after the regatta was cancelled due to the pandemic. He hopes they return next year to try again.
 - iii. He congratulated the Men's D Grade Four crew for winning silver at the State Championships.
- f. Facilities Coordinator Report, Lucy Crunden.
 - i. Lucy acknowledged that the club was very fortunate because of past financial decisions made.
 - ii. Although hall hires have disappeared, there is still high interest. The club is being flexible with hall hires; clients are welcome to book now and the club will be willing to make changes given any covid-19 restrictions.
 - iii. Over the past year the club hired James Smith as an administrator to help with the venue hires, and general club maintenance. James has returned to NZ temporarily during the pandemic, and the role is on hold during this time.
 - iv. Lucy thanked the club members for their continued support of functions at the boathouse, which provides a great source of revenue to the club.
- g. Fundraising Coordinator, Christine Sullivan
 - i. Christine acknowledge the crazy year, trying to organise fundraising events around bush fires and pandemic.
 - ii. Christine has loved the role but looks forward to moving into the Facilities Coordinator role.



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6. Nomination of Dennis Beck for Life Membership.
 - a. After correspondence from Justin Thomas, the Committee nominated Dennis Beck for Life Membership.
 - b. Simon Crunden spoke in support of the nomination.

Nomination of Dennis Beck for life membership

Dennis Beck has been a member of Richmond rowing club for 20 years and is I believe deserving of the honour of 'Life member'.

I could base this nomination on Dennis's outstanding record as a rower representing the club competitions ranging from distant country regattas to the world masters games. Dennis's competitive rowing began in the now defunct category of 'beginner' which he and his crew made the rare achievement of qualifying themselves out of. In just over a year as a rower Dennis was part of the RRC men's crew that won HOTY in 2001. This heralded a decade of strong competitive rowing for the RRC men, which Dennis was an ever present part, this included men's eight state championship wins in 2002 and 2010. Dennis has been a consistently competitive rower winning multiple state championships and is a highly deserving winner of the Mal Scott award.

I could mention that Dennis was a committee member, perhaps not for a long time but it was in the critical role of Captain and it was at a critical time for the club. I could also mention the time and effort Dennis has put in as a coach, not only for crews that are assigned to him but supporting other coaches. I can't count the number of times he supported the training of LTR and DS crews, either as coach, cox or rower. But of course he hasn't been without success as a coach in his own right, coaching a women's RRC eight to victory at HOTY, making him the only active RRC member to have won this event both as a coach and a rower.

But it isn't these factors foremost in making Life membership an appropriate honour for Dennis, it is his attitude. As said, Dennis is certainly competitive but never arrogant, aggressive or discourteous. At RRC we encourage rowers to accept any seat in any boat with the same enthusiasm; I don't think anybody has embodied that attitude more than Dennis, frequently rowing with less experienced without a word of complaint. I honestly believe one of the reasons that we've had such a good rowing culture in the men's squad over the last twenty years is that Dennis and others set such a good example to the new rowers.

It is on this basis that I hope you will share my belief that Dennis Beck will begin 21st season at RRC as a Life member.

- c. The nomination was put to the members for support, who did so.
- d. Dennis Beck thanked Justin and Simon and the club for this honour.



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7. Membership Subscriptions

- a. The members approved the fees recommended by committee via maintaining silence when asked to speak up if there was any disagreement.
 - i. Proposed: Jon Roberts
 - ii. Seconded: Aline Dejaegher

8. Appointment of auditor for the 31 May 2021 financial year

- a. Smarter Accounting and Advisory Knox, the club's auditor for the 2019-20 financial year has accepted nomination by the committee to audit the 2020-21 financial year.
- b. The members approved the auditor reappointment, as recommended by committee, through a unanimous show of hands.
 - i. Proposed: Jon Roberts
 - ii. Seconded: Aline Dejaegher

The president thanked all for supporting the online meeting and invited all to watch a video presentation after the meeting closed.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 10:50am.