

**Minutes of Rowing Australia Masters Commission  
Teleconference  
Tuesday 11 April 2017**

**Present:** Alan Nicoll (Chair), Nikki McAllen, Phil Titterton, Mark Mussared, Fenton Jones, Murray Stewart, Nick Gall, Bron Humphrys, Warwick Marler, Alice Evans

**Apologies:** Susan Linacre

**1. Warwick Marler – Rowing for All**

- a. Warwick introduced himself and outlined the role of the FISA Rowing for All Commission, the main aspects of this commission are:
  - i. Increasing participation through alternate channels such as indoor, and the coastal rowing championships
  - ii. Focussing on encouraging continuing participation in the sport beyond competition.
- b. Expansion of the sport
- c. Germans have a medal for “equatorial rowing” where there is a medal for those who have essentially completed a lap of the world in distance. This is a goal directed award to encourage continued long term participation in rowing events.
- d. Coastal rowing in Australia – Touring
- e. Warwick will provide links to various site to help promote touring rowing.
- f. Ongoing discussion and information sharing needed to support this.

**2. John Whiting Trophy**

- a. The South Australian trophy will be available to be presented in place of the John Whiting trophy at the 2017 event.
- b. It will be the inaugural presentation of the trophy and the winner in 2017 will be the first winner inscribed on the trophy.
- c. The trophy will be delivered to Nagambie by a SA rower, TBC.
- d. Alan will contact Pamela regarding the presentation of the trophy.

**3. 2017 AMRC Update**

- a. Bulletin 2 has now been distributed
  - b. Some nervousness around the number of entries that will be received.
  - c. Need the states to promote the event.
  - d. Boat hire is available and has been advertised
  - e. Function on Saturday night has been advertised and promoted.
  - f. There has been some discussion around additional events such as bus trips to local wineries.
- Motion – to move the MWG1X both heat and final to the beginning of the prescribed bracket for safety reasons.  
Outcome – Agreed unanimously (new indicative event schedule to be published)

**4. Held Start Video**

- a. The NSW video from drone will be available shortly.
- b. Once complete Phil will distribute around the commission for publication on state’s websites.

5. Next Meeting: 5pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May in Nagambie.