

**NQ Branch Inc**  
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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD 14 June 2007

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Meeting Opened: 8.10 p.m.

Present:

Tuki Brown – President	Brian Medhurst - Committee
Michelle Lynes – Treasurer	Tania Moohin - Committee
Karen Bruce – Secretary	

**APOLOGIES:** Shane O’Hara  
Cheryl Thompson  
Leigh Page

**1. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOVED: Brian Medhurst**

**SECONDED: Tuki Brown**

**Minutes of the meetings 21 February, 11 April, 6 May be accepted as a true record. CARRIED**

**2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**2.1 IRB**

- The IRB is to go Brian in the interim until a contract is drawn up between club and zone
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> IRB is on its way.
- Another email to be sent to clubs notifying of the new IRBS and the conditions of use.

**2.2 Equipment**

- Shane to send 2<sup>nd</sup> base radio to Michelle so that she can set it up user friendly.
- Tania is in the process of ordering stop watches.

**2.3 Strong Wind warning**

- No response from AOCRA with regards to the official position on strong wind warnings.
- Brian to resend our suggestion of a bylaw through to AOCRA and asking for clarification.

## **2.4 Sunset Bay Regatta**

- A formal complaint has not been sent to Sunset Bay club from the Zone about the changing of the marathon course without notifying Zone officials.
- An evaluation was provided by the club but was deemed not satisfactory.
- Tuki to send them a letter asking for an explanation.

## **2.5 Wai Puhi**

- Tania is Co-ordinator and has locked in a few dates with clubs, still chasing a few more clubs to host events.

## **2.6 Bowen**

- Paddlers in Bowen are financial members of other clubs so are insured paddlers.
- Tuki advised these paddlers that if they take unregistered paddlers out in canoe they are held liable in the event of an accident.
- Tania suggested that Outrigger Whitsunday should be made aware of the situation seeing that these paddlers are predominantly from this club.
- Brian to investigate what is happening with the canoes, seeing club is no longer affiliated with AOCRA.

## **3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Financials for months April and May

**MOVED: Michelle Lynes**

**SECONDED: Tuki Brown**

**That reports be accepted and all cheques and payments for the April and May be ratified.**

**CARRIED**

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

### **4.1 AOCRA website**

- Zone feels the website should be up to date given someone is being paid to do the job.
- Tuki to send a letter to AOCRA requesting the website should be updated.

### **4.2 Race Fees Structure**

- Sanctioning Fee is currently \$4.40 per paddler. This was deemed unfair given all the events held around the country, including governed and sanctioned fees and the inequality of fee structure.
- NQZ supports 1 type of event "AOCRA Approved Events" to replace the current Governed and Sanctioned Events.

- Agreed that the current split of fees should be abandoned, and a new fee structure imposed of \$10.00 *per paddler per event*, split 20% to AOCRA, and 80% to the zone in which in event is held.
- This fee should be CPI Indexed yearly, and rounded to the nearest whole dollar. In the event that the CPI Index does not result in greater than 75 cent increase, the increase should be carried forward to the next calendar year, until a greater than 75 cent increase is achieved.
- This will allow zones and AOCRA to receive funds from all events on a level playing field, and invest those funds back into the sport.
- It will also ensure that host clubs are not encouraged to run a particular format of event to minimise the payment of funds to the parent bodies.
- This fee structure to apply to all events, including National Titles.
- Also, currently each zone receives the nomination fees for regattas, and then organises the split of funds to zone, AOCRA and host club.
- Because all zones and AOCRA are incorporated - 1/11th of all received funds must be remitted to the ATO for GST. The majority of clubs in Australia are not registered for GST. Because of this, zones and AOCRA are remitting more GST than is required.
- If the host clubs received the funds, and then remitted the split to AOCRA and the zones, it would result in more funds for the zones.
- The same situation applies to AOCRA in receiving nationals nominations.
- A new system needs to be devised.
- Proposal to be put forward to AOCRA to be considered at their next committee meeting.

#### **4.3 Dates for Calendars**

- Tania attended a meeting with Mike Mills-Thom and Colin Bartley from AOCRA about proposed regatta structure for:-

#### **2008**

Jan long weekend	OC1 National Titles (long course) venue <i>Gold Coast</i>
Feb	OC6 National Titles (sprints) 2 days only venue <i>Penrith</i>
April (2nd week)	OC6 National Titles (marathons) 2 days only venue <i>SE QLD</i>
May Day long weekend	Coral Sea Challenge OC6 Changeover event <i>NTH QLD</i>
Mid June	Hamilton Island Cup

#### **Future Format 2009 Onwards:-**

Jan long weekend	OC1 National Titles (long course) venue <i>Gold Coast</i>
March	OC6 National Titles (sprints & marathons combined) venue <i>SE QLD</i>
May Day long weekend	Coral Sea Challenge OC6 Changeover event <i>NTH QLD</i>
Mid June	Hamilton Island Cup

- Proposal to be put forward to AOCRA to consider.

#### **4.4 National Database**

- Discussion of the development of a National computerised database and online membership and nomination system.
- Money should be invested from zones and AOCRA to create such a system of infrastructure to be put in place.
- We should approach other zones and ask them to support this.
- Committee to discuss via email and a proposal to put to AOCRA and Tania to send off

#### **4.5 Hamilton Island Cup**

- NQAOCRA to suggest to AOCRA that an official should be more involved in the actual event given the number of starter, safety and results problems at this year's event.
- Email to AOCRA to suggest what should happen leading up to, and during the event, not just the days of the event.
- It should be one AOCRA official and one AOCRA NQZ official. Two in total.
- Discussion of a Race Director Secretary role to take notes on every event that takes place. This process will assist in possible protests and the smooth running of the event.
- If NQ AOCRA / AOCRA is paid the sanctioning fee suggested, then they should pay for this official to do the job. Otherwise Hamilton Is Club should pay for.
- This needs to be put forward by AOCRA so it appears a united front.
- Race administrator is not a registered paddler – needs to be rectified.

#### **4.6 RAMSET foam**

- Brian said an enquiry had been made about using RAMSET foam as a form of positive buoyancy.
- It was deemed unsuitable as it will disintegrate.

#### **4.7 Trophies**

- Karen to send email asking for end of year Zone trophies to be sent back.

#### **4.7 Regatta Calendar**

- Should be circulated now soon so it can be discussed at AGM

*Meeting closed: 10.10 p.m..  
Next Meeting:*