

RA Masters Commission – Minutes

Monday 4th November 2013, 6.00pm

Attendees: John Whiting, David Eichler, Mark Mussared, Nikki McAllen, Alan Nicol, Cameron Allen

Apologies: Fenton Jones

N/A: Phil O'Dwyer, Susan Linacre, Charles Lloyd-Jones

1. John Whiting welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Sub-committees Reports**
 - a. Alternative Events Sub-committee
 - i. Nikki confirmed Susan has spoken with Rowing ACT who confirmed they would not pursue the Heineken Cup style regatta this season due to current heavy volunteer load – general feedback was good idea, but not in the immediate future.
 - b. Australian Masters Championships Sub-committee
 - i. Budget has gone to RSA Board, who asides from a couple of minor changes were happy with it and expect approval soon, with a modest profit and keeping seat fees at \$45.00 a seat as per previous years.
 - ii. Cameron confirmed the staging agreement has been returned to RSA.
 - iii. All venue infrastructure booked and site plan to be prepared soon.
 - iv. Sample medals due soon
 - v. Bulletin due out in the next week or two.
 - vi. Mark confirmed they were waiting on the Order of Events from Chris Grummitt. Cameron confirmed he will chase him up.
 - c. Handicaps Sub-committee
 - i. Mark presented the final paper and recommendations from the Handicaps sub-committee. The group complimented Mark on the level of work and depth of analysis, very impressive. John moved that the paper and recommendations be approved by the Masters Commission and go to the RA Board for adoption into the RA Rules. All were in favour.
 - ii. Mark confirmed that as new data comes in over the years the handicaps should be monitored, probably every 2 to 3 years.
 - iii. Discussion was had on the best way of getting external feedback and circulation in the Masters community. It was decided the group would think about it over the next few days and reconvene via email to confirm.

3. 2014 World Rowing Masters Regatta

- a. Cameron noted that a Stakeholders meeting had been held in Melbourne on the 31st October which went well, and confirmed that the FISA Masters Commission would be doing a site inspection on the 6-8 December.

4. Other Business

- a. John brought up the correspondence between himself and the representative of the senior women master rowers. John moved that himself and Cameron draft a letter addressing the issue and will forward for comment when done. It was thought that the timing was quote good given the likely introduction of revised handicaps and an updated Australian Masters order of events.
- b. Cameron requested David and/or Mark send through the Australian Masters Bulletin for RA perusal before it is distributed.

5. Next meeting – 2 December 2013, 6.00pm AEDT

6. Close of meeting – 6.41pm