

NEW ZEALAND ROWING ASSOCIATION INC

135th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

The 135th Annual Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association
Incorporated held at 1.00pm on the 22nd of May of 2022 at the
Rutherford Hotel, Nelson.

1. Welcome by the President

The NZRA President, Ivan Sutherland MNZM, welcomed everyone to the 135th New Zealand Rowing Association Annual General Meeting.

2. Confirmation of Delegates

Auckland	Kim Dowden	Sean Durkin
Bay of Plenty	Mark Elphick	Simon Aubrey
Canterbury	Alex Meates	Christine Moffat
East Coast	Ross Webb	Peter Simmons
Marlborough	Tim Babbage	Kaye Surgenor
Otago	Isabel McLernon	Glen Sinclair
Southland	Peter Sinclair	Matthew Jenkins
Waikato	Alastair Riddle	Catherine Stapleton
Whanganui	Gus Scott	Philippa Baker-Hogan
Wellington	Catherine Duffin	Andrew Carr-Smith
NZSSRA	Janey Charlton	Trudy Keys

3. Confirmation of votes available to be cast at the meeting.

Twenty-two (22) votes.
Two (2) per Local Association.

4. Recognition of Other Attendees - Life Members, Board Members, Affiliates and Observers

Board Members: Jane Davel, Bruce Tong, Karen Raitt, Jock Mackintosh

NZRA Life Members: Lesley Milne, George Tuffin, Bill Falconer CNZM

Affiliate Members: Graham Oberlin-Brown (KRI), Steve Reidie (Legion of Rowers), Karl Morgan (SIR)

Observers: Mark James, Terry Tidbury, Roger Milne, Roger Watts, Nina Welanyk-Brown, Don Boron, Dave Schaper, Logan Keys, Luke van Velthoven, Sally Knight, Fiona Lulham, Jason Theobald, Bruce Fraser, Daniella Le Gallais, Joe Trappitt

5. Apologies

Board Members: Raechel Cummins, Hayden Dillon, Virginia Le Bas, Thornton Williams

NZRA Life Members: John Wylie MNZM, Mike Hartley, Tony Popplewell ONZM

NZRF Trustees: Murdoch Dryden, Pat Peoples, Juliette Drysdale

Other: Michele Hawke, Chris Klassen, Justin Wall, Aiden Ritchie

Otago / Bay of Plenty Apologies sustained

6. In Memoriam

David Moloney
Anthony (Johnny) Johnson
Bill Smedley
Clive Steenson
Owen Gould
Robin Counsel
Serena Rod
Greg Smithson
Don Swales
David Chapman

A minute of silence was respectfully observed.

7. Confirmation of Minutes from the 134th Annual General Meeting held on 22nd of May 2021.

Moved: *That the minutes of the 134th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association held on the 22nd of May 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.*

Canterbury/East Coast

CARRIED

8. Matters Arising

Nil

9. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association held on the 14th of December 2020

Moved: *That the minutes of the Special General Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association held on the 14th of December 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.*

Canterbury/Waikato

CARRIED

10. Matters Arising

Nil

11. Adoption of the 135th Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2021.

- a) Board / CEO report - taken as read
- b) High Performance Report – taken as read
- c) Domestic Report – taken as read
- d) Audit, Finance, Risk and Compliance Committee Report

Annual Report

Whanganui wanted it noted there were inconsistencies in the annual report regarding how Whanganui is correctly spelt.

Financial Statements: Audit, Finance, Risk and Compliance Committee Report

Gerry Dwyer (Chairman of RNZ) spoke to the Financial Statement for the year ending 31 December 2021. The Auditors have not yet provided the audit report. The accounts had been approved by the board and KPMG provided a clean audit. A subsequent event has emerged after the audit regarding the treatment of a substantial under-spend of High-Performance Sport New Zealand (HPSNZ) investment in 2020 and 2021. While in the past under-spend has been bought forward in the accounts as reserves, HPSNZ have not yet advised NZRA of how the 2020 and 2021 underspend will be treated. Because HPSNZ have the ability to ask for the under-spend to be repaid, the auditors are seeking evidence of NZRA ability to retain those funds prior to issuing the audit report. That decision will be made by the HPSNZ on or before the 9th of June 2022.

The NZRA Board considers it appropriate for the annual meeting to note receipt of the signed accounts (without audit report) and when HPSNZ advises their decision, and that decision is reflected in the signed audited accounts, a Special General Meeting (SGM) be convened for the local Associations to approve the final audited accounts.

In discussion, it was noted that the only variation possible to the accounts as presented would be the treatment of the HPSNZ underspend in the balance sheet. It was considered the only reason to hold a SGM would be if there was a material change to the financial statements as presented.

Moved: *That all non-financial reports in the 135th Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2021 be received.*
Bay of Plenty/Whanganui **CARRIED**

Moved: *That the 2021 Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December be adopted on receipt of the final audit report and the accounts were the same as presented to the annual meeting or the only change was in a movement from capital to liability of the under-spent High Performance Sport New Zealand investment*
Canterbury / Auckland **CARRIED**

12. Annual Report of the Waiariki Rowing Club

The Waiariki Rowing Club is a legitimate vehicle for crews formed by Rowing New Zealand to compete in overseas club regattas where the rules for those regattas require that all competing athletes should represent a rowing club rather than a National Federation.

No crews competed under Waiariki Rowing Club in 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

13. Election of Officers

Patron: The Governor General – Her Excellency, The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro, DNZM, QSO has accepted the invitation to be Patron of NZRA.

