

2024-25 Balmain Sailing Club Management Committee Meeting Minutes.

Date and time of Meeting: 6-30 pm Thursday 1 May 2025.

Location : Balmain Sailing Club.

Type of Meeting : Management Committee

Attendees: Campbell Reid (CR), Chris Price (CP) Joost Bekker (JB) Colin Grove (CG) Geoff Watkins (GW) Ray Miller (RM) David Stenhouse(DS)

Apologies:) Louise Blair (LB) Sharon Harvey (SH),

Secretary/Minutes: Colin Grove

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- The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm.
 - The minutes of the BSC Management Committee Meetings of 12 March 2025 were approved without amendment.

ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The committee members at the previous meeting op dated details as to what main projects to prioritise and which specific projects to submit funding applications for.

The committees' suggestions are set out below:

1. Replace floor in main area of the club.
2. New bathroom and toilet facilities on lower level.
3. Improved access from street level.
4. Double glazing of windows facing Hopetoun Quays.
5. Lift access to the club from deck level.
6. Rebuilt kitchen and foyer entrance to club (links to 3)
7. Balcony to extend and replace existing sliding doors at front of the club facing the harbour.

Agreed actions currently being actioned

- DS and RM to apply for a grant this week to begin funding downstairs shower and toilet project.
 - **Action :** An application will be lodged with the NSW Government in the next few to be considered for a financial grant .
- CG to review and update (and prioritise) the list of repair and maintenance projects .
 - **Action :** The list is being updated by club member Simon Oliver.
- DS to obtain and discuss plans for "stage 2" of the renovation project which is to replace the existing foyer and kitchen.
 - **Action :** Discussions have commenced with club members who are architects .
- CG to review what DAs we have applied for or obtained in recent times.
 - **Action :** Commenced.
- DS to discuss with club members who are architects about assisting with new DA and plans for larger projects such as :
 - New balcony ,Improved access from the street to the club.
 - Lift access from deck (this would have to be planned and constructed in coordination with downstairs bathroom project. New kitchen and foyer.

Action: Commenced

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION :

Presentation Night

- The 2024-25 season presentation night will be held on Saturday 10 May 2025.
- Working Bee planned for 14 June 2025, full details to be provided.
- The Club has been granted a commercial swing mooring licence, DS and CG have submitted the formal application to secure the licence.
- DS and CG are completing an application for an Aquatic Licence with Transport for approval the Regatta, the application will also be in conjunction with the Work Boat Convoy approvals
- CG advised that an arborist Tristan Bradshaw was engaged to provide a report on the state of health of the large gumtree adjacent to the stairs and advised that it had been infested by *Longicorn borers* and is stressed and will need removal.
- CG arranged for the inner West Council arborist to also inspect, and they confirmed Bradshaw's recommendation. Council will call for tenders for the tree to be removed at Council cost as it on land leased by the club from them.
- Following the success of last years initiative to encourage members to submit their annual fees earlier the same scheme will be run this year, full details to be provided later.
- The committee agreed that a Code of Conduct to underpin the aim of the club to provide a safe , fair , and inclusive environment should be considered , CR , LB and CG were nominated to provide draft a code of conduct for the committee to review .

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT :

DS provided a verbal update and spoke to the latest financial update provided by the Treasurer .

Financial Year 2024-2025

In summary.

Income from Food and Bar Sales are down compared to the previous year. However, profits have improved marginally in consideration of increased food and staff costs. Additionally, the cost of alcohol prizes has not been expensed against the bar.

Hall Hire profits have increased considerably. Noting that income from Yacht Hire for the Dika Data regatta was allocated to Hall Hire. Regardless, we exceeded to target of \$40k (including GST) and added another \$7k to the club's annual profit, which will hopefully be an annual event.

Race Fees are well up on the previous year and race expenses (prizes) are well below the previous year.

Membership & Storage are well up on the previous year.

The Balmain Regatta was probably the most successful in terms of profit ever held.

- *Pub Challenge*
- *Regatta Raffle*
- *Sponsorship (C&H, Svitzer, White Bay, Red Mill Rum, Mabuzi)*
- *Workboat Regatta – pick up and drop off arrangements.*
- *Race Fees*

The Raffle, other than via the Regatta was positive, albeit lower than previous records.

Sailing School was like-for-like with the previous year. That is, profitable and generating new members.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS DISCUSSION :

- Action items above from the previous meeting were further discussed including the sailing school , recruiting new members and hall hire opportunities .
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FINANCES:

- JB provided an update on the current financial position.
 - JB advised that the auditing of accounts had commenced for them to be included in a statutory report to Fair Trading
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INFRASTRUCTURE

- Maintenance priority report being updated prior to the working bee.
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SAILING SCHOOL;

- The meeting discussed in broad terms changes that could be considered in respect of the current training of students in dingy sailing courses.
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- **SAILING:**

NIL REPORT

REGATTA:

- Positive discussions have been held with the Working Boats Association re its participation in the regatta .
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RISK MANAGEMENT WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (WHS):

- Risk management plan, policy, incident plan & forms have all been reviewed with controls updated
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GENERAL BUSINESS AND CORREPENDENCE:

NIL

MEETING CLOSED at 8-45

NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 4 June 2025 6-30 PM in the Clubhouse

The BSC committee usually meets once a month on a Wednesday evening at 6.30pm to discuss and agree actions in respect of general club matters. If members would like to attend or wish have an item raised at the meeting, please email info@balmainsailingclub.com at least one week prior.

A question or concern may be dealt with before the meeting, if not, it can be added to the agenda if time permits, or to the following month if the current agenda is already full. All members are encouraged to access and read the Committee Meeting Minutes which are posted on the Clubs website