

NEW ZEALAND ROWING ASSOCIATION INC

133rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Draft Minutes

The 133rd Annual Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc. will be held virtually via Zoom on the 15 August 2020. A virtual meeting link will be provided one week before the meeting.

*At 10.15am the NZ Rowing Foundation will hold its AGM.
The NZRA AGM will follow this at 10.30am.*

1. **Welcome by the President**

The NZRA President, Bill Falconer, welcomed everyone to the 133rd New Zealand Rowing Association Annual General Meeting.

2. **Permissive Resolutions**

The first order of business is for the delegates to sanction the running of the meeting as it sits outside article 19 in the NZRA Constitution. The following resolutions were presented to the delegates for confirmation:

- 1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 19.1 of the Constitution the meeting approves the holding of the Annual General Meeting of Rowing NZ on this the 15th day of August 2020.
- 2) That the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Rowing NZ be conducted both in person and virtually by contemporaneous audio-visual link, by which means all members participating and contributing to a quorum can simultaneously hear and communicate.

Moved: ***The permissive resolutions for the running of the 2020 NZRA AGM be accepted.***

Whanganui / Waikato CARRIED

3. **Confirmation of Delegates**

Auckland	Mathew Jensen, Michael Arms
Bay of Plenty	Sharon Morrell, Brendan Cullum
Canterbury	Justin Wall, Alex Meates
East Coast	Peter Simmons, Alex Hyland
Marlborough	Tim Babbage, David Henry
Otago	Lauren Farnden, Natalie Matheson
Southland	Peter Sinclair, Kevin Flutey
Waikato	Catherine Stapleton, Amanda Puddle
Whanganui	Gus Scott, Philippa Baker-Hogan
Wellington	Nina Brown, Caroline Robertson
NZSSRA	Janey Wackrow, Trudy Keys

Pat Montgomerie Clifton Rowing Club

Myre Montgomerie Clifton Rowing Club

A minute of silence was respectfully observed.

8. Confirmation of Minutes from the 132nd Annual Meeting held on 18th May 2019.

Moved: ***That the minutes of the 132nd Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association held on 18th May 2019 in Wellington, subject to any amendments, be accepted as a true and correct record.***

Canterbury / Otago CARRIED

9. Matters Arising

Article 6, Page 3 – Spelling of Aramoho Whanganui to be corrected.

10. Adoption of the 133rd Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2019.

a) Report on behalf of the Board

Gerry Dwyer, Chair of the Rowing NZ Board, spoke to the report and on behalf of the Chief Executive.

2019 delivered exceptional results for our elite programme, successful local regattas, development pathways, consistent domestic participation numbers and a successful national coaches conference.

The Chair thanked Simon, Rowing NZ CEO, the Board members, and all volunteers involved in rowing for their work over the last year.

Judith Hamilton has led the High Performance Programme through positive changes in response to our 2018 international results. Annika Wing (HP Athlete Development Leader) and Tony O'Connor (Elite Coach) have joined the HP Programme.

Rowing NZ acknowledge the departure of two Elite Coaches; Noel Donaldson and Dan Kelly. Both brought passion and commitment to their coaching roles at Rowing NZ.

Bob Evans was farewelled from the Rowing NZ Board after extensive commitment to the sport, specifically domestic rowing.

Virginia Le Bas (appointed director) and Raechel Cummins (elected director) were appointed with three-year terms to the Rowing NZ Board.

b) High Performance Report

Judith Hamilton talked to the High Performance Report.

2019 saw New Zealand finish top of the medal table at the 2019 Rowing World Championships with 4 gold and 2 silver medals. Nine boat qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics (now taking place in 2021). This was an outstanding achievement for our High Performance Team. Noel Donaldson (Men's Head Coach) and Dan Kelly (Women's coach) departed in March 2019 and May 2019 respectively after years of service to the elite team.

Tony O'Connor joined the Rowing NZ Elite coaching team in June 2019 as coach of the men's eight.

Annika Wing joined Rowing NZ in August 2019 to lead the High Performance Athlete Development strategy and delivery.

The Rowing NZ development teams (Under 23, Junior and Under 21) all had successful campaigns and finished the year with one gold (women's junior quad) and two silver medals (men's under 23 coxless four and men's under 23 double scull).

2019 saw the implementation of the Rowing NZ Career Coach programme working to increase the number of women in leadership positions such as head coach, Rowing NZ coach/selector.

