



## 5.0 REPORTS

**MOTION:** (Blacquiere/Sutcliffe) "To move into the Committee of the Whole." CARRIED

### 5.1 President

Barkwell reviewed the attached President's Report. RCA matters were discussed. Barkwell provided background related to the ownership and future development of the Welland course. Barkwell also expressed concern regarding the state of officiating in light of recent events at the Ontario Championships and Royal Canadian Henley.

### 5.2 Vice President – Events and Officials

Dundas reviewed the attached Vice President – Events and Officials Report. It was concluded the reduction of entries at the Ontario Championships were a result of the general trend that Clubs are being more selective as to which crews are being entered at various regattas. There was general discussion regarding how best to ensure a safe traffic pattern between the hot seat dock and finish on the Welland course.

**Dundas** will review with the Umpires Committee concerns expressed related to the scheduling of officials at the Ontario Championships.

**Okens** will prepare a proposal to automate regatta entries for the Ontario Championships.

A copy of the petition dated July 24, 2005 submitted by John Armitage on behalf of the signatories was circulated to all Board members and discussed. It was agreed that:

- practice times should be provided at the Ontario Championships and
- crews may be followed on land only on the high side of the course for safety reasons

**Dundas** will request the Regatta organizing committee to provide sufficient volunteers and equipment to ensure practice times are available at the Ontario Championships.

**Dundas** will seek advice from the Umpires Committee on how the rules governing coaching from the side should be administered at the Ontario Championships.

**Dundas, Barkwell and Thompson** will review with Derek Ventnor and Joe Lytle the complaints received regarding inappropriate behaviour at the Ontario Championships.

**Dundas** will document the role and expectations of the Clerk of the Course position at the Ontario Championships for review with Derek Ventnor and Joe Lytle.

**Dundas** will prepare a general message to all officials and coaches regarding behaviour expectations for distribution in advance of the Ontario Championships.

**Dundas** will advise all signatories of the petition that the Board has reviewed the concerns identified in the petition and action is being taken.

**Warrington** will investigate the purchase of two 100 foot long banners or other appropriate signage for use at the ROWONTARIO Championships.

### **5.3 Vice President – Membership and Club Development**

Blacquiere reviewed the attached Vice President – Membership and Club Development Report. The attached Touring Committee Terms of Reference and Minutes of the Touring Committee were reviewed.

Possible improvements to the coordination of touring equipment were reviewed. It was agreed to revise the Terms of Reference to reinforce that the reporting relationship of the Committee is to the Vice President – Membership and Club Development. Blacquiere reported the Committee has been advised that all financial transactions must receive the prior approval of the Vice President – Membership and Club Development.

**Okens** will investigate the feasibility of interactive touring maps being linked to the ROWONTARIO web site.

### **5.4 Vice President – Coach and Athlete Development**

Thompson reviewed the attached Vice President – Coach and Athlete Development Report. It was suggested the Long Term Athlete Development model be presented at this year's training conference.

### **5.5 Vice President – Finance and Administration**

Warrington reviewed the attached Vice President - Finance and Administration Report as well as the Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2005 and Income Statement Comparison of Actual to Budget.

The Financial Statements show ROWONTARIO was in good financial standing for the previous fiscal year. Warrington advised he is considering deletion of the Bursary Fund and Officials' Fund given significant funding has since been budgeted for the purpose these funds were originally intended to serve.

**Okens** will report on the history of these funds before a recommendation is made to the Board.

The Income Statement Comparison of Actual to Budget for the 2005 to 2006 fiscal year was reviewed. Warrington advised ROWONTARIO is in good standing for the current fiscal year. There was some discussion as to why Umpire Support was trending to be under spent at year-end.

## **5.6 Secretary**

Dover reviewed the attached Registration Summary and forecasted individual registrations will be down compared to 2004. Okens reported that Merrickville Rideau Rowing Club has withdrawn their application for membership and their membership fee has been refunded. Concern was expressed regarding certain clubs who have not yet submitted a significant number of individual registrations.

## **5.7 Past President**

Chiasson reviewed the attached Past President's Report as well as the constitutional amendments required for presentation at the AGM. It was agreed a constitutional amendment will be developed so that the Vice President Coach and Athlete Development, Vice President Finance and Administration and Secretary will be elected in odd number years and Vice President Membership and Club Development, Vice President Events and Umpires and President will be elected in even number years.

Chiasson suggested it be formalized by way of constitutional amendment that the President or designate as determined by the Board represent ROWONTARIO at RCA meetings.

Dundas, Blacquiere and Moore offered to serve on the Awards Committee led by Chiasson.

The attached Rowing Canada Aviron Membership Fee Review Committee Ontario Participants Selection report was accepted subject to the following revisions:

- increase the term of representation from one year to two years
- stagger the terms of the small and large club representatives

- clarify the Nominating Committee shall nominate a slate of candidates

## **5.8 Executive Director**

Okens reviewed the attached Executive Director's Report as well as the 2005/2006 Submission Results.

Okens reported the Ministry ranked ROWONTARIO relatively low on quantitative measures whereas our program initiatives were ranked high relative to other provincial sport organizations. Okens concluded the best way to increase and secure our level of funding is to increase our membership beyond 7,500.

