



**SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS
ROWING UNION**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 2 MARCH 2018 AT
ROODEPLAAT DAM ROWING CLUBHOUSE

PRESENT

Schools

- Rondebosch Boys High (Sean Harris), St Dunstan's (Caryne Lodge), Hilton/Howick/PMB (Adrian Higgins), Holy Rosary School (Coreen Walstra), St Mary's (Caitlin Dace), Jeppe Boys (Devin Cripwell), Redhouse Rowing Club (Aphiwe Erese & Rosemary Brunette), Clarendon High School (Bill Godfrey), St John's College (Barry McNeice), Somerset College (Bevan Stephens), King Edward VII (Ed Goodier & Trevor Dedlow), St Stithians Boys (A Cruickshanks), St Stithians Girls (James Buchanan) & Bishops Diocesan (Brad Smith)

APOLOGIES

- D King (Vice President)
- Paul Carstensen
- Nadine de Reuck
- Mondeor

WELCOME AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- After welcoming the schools, the President Andre Oosthuysen (AO) gave a brief breakdown of the SA Champs entries. There are 1403 athletes entered into this year Championships: 978 Boys (69%) and 425 girls (31%). The size of the championships bears testimony to the successful seasons throughout the regions.(On a side note, it is rumoured that Friday's Heads Races may have broken the world record for the biggest ever Heads Race - can anyone confirm this). AC thanked coaches, athletes and officials for the wonderful organisation and co-operation which marked the day!
- The organising committee has responded to the two concerns raised in the wake of last year's Championships: an additional 60 boat racks have been erected behind the Roodeplaat Club House (AO thanked St John's and St Benedict's who were instrumental in this project that required only minimal funding from SASRU) and the area for athletes and boats has been extended and demarcated with temporary fencing to address concerns about supporters driving amongst the participants and equipment.
- SASRU welcomes RMB on board as a three-year sponsor of the regatta. The sponsorship comprises a financial contribution towards the running of the champs and gifts/equipment in kind.

- Although some “growing pains” are being experienced in terms of the roll-out of new events and the best way forward, the growth of girls’ rowing must remain a priority for SASRU
- A coaches’ register has been created on the SASRU Website (Under the “About Us” tab) and all coaches (both fulltime and parttime) are encouraged to register.
- Over the course of the next two months a digital nomination and voting process will be conducted to elect chairpersons for the following SASRU Commissions:

Coaches Commission

International Commission - Junior National Squad

SASRU Improved Performance Initiatives (SASRU U16 Tour & U15 Camp)

Transformation

Development & Sustainability (Emerging schools and schools at risk; Fleet development)

Girls’ Rowing

SAROC

Nominations by 28 March 2018

Voting to be concluded by 11 April

SASRU Plenary - Friday, 25 May 2018 (at St Benedict’s)

- AO referred to his recent correspondence regarding the SASRU U16 Development tour and apologised for the confusion and conflict that has arisen in this regard. The change in selection policy was badly managed.
- SASRU is entirely dependent on volunteers and a call was made for additional volunteers to step up and support the committee by standing as commission chairs. It is extremely difficult for individuals to occupy more than one portfolio and a limited number of individuals are being “stretch” beyond their capacity. With more volunteers in the mix, SASRU would enjoy a greater momentum and commissions will have a greater clarity of focus.
- AO thanked St Andrews, Grahamstown for hosting another successful Boat Race.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- The Treasury Report for the 2017 Championships and the SASRU balance sheet are attached to these minutes.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- Andre Oosthuysen re-elected as President (Nomination: Bill Godfey, Second A Higgins)
- Deanne King was elected as Vice President (Nomination: Caitline Dave)
- Regional reps remain unchanged.

Gauteng - Ed Goodier

Kwazulu Natal - Adrian Higgins

Eastern Cape - Bill Godfrey

Western Cape - Bevan Stephens

REGATTA DATES

- The South African Schools Boatrace 2018 was set for the 7th to 8th of December 2018.
- South African Schools Rowing Championships 2019 dates were set as 1 - 3 March 2019.

OTHER MATTERS RAISED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

- Concerns were regarding poor representation at the AGM.
- SA Champs: Championship or Festival?
- Open Girls 8+

CLOSING

- AO closed the meeting and thanked all for their attendance.

NOTE:

At a meeting after the AGM, it was decided that the Regional Reps, Trevor Dedlow and Caryn Lodge will constitute the selection panel for the SASRU U16 Development Tour.

ANDRE OOSTHUYSEN
PRESIDENT

3 MARCH 2018