Grace Prendergast and Kerri Gowler were named as the 2019 World Rowing Crew of the Year, and their coach Gary Hay named 2019 World Rowing Coach of the Year.

Judith acknowledged the support of the High Performance Team at Rowing NZ and the support received from the HPSNZ Performance Team at Rowing NZ.

Judith thanked Rocket Foods for their support as Rowing NZ's Principle Partner, Sean and Bibi Colgan, David Richwhite, and Peter Masfen for their support of the Men's and Women's Eights, and Filippi for their ongoing support.

c) Audit, Finance, Risk and Compliance Committee Report

Jerry Rickman (Chair) talked to the AFRCC report.

2019 was better than forecast due to additional funding. 2020 is tracking nicely and it is looking to be a good year with continued funding streams which will be carried through to Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

Jerry Acknowledged the fantastic work and sad departure of Rachelle Stoddart (COO). Jerry also thanks Simon for his leadership over the year.

Moved: *That ALL reports and the 133rd Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2019 subject to any amendments be received.*

Bay of Plenty / Auckland CARRIED

11. 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 of those regattas require that all competing athletes should represent a rowing club rather than a National Federation.

The President acknowledged the outstanding work of all crews at the 2019 Henley Royal Regatta.

The following crews competed under Waiariki Rowing Club at the Henley Royal Regatta in 2019:

Remenham Challenge Cup

Jackie Gowler, Ella Greenslade, Kerri Gowler, Grace Prendergast, Beth Ross, Lucy Spoons, Kelsey Bevan, Emma Dyke, Caleb Shepherd (Coxswain)

Result: First

Hambledon Paris Challenge Cup

Kerri Gowler, Grace Prendergast

Result: First

The Stonor Challenge Trophy

Olivia Loe, Brooke Donoghue

Result: First

Sam Voss, Hannah Osborne

Result: competed in the first round

Princess Royal Challenge Cup

Emma Twigg

Result: First

Grand Challenge Cup

Hamish Bond, Mahe Drysdale, Stephen Jones, Shaun Kirkham, James Lassche, Matt Macdonald, Brooke Robertson, Philip Wilson, Sam Bosworth (Coxswain)

Result: First

Double Scull Challenge Cup

John Storey, Chris Harris

Result: Second

Moved: *That the Annual Report of the Waiariki Rowing Club be adopted.*

Auckland / East Coast **CARRIED**

12. Election of Officers

The President put forward a motion to accept the following appointments in blocks; election of officers, appointment of directors, election of auditors, and election of legal counsel.

Moved: **Auckland / Whanganui** **CARRIED**

Patron: The governor General – Dame Patsy Reddy – GNZM QSO
DStJ
Vice Patron: Fred Strachan - QSM
President: Bill Falconer - CNZM
Vice President: No nominations received as per the notice of meeting papers

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There are no vacant Elected Director positions which are available to be filled in 2020.

14. Appointments to the Board

Appointed Director Tonia Cawood has retired from the Board with effect from May 2020.

Appointed Director Geoff Taylor ends his first, three-year term in May 2020. Geoff is willing to re-stand for an Appointed Director position.

The Board Appointments Panel has considered applicants for the vacant positions and has forwarded its recommendations to the Board. Accordingly, the Rowing NZ Board has made the following appointments and seeks the endorsement of Local Association delegates to those appointments pursuant to Article 12.10: -

- 1) Geoff Taylor as an Appointed Director; and
- 2) Jane Davel as an Appointed Director; and in addition
- 3) Thornton Williams be co-opted to the Board pursuant to succession plan requirements.

Moved: *That the reappointment of Geoff Taylor, appointment of Jane Deval, and co-option of Thornton Williams to the Rowing NZ Board be endorsed.*

Wellington / Waikato **CARRIED**

15. Election of Auditor

KPMG was appointed the Association's auditor in 2019 and has indicated its preparedness to continue to serve. The Board proposes that KPMG be re-appointed for another year.

Moved: *That KPMG, having indicated its willingness to continue be reappointed as Auditors, the fee to be determined by the Board.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Election of Legal Counsel

Rob Hart, having indicated his willingness to serve as the Association's Legal Counsel, the Board proposes that Rob Hart be appointed for the next 12-month period.