Okens reviewed the attached 2006 Ontario Summer Games proposal as well as the attached Training Conference and AGM Weekend proposal. Additional topics were recommended for consideration. It was agreed to forego the Silent Auction.

**Okens** will arrange the Training Conference and AGM Weekend based on input received.

## **5.9 Niagara District**

Brooks reviewed the attached Niagara District Report.

## **5.10 Southwestern District**

No report.

## **5.11 Eastern District**

Moore provided a verbal report.

## **5.12 Northwestern District**

Fleming reviewed the attached Northwestern District Report.

## **5.13 Central District**

Sutcliffe reviewed the attached Central District Report.

## **5.14 Northcentral District**

Barney reviewed the attached Northcentral District Report.

**MOTION** (Dundas/Blacquiere) “To move out of the Committee of the Whole.” CARRIED

**MOTION** (Brooks/Sutcliffe) “To accept the Reports as submitted.” CARRIED

The meeting was recessed at 5:05 pm on September 17, 2005

The meeting was reconvened at 9:15 am on September 18, 2005

## **6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Strategic Plan**

Okens reviewed the attached Strategic Direction 2005 – 2007 Progress Report, September 2005.

**Okens** will revise the Strategic Direction to incorporate input received and present at the next Board meeting.

### **6.2 MOTIONS**

**MOTION** (Chiasson/Dundas) “The Vice President Coach and Athlete Development, Vice President Finance and Administration and Secretary will be elected for two year terms in odd numbered years beginning in 2005. The President, Vice President Membership and Club Development and Vice President Events and Officials will be elected for two year terms in even numbered years beginning in 2006. To implement this change, the vote for President in 2005 will be for a one year term.” CARRIED

**Okens** will prepare and distribute in accordance with the requirements for constitutional amendments the required constitutional amendment to Article XII C. for a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

**MOTION** (Chiasson/Thompson) “The Past President shall be a member of the Awards Committee.” CARRIED

**Okens** will prepare and distribute in accordance with the requirements for constitutional amendments the required constitutional amendment to Article XVI C. 1. for a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

**MOTION** (Chiasson/Blacquiere) “The President or designate of the Board who is a current Board member may represent ROWONTARIO at meetings of Rowing Canada Aviron.” CARRIED

**Okens** will prepare and distribute in accordance with the requirements for constitutional amendments the required constitutional amendment to Article XIII for a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

**MOTION** (Chiasson/Sutcliffe) “The following slate of officers will be presented at the Annual General Meeting: Mike Thompson, President; Kyle Warrington, Vice President Finance and Administration; Jim Dover, Secretary and; Carol Love, Vice President Coach and Athlete Development.” CARRIED

**MOTION** (Chiasson/Blacquiere) “The selection process for Rowing Canada Aviron Membership Fee Review Committee representation be accepted as amended.” CARRIED

**MOTION** (Sutcliffe/Thompson) “The constitution be amended to require that members of ROWONTARIO be members of Rowing Canada Aviron.” CARRIED

**Okens** will prepare and distribute in accordance with the requirements for constitutional amendments the required constitutional amendment for a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

**MOTION** (Barney/Blacquiere) “The constitution be amended to mirror Rowing Canada Aviron individual membership category titles and descriptions as they are currently documented by Rowing Canada Aviron.” CARRIED

**Okens** will prepare and distribute in accordance with the requirements for constitutional amendments the required constitutional amendment to Article V for a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

**MOTION** (Blacquiere/Sutcliffe) “The Touring Committee Terms of Reference be accepted as amended.” CARRIED

**MOTION** (Blacquiere/Warrington) “The creation of a mobile touring center be accepted in principle with details to be finalized at the January Board meeting.” CARRIED

**MOTION** (Blacquiere/Barney) “Three T7s be sold by ROWONTARIO.” DEFEATED

**MOTION** (Sutcliffe/Dundas) “Active 2010 funding be sought to develop a strategy for rowable water identification.” CARRIED (Fleming opposed, Brooks abstained. Recorded upon request.)

**MOTION** (Thompson/Blacquiere) “The 2006 Ontario Summer Games proposal be accepted as presented.” CARRIED

**MOTION** (Fleming/Barney) “Family members may travel with Board members while on Board business provided no additional cost is incurred by ROWONTARIO and their presence does not interfere with ROWONTARIO business.” CARRIED

**MOTION** (Sutcliffe/Thompson) “The position of provincial head coach be established.” CARRIED (Opposed recorded upon request: Fleming and Blacquiere)

### **6.3 Next Meetings**

It was agreed that a Board meeting would be convened in early October by telephone conference to review the following outstanding items:

- Welland as permanent home for the Ontario Championships and Masters’ Championships
- Financial support for the development of the Welland course
- Funding for the provincial head coach
- 2006 membership fees
- Funding for an annual winter training camp for identified Ontario rowers
- 2005 to 2006 Budget Proposal
- Finalization of the Strategic Plan

**Okens** will research head coach job descriptions in comparable sports for review at the next Board meeting.

**Warrington** will tabulate the proposed dollar allocation to each of the four areas – Excellence, Participation, Interaction and Capacity - in the proposed 2005 to 2006 budget for review at the next Board meeting.

It was agreed a Board meeting will also be held at 7pm on November 4th, 2005 in Port Credit.

**MOTION** (Dundas/Warrington) “To adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm.” CARRIED