Moved: *The New Zealand Rowing Association acknowledges the acceptance of the Patronage of NZRA by Dame Cindy Kiro.*
Wellington / East Coast **CARRIED**

Vice Patron: Current: Fred Strachan, QSM

Moved: *That Fred Strachan be elected Vice Patron of the New Zealand Rowing Association.*
Marlborough / NZSSRA **CARRIED**

President: Current: Ivan Sutherland, MNZM
 The President elect vacated the Chair for this election. The Chair role was assumed by Gerry Dwyer, NZRA Board Chairman.

Moved: *That Ivan Sutherland MNZM be elected President of the New Zealand Rowing Association.*
Canterbury / Marlborough **CARRIED**

The President resumed the role of Chairman of the Annual Meeting

14. Election of Directors

There are two vacant elected director positions at this year's AGM. The following candidates nominated for election:

b) Subscriptions

A recommendation was made by the NZRA Board for 2023 that the annual Competition License Fee be set at \$85 plus GST (an increase of \$5 from 2022) and the Seat Levy be set at the same level as 2022, \$1.00 plus GST.

There was discussion led by Auckland, Waikato and Otago on the level of increase for the competition license fee and what benefit the rowing community would receive from any increase. The RNZ Board Chair confirmed the commitment made in the pre-AGM forum that the revenue generated by the increase in competition license fee would go directly to increasing the staffing capacity at RNZ to support community rowing.

Canterbury delegates raised the concern there was an inequity in contribution to RNZ revenue from across the rowing community. Some forms of rowing were looking to receive support from RNZ but were not contributing to revenue gathering. RNZ needed to consider alternative ways of 'widening the net' in gathering funding.

Whanganui asked about the cost of producing the magazine (OarSport) and whether that budget could be better spent. RNZ management undertook to consider the transitioning from paper to digital for communications such as the magazine and annual report.

Moved: That for 2023 the Competition License Fee be set at \$90 plus GST and Seat Levy be set at \$1 plus GST.

Auckland / Otago

CARRIED

Wellington delegates asked it be recorded they abstained from voting for this resolution

17. Allocation of the 2024 New Zealand Rowing Championships

Application has been received from Karāpiro Rowing Incorporated to host the 2024 New Zealand Rowing Championships at Lake Karāpiro from Tuesday 12 February to Saturday 18 February with Sunday 19 February being a spare day.

Championship and Non-Championship Event fees for the 2024 New Zealand Rowing Championships will be confirmed at the 2023 NZRA AGM.

Moved: That the application by Karāpiro Rowing Incorporated to host the 2024 New Zealand Rowing Championships be approved

Whanganui / Southland

CARRIED

18. Confirmation of fees for the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships

The venue of the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championships was confirmed as Lake Ruataniwha by the 2021 NZRA annual meeting.

Application has been received from South Island Rowing (SIR) for the event fees at the 2023 Championships as follows:

Championship Events:

Eight \$64.00 + GST
Fours/Quads \$54.00 + GST
Pairs/Doubles \$46.00 + GST
Singles \$36.00 + GST

Non-Championship Events:

Eight \$64.00 + GST
Fours/Quads \$54.00 + GST
Pairs/Doubles \$46.00 + GST
Singles \$36.00 + GST

Amenity fees: \$40.00 + GST per competitor including coxswains.

Did Not Start Fee: \$60.00 + GST

Race Protest: \$50.00 + GST

Auckland asked if any delegates could explain why SIR had removed a number of fees including late scratching and non-progression fees Canterbury responded that it reflected how circumstances had

evolved since those fees were introduced and SIR no longer feels they were justified.

Moved: *That the 2023 New Zealand Rowing Championship fees and amenity fees be accepted*
Auckland / Southland **CARRIED**

19. Allocation of the 2023 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships

Previous annual meetings had discussed confirming the dates of the master's Rowing Championships further in advance. 2022 is confirmed for 17 – 18 September 2022 at Lake Karāpiro. South Island Rowing has expressed interest in hosting the 2023 Masters Rowing Championships.

Moved: *That the application by South Island Rowing to host the 2023 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships on the 16th and 17th September be accepted.*
Canterbury / Otago **CARRIED**

20. Awards

NZRA Service Awards; NZRA Volunteer Recognition and Club of the Year and other awards will be presented at the AGM dinner to be hosted by the Marlborough Rowing Association at the Boathouse Restaurant later in the evening.

21. Classification According to Ability Review

Andrew Carr-Smith advised the meeting the Board Classification Committee had convened and had made no recommendations to the RNZ Board.

Andrew outlined that the last few years had been an uncertain period due to Covid-19 disruption so no change was appropriate but there is opportunity going forward and the committee will be seeking Association input.

22. General Business

Gerry Dwyer (Chair of the RNZ Board) advised the meeting that the discussion in the pre-AGM forum would be documented and circulated to Associations and Affiliates.

The meeting Chair, Ivan Sutherland, acknowledged that three Board members (Gerry Dwyer, Hayden Dillon, and Raechel Cummins) were stepping down from the Board. The Board had made a presentation the evening before to Hayden and, with Raechel being an apology at the annual meeting, the Board would acknowledge her at a late date.

Today the meeting acknowledged the significant contribution of Gerry Dwyer for many years, the last nine as Chairman of the RNZ Board.

23. Adjournment of meeting to annual Dinner.

The meeting deferred to 6.30pm at the Awards Dinner.

24. Meeting reconvened

The meeting reconvened at the AGM Dinner at the Boathouse Restaurant, Nelson and was hosted by the Marlborough Rowing Association with Tim Babbage as MC. The dinner saw presentations of the following awards:

- Service Awards
- Volunteer of the Year Awards
- Club of the Year
- Special presentation – South Island Rowing
- Life Membership
- Legacy Presentations

Closure of Annual General Meeting

There being no other business President of NZRA Ivan Sutherland, MNZM declared the 135th Annual General Meeting closed.