

# 2024-25 Balmain Sailing Club Management Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Date and time of Meeting:** Thursday 14 November 2024 630 pm

**Location :** Balmain Sailing Club:

**Type of Meeting :** Management Committee.

**Attendees:** Campbell Reid (CR), Chris Price ( CP) Joost Bekker (JB ), Sharon Harvey (SH), Colin Grove ( CG) David Stenhouse(DH))

**Apologies:** Geoff Watkins Louise Blair Ray Miller

**Secretary/Minutes:** Colin Grove

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The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm.

- The minutes of the BSC Management Committee Meeting of 18 September 2024 were approved without amendment.

## **ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- **CG** provided an update on the wall that is collapsing near the entrance to the sailing school and advised that the works by the Inner West Council should be completed by 22 November 2024. The committee thanked the Inner West Council for its prompt assistance in having the wall replaced and the surrounding area stabilised.
- **CG** provided details of a meeting held on 7 November 2024 on Cockatoo Island with a senior executive of the Sydney Harbour Trust regarding the ferry wharf that has been proposed in the recent 2024 master plan for Cockatoo Island .

CG advised the Harbour Trust representative that BSC the Greenwich Flying Squadron , and the Drummoyne Sailing Club were all extremely concerned at the proposed location of the wharf as set out in the 2024 Master Plan.

Of particular concern for Balmain Sailing Club, is the location of the proposed wharf directly over, the Club's race start and finish area where 50 to 85 yachts and sailing dinghies currently maneuver within a confined area, in varying wind conditions, for the 86 race events conducted by the BSC annually and as well it used used by Drummoyne Sailing Club and The Greenwich Flying Squadron on a regular basis.

While the infringement of the actual physical infrastructure of the proposed wharf on the waterway is an issue, the inevitable vessel conflict and safety issues from ferry operations would be significant and could possibly result in cessation of the Club's sailing activities in the area.

Following an inspection of the location of the wharf with Harbour Trust representative he confirmed that he now understood more fully the concerns of the Clubs and agreed that clubs would be contacted for consultations and discussions prior to any firm proposal to proceed with the wharf commenced.

## **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION :**

- **DS** Advised that the club had 198 fully financial members on 14 November 2024 and that hall hire income was up .
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### **FINANCE:**

- **JB** provided an update on finances and ( see P&L attached) , he also advised that he was seeking quotes for the auditing of accounts prior to them being included in a statutory report to NSW Fair Trading and as well he was preparing a new return required by the ATO for Non-For-Profit organizations that will need to be lodged in the next few months .
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### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

- See report above re wall repair.
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### **SAILING SCHOOL:**

Nil Report

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### **SAILING:**

Nil Report

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### **REGATTA:**

- The Regatta was very well attended, and the committee thanked the BSC Club Manager ,Club members and Committee Members ,as well as the sponsors for the outstanding effort they all contributed in achieving a very pleasing nett profit of approximately \$28,875 .
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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:**

- **CR** advised of current community activities in respect of objections to the proposed Woolwich Marina extension.
- An email was received from the Secretary Greenwich Flying Squadron re the ferry wharf proposal on Cockatoo Island. **CG** actioned the matter.

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**Meeting Closed** at 7-15pm

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**Next Meeting:** 5 February 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](mailto: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 .*