

## RA Masters Commission – Minutes

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 6.00pm AEDT

**Attendees:** John Whiting, Nikki McAllen, Susan Linacre, Phil Titterton, Cameron Allen

**Apologies:** Mark Mussared, Alan Nicoll, John Allen, Fenton Johns

1. John Whiting welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **2015 AMRC Indicative Race Schedule**
  - a. Cam presented the latest draft of the AMRC Indicative Race Schedule
  - b. John queried the positioning of the Mens J and K events next to each other. Cam confirmed that they had been combined as per the Womens H-K events (with the exception of the singles), to be awarded as separate events within the single race.
  - c. Susan noted that there were a number of quad events lined up for the Sunday morning racing creating potential boat usage issues. Cam noted it was a good point and it would be looked at.
  - d. Phil queried whether the race intervals were set in stone. Cam replied that they weren't, and were based on the indicative entry numbers – actual race intervals to be dependent on final entries.
  - e. John noted that once finalised the IRS should be distributed to the Masters community along with the principles from the May bulletin, in early December. It was agreed that once released there should, in principle, be no changes to the IRS based on individuals feedback.
3. **AMRC Bulletin and Club Eight event**
  - a. Phil noted that the Bulletin 1 for the 2015 AMRC would be released following planning meetings on Monday.
  - b. It was discussed whether a separate information release should be made confirming details of the new Club Eight event. It was decided that it should be included in the Bulletin, in addition to having a separate release. Nikki commented that it should also confirm that the single club medal would be continued in 2015, with the inclusion of doubles and pairs from 2014.
  - c. Cam noted that there would be issues with expected popularity of the event, with over 27 entries (based on a 9 lane progression) creating the need for semi-finals which would introduce a logistical issue. Several options were put forward including capping the entries at 27, restricting entries from each club to 1 male and 1 female crew, taking all entries and progressing the 9 fastest crews (including handicap) to the final. John W and Cam to go through clubs and make an educated guess on potential entry numbers.

**4. General Business**

- a. Phil queried whether there was an update on AMRC cost drivers from the September meeting. Cam replied that there hadn't been, and it will be back on the agenda for the December meeting.

**5. Next meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014, 6.00pm AEDT.**

**6. Close of meeting – 6.30pm**