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Ruataniwha Rowing

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With the regatta season now well behind us the level of activity on site at Max Smith Park, Ruataniwha, has been considerably quieter although by no means silent. The Ratas recently held a training camp at the complex and reports indicate that conditions were fairly chilly; well it is winter after all despite the long, mild autumn we experienced prior to the arrival of the colder weather.

The South Island Rowing Inc AGM was held in Christchurch on 25th June and was well attended by all four associations.

Officers elected to the Executive Committee are as follows;

Patron	Des Borgfeldt
Chairman	James Sheehan
Vice Chairman	Cliff Buchannan
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It was agreed that the positions of Facilities Manager, Catering and Accommodation Manager and the Rowe Shoppe Manger, currently held by Mike McLellan, Catherine Wilson and Jeanette Petherick respectively, should become full members of the executive rather than de-facto members as in the past.

With his retirement from the executive Philip Bell was thanked by the Chairman for his 20 years of hard work and service to SIRI.

It has been felt for some time that the name 'South Island Rowing' does not adequately describe who we are and what we do. A remit submitted to the meeting by SIRI proposing to establish the trading name of "Ruataniwha Rowing" was passed so while our legal name will still be South Island Rowing Inc. we will now trade under the name Ruataniwha Rowing.



The Annual Report and Financial Statements were received and regatta costs discussed. It was agreed that as far as practical the SIRI component of regatta fees would be held at 2010 levels.

The remit promoted by SIRI to change the end of our financial year to 31 December, to better fit with the Rowing NZ management system, was passed.

The dates were set for the main Ruataniwha regattas, as follows:

10 & 11 December 2011	Meridian Otago Championships
14 & 15 January 2012	Meridian Canterbury Championships
28 & 29 January 2012	Meridian South Island Championships
14 to 19 February 2012	Banklink National Championships (Karapiro)
10 & 11 March 2012	Meridian South Island Schools Championships
24 March to 1 April 2012	AON NZ Secondary Schools Championships (Maadi Cup)

The proposal to hold a Ruataniwha Regatta, as a 'replacement' for the blown out 2011 Meridian South Island Championships was not supported and has been removed from the proposed programme.

Proposed dates for local regattas are being sought from the four South Island Associations and once these are received the full South Island rowing programme for the 2011/2012 season will be prepared and published.

A regatta committee was formed to undertake a review of the programmes for the regattas run under the jurisdiction of Ruataniwha Rowing. The committee is comprised of Steve Donaldson, John O'Connor, Christine Moffat, Royce Wilson, Duncan Holland and Pat McQuinn.

A number of working bees are planned as we draw closer to the next rowing season. Dates for the next three have been set as 16th & 17th July, 20th & 21st August and 10th & 11th September. Work to be undertaken, weather permitting, will be to lift the lane buoys and lines, tidy up some gardens and related items, and possibly some interior painting. All volunteers are welcome and complimentary meals and accommodation are available on campus for all those volunteers who require them. Please advise Trevor or Catherine if you intend to attend and to use the site facilities.



An added attraction is that on the night of Saturday 20 August there will be a Beer Festival (not limited to volunteers) in the McRae Lounge; tickets to cost \$30 and be limited to 130 persons.

The Kevlar lane 'wires' that have been in use at the course for the last few years have proven to be less than satisfactory and it is proposed to replace them with braided stainless steel wires. Grant funds which will cover a large part of the cost of this work have been received and it is proposed to have the wires in place for the start of the coming championship season.



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In line with a trend to use alpha-numeric lane numbers, in place of our traditional red silhouette numbers, Ruataniwha Rowing has agreed to purchase sets of numbers for use at some of the designated major regattas. Details of when the numbers are to be used, and how they are to be made available to the rowers, have yet to be resolved but will be advised to clubs and schools once they are known.



As the owner of Max Smith Park, and with increasing legislative requirements, Ruataniwha Rowing has increasing responsibility, and potential liability, for the safety of all persons on the site and on the water. For this reason it is important that Trevor, as caretaker of the site, is aware of when clubs and schools are intending to be on the site. All clubs and schools are requested to specifically notify Trevor when they will be on the site and who is in charge of the group, and then to let him know when the group leaves the site.

Murray Petherick
Secretary