Moved: *That Rob Hart having indicated its willingness to continue be reappointed as Legal Counsel.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. NZRA Levies

a) Association Levies

Proposed that the Local Association Levy of \$250.00(+gst) per association be reduced to \$10.00(+gst) per association for the 2020/2021 season
The levy will be invoiced at \$250.00(+gst) and a rebate of \$240(+gst) will be provided by Rowing NZ.

Moved: *That the levy for the Local Associations be reduced to \$10.00 + gst per association for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2021.*

Otago / Wellington

CARRIED

b) Subscriptions

Proposed that:

1. That the Annual Competition License fee of \$80.00(+gst) per license be reduced by 50% for the 2020/2021 season
The license fee will be invoiced at \$80.00(+gst) per license and a rebate of \$40.00(+gst) will then be provided by Rowing NZ.
2. Seat Levy \$1.00 +GST

Moved: *That the annual competition license fee be reduced by 50% for the 2020/2021 season*

East Coast / Waikato

CARRIED

NZSSRA, Waikato Rowing Association and Whanganui Rowing Association formally thanked the Rowing NZ Board for this generous gesture.

Rowing NZ would like to advise that this reduced fee and rebate will not impact funding for a Domestic Rowing Manager role. Currently the Rowing NZ staff have increased capacity that would not normally occur at this point of the year. The Associations are to decide what they would like to do with the extra money.

18. Allocation of the 2022 New Zealand Rowing Championships

Application has been received from Karapiro Rowing Inc. to host the 2022 New Zealand Rowing Championships at Lake Karapiro from Tuesday 15th February to 19th February with 20th being a spare day.

Championship and Non-Championship Event fees for the 2022 New Zealand Rowing Championships will be confirmed at the 2021 NZRA AGM.

Moved: *That the application to host the 2022 New Zealand Rowing Championships as tabled be approved*

Bay of Plenty / Auckland

CARRIED

19. Confirmation of fees for the 2021 New Zealand Rowing Championships

As per the 2018 AGM, regatta hosts are to confirm their fees one year before hosting the New Zealand Rowing Championships.

Application has been received from South Island Rowing for the event fees at the 2021 New Zealand Rowing Championships as follows:

<i>Championship Events:</i>		<i>Non-Championship Events:</i>	
<i>Eight</i>	<i>\$64.00 + GST</i>	<i>Eight</i>	<i>\$64.00 + GST</i>
<i>Fours/Quads</i>	<i>\$50.00 + GST</i>	<i>Fours/Quads</i>	<i>\$50.00 + GST</i>
<i>Pairs/Doubles</i>	<i>\$42.00 + GST</i>	<i>Pairs/Doubles</i>	<i>\$42.00 + GST</i>
<i>Singles</i>	<i>\$36.00 + GST</i>	<i>Singles</i>	<i>\$36.00 + GST</i>

Amenity fees: \$36.00 + GST per competitor including coxswains.

Tent Sites: \$375.00 + GST

Late Entry Fee: \$20.00 + GST

Did Not Start Fee: \$ 60.00 + GST

Non-Notified Substitution per person: \$50.00 + GST

Race Protest: \$50.00 + GST

Note:

Pair/Doubles increase by \$2 and Four/Quads increase by \$2 from the 2019 NZ Rowing Championships (Lake Ruataniwha), and the removal of the Late Scratching fee and Non-progression fee.

Canterbury Rowing Association asked South Island Rowing to consider removing the Late Scratching fee and Non-progression fee. They believe that the removal of the fees will not encourage crews to not progress but will encourage crews to notify of their non-progression earlier therefore enabling the next crew to progress instead.

Moved: ***That the 2021 New Zealand Rowing Championship fees and amenity fees be accepted***
Southland / Otago ***CARRIED***

20. Allocation of the 2020 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships

Notice is given that the 2020 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships will be held on the 19 and 20 September 2020 at Lake Karapiro, Cambridge. Karapiro Rowing Inc confirm fee of \$70.00 + GST.

Moved: ***That the 2020 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships be held in Twizel on the 19th and 20th September and that the entry fee of \$70.00 be accepted.***
Bay of Plenty / Whanganui ***CARRIED***

Canterbury Rowing Association would like the allocation of the NZ Masters Championships to occur at least one year ahead of schedule. This will be brought forward in future years.

