

Balmain Sailing Club

Management Committee Minutes

Date:	11 March 2020
Time:	6.30p.m.
Type of Meeting:	Management Committee
Secretariat:	Colin Grove (Minute taking)
Attendees:	Alan Gregory (AG) Ed Tacey (ET) Mike West (MW)) Ray Miller (RM) Colin Grove (CG) David Stenhouse (DS) BSC Manager
Invited Guest:	Mark Cherrington (MC)
Apologies:	Campbell Reid (CR) Kathryn Underhill (KH) Conrad Johnston (CJ)

Minutes of Meeting:

Management

- Meeting commenced 6.30 p.m.
- Apologies noted as above
- The Minutes of the BSC Management Committee of 12 February 2020 were approved without amendment.

Matters for consideration:

1.0 Australian Sailing

The Committee noted that discussions with Australian Sailing (AS) have been completed successfully and that the revised fee structure and benefits listed below have been agreed.

The Committee also noted that It had been made very clear to AS that BSC will be arguing very strongly in a submission to a proposed future AS review to be conducted by AS into the criteria and methodology used in formulating current fee levels for affiliated clubs that the appropriate fee band for BSC should be much lower than the present band that we are currently categorised in.

- 1) Fee Band for 2018/19 moved for BSC from band 12 to 13 (currently \$11,500 to \$8551). Cancel current invoice for outstanding fees of \$11,500.
- 2) Re-issue new invoice for same corresponding period to band 13 with an application of 50% fee relief.
- 3) New invoice amount(\$8400X50%) =\$4200.
- 4) 2019/2020 fees -adjust current invoice (\$11,500) with a credit note to align with band 13(\$8,551).
- 5) BSC can commence discussions in respect of AS providing an interest free loan of \$25,000 to assist with waterfront infrastructure and ask for assistance with the implementation of Sail Pass, and in identifying qualified sailing instructors for the sailing school.

2.0 WestConnex Western Harbour Tunnel

BSC Member MC made a presentation to the committee in respect of the WestConnex Western Harbour Tunnel and the possible implications the excavation of the tunnel trench and dredging would have, both on aquatic activities in the area and the level of contamination created by the dredging and excavation.

The meeting agreed that BSC would make a submission the EIS by the closing date of 30 March 2020 setting out the clubs concerns regarding these two specific issues and that we would write to other clubs in the area advising of our submission and encouraging them to lodge a submission to the EIS Review.

3.0 Presentation Evening:

It was agreed that the presentation evening would be held on Saturday 9 May 2020.

4.0 Working Bee:

A working bee to be scheduled for 22 March in order to coincide with the Council clean up.

Sailing (Nil Report)

IT Systems (Nil Report)

Finances

ET presented detail of the current finances and the projected financials position for the coming months noting that income has been impacted by the cancellation of four twilight meetings and the need to expend capital on urgent repair work.

The committee agreed that we look to offer another member capital raising of up to \$20k by way of debenture issue and encourage current debenture holders to roll over their capital for a further two years, if they so desired.

It was also agreed that we approach Australian Sailing seeking full details of an interest free loan of up to \$25k that they were offering and seek the longest term they would consider for repayment

RM advised of the various grant and subsidies he was pursuing through various channels.

Sailing School

AG advised that he had spoken with Sailing Australia in order to identify any current instructors that they have on their books that may like to assist at BSC, however to date he has not been successful in identifying suitable candidate's.

It was agreed that BSC members will be encouraged to undertake the instructor course and a note setting out more details will be forwarded to all members asap.

Regatta (Nil Report)

Infrastructure

A temporary fence had been installed to stop access to the now partially sunken launch ramp and the committee resolved that it was a matter of high priority that the

ramp and adjoining dock area be removed urgently an amount up \$58k (based on quotes received) was approved to demolish and remove the structures and pylons.

Approval was given to expend up to \$3000 on pest treatment to eradicate white ants that have infested part of the deck and pylons, this work will be undertaken urgently.

General Business / Correspondence

An email was received from Kate Inglis-Clark who is concerned about a recent non BSC related event convened at the club which spread on to the public space adjoining the clubhouse.

It was noted by the committee that the participants had occupied the public space on their own volition and the use of this area was conveyed to the organisers as not being part of the club and was public space.

It will be made clear to future event organiser that they should not occupy the area.

Meeting closed 8.30p.m.

Next Meeting 8 April 2020 at 6.30pm, BSC

The BSC committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss and agree actions on general club matters. If members would like to attend, or have an item they'd like raised at the meeting, please email secretary@balmainsailingclub.com at least a week before. 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 welcome to read the committee meeting minutes. These are posted on the notice board in the club house usually on the next race day, following a meeting.