The recent increase in Covid Alert Levels means the NZ Masters Championships may be in doubt. The regatta organisers will review the situation on August 26 with the next Government announcement. Karapiro Rowing Inc. are hosting their AGM on Sunday 16 August and will provide the rowing community with an update after this meeting.

21. Awards

NZRA Life Membership; NZRA Service Awards; NZRA Volunteers and Club of the Year.

Awards will be presented later in 2020 at the Whole of Sport Forum. Date and venue to be confirmed.

Four nominations received for the NZRA Club of the year.

Club of the year is awarded to Waikato Rowing Club

CARRIED WITH ACCLIMATION

22. Classification According to Ability Review

The following rule changes are to be voted on by the Local Associations. Votes were cast using the Zoom webinar voting system. Each Association received two votes each.

a) Classification According to Ability

The Committee established (as per Rule 13.7) to consider the Classification According to Ability Rules 13.2, 13.3 and 13.4 is due to meet 29 June 2020. If any adjustments are determined an amendment to the rules will be distributed to members no less than 4 weeks prior to the AGM date. These amendments will require Board adoption and ratification by Local Associations.

23. Remits

2020 is not a rule change year, except in the event of urgency pursuant to Article 26.3.

Accordingly, the following remits are brought forward:

1. Re-Classification by Application to NZRA – Date Change

That the date for submitting an application to NZRA for reclassification (rule 13.5.c.3) be set at the 1st November in any year.

Therefore Rule 13.5 to be amended to read as follows:

13.5.c.3 NZRA shall consider applications that are received during the off season or by the first day of November in the current season.

13.5.d When NZRA considers an application it shall reach a decision as soon as practical to do so and shall notify all parties of that decision.

13.5.e If NZRA grants re-classification during the off season then it happens at the start of the next season. Otherwise re-classification happens when the decision is notified to all parties.

13.5.f NZRA will publish a re-classification report as soon as practical after the application process has concluded. The report will summarise the outcomes of all applications. It may also include such details as NZRA decides may be helpful for future applicants.

Moved: *The above amendments (as shown on the AGM PowerPoint) to Rule 13.5.c.3, 13.5.d, 13.5.e and 13.5.f be accepted.*

Auckland / Waikato CARRIED

Vote: *For – 22
Against – 0
Result – Passed*

2. Quick release foot stretchers

That Rule 28 be amended to the current FISA rule. Therefore Rule 28 be amended to read as follows:

In all boats the foot stretchers, shoes or other devices holding the feet of the rowers shall be a type which allows the rowers to get clear of the boat with no

delay in an emergency. Where shoes or other devices holding the feet will remain in the boat, each shoe or device shall be independently restrained such that when the heel reaches the horizontal position the foot will be released from the shoe. In addition, where laces, Velcro or similar materials must be opened before the rower can remove their feet from the shoes or other device, all such materials must be able to be released immediately by the rower with a single quick hand action of pulling on one easily accessible strap. Where shoes or other devices holding the feet will not remain in the boat, each shoe or device must be able to be released by the rower without using their hands or with a single quick hand action of pulling on one easily accessible strap or release device.

Moved: ***That Rule 28 of the NZRA Rules of Racing be amended to reflect the current FISA rules.***

Auckland / Canterbury CARRIED

Vote: ***For – 22***
Against – 0
Result – Passed

24. General Business

Intermediate Quad and Eight exhibition events at the New Zealand Rowing Championships.

Both the Men’s and Women’s Intermediate Coxed Quad and Eight were exhibition events on the 2020 Rocket Foods NZ Rowing Championships programme. The Wellington Rowing Association motion for the two events to be added to the programme as Championship events at the 2021 Rocket Foods NZ Rowing Championships.

Moved: ***The Men’s and Women’s Intermediate Coxed Quadruple Sculls, and the Men’s and Women’s Intermediate Coxed Eights be added to the 2021 Rocket Foods NZ Rowing Championships programme as Championship events.***

Wellington / Whanganui CARRIED

2021 NZRA AGM Location

Both the East Coast Rowing Association and Whanganui Rowing Association have volunteered to host the 2021 NZRA AGM. A tentative decision was made for East Coast to hold the 2021 NZRA AGM with Whanganui to host in subsequent years.

25. Closure of Meeting

The President, Bill Falconer, declared the 133rd NZRA AGM, and the first virtual AGM, closed at 11.47am.