

# ONTARIO ROWING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – November 26, 2016

### Mississauga, Ontario

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Tom Blacquiere called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. A moment of silence was held in respect of Ontario rowing personnel and supporters who passed away this past year: Martha Coffey, Bruce Gibson, Gerry Cheevers, Mary Clare Lambdon, Emily Bretrell, John Walker, Dr. Erv Oinonon, June Prytulo, Dave Tesane, and Frank Dewer.

#### 2. QUORUM, MAJORITY, APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

The President reported that a quorum existed, and that with 55 of 68 voting members in attendance or by proxy, a majority will be 28 votes. Glenn Bailey and Ron (Swede) Burak were appointed as Scrutineers.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended to remove Item 8.1

**MOTION:** (Guelph Rowing Club/ Ottawa Rowing Club) "That the Agenda be accepted as amended."  
**CARRIED**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Association were reviewed.

**MOTION:** (London Rowing Club/ ONEC) "That the minutes of the ORA AGM 2015 be accepted as read."  
**CARRIED**

#### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM 2015 AGM MINUTES

There was no business arising.

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

**MOTION:** (St. Catharines Rowing Club/ Hanlan Boat Club) "To move into a Committee of the Whole"  
**CARRIED**

#### 7. BOARD REPORTS

##### 7.1 Annual Report

Derek Ventnor presented the Annual Report and responded to questions. He noted that reports will be posted on the website in advance of the AGM in future years. He highlighted the need to engage more clubs in the COAST (Club Operational Assets and Standards Tool) program—a program that underlines the value of the Association to the Clubs. Ventnor emphasized the work of Mike Purcer,

Director of High Performance and Coach Development, including documentation of the registration of all coaches. Canada Games will be hosted in 2017, in Winnipeg with the regatta in Kenora. Other areas highlighted in the report included: ROWONTARIO Athlete Development (ROAD) program, Row to Podium, Regattas and Regatta Development, the Umpire Training Conference to be held on February 25, 2017, RCA Membership review and restructuring, and changes to the staff structure.

## 7.2 Financial Reports

### 7.2.1 Audited financial Statements for Y/E March 2016

Barkwell noted that there are several levels of reviews of the finances of the Association: the Finance Committee, the Board and the auditors. He reviewed the financial statements and the year to date financial report, and the “clean” audit opinion. He noted that many grants received are flow-throughs; ROWONTARIO is the manager for two restricted funds: Row to Podium and Shells and Sails (now renamed as COAST).

### 7.2.2 YTD Financial Statements – October 31, 2016

Barkwell reviewed the Year to Date and Fiscal Year-End projections for the 2016/17 fiscal year. The Association is projecting a small surplus of about \$6,300, which includes the projected depreciation expense for the year.

**MOTION:** (Ridley Grad Boat Club/Middlesex-Western Rowing Club) “To come out of the Committee of the Whole”.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** (CSSRA /University of Toronto Rowing Club) “To approve the Reports as presented.”

**CARRIED**

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 9.2. Club Membership

#### 8.2.0. Approval of Full Status Club Membership

There are no applications for Full Status Club membership.

#### 8.1.2. Approval of Probationary Club Applications

Two new clubs have applied to join the Association.

**MOTION:** (Canadian Indoor Rowing Association / St. Catharines Rowing Club) “To approve North Bay Rowing Club for probationary membership.”

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** (ONEC/ Brock University Rowing Club) “To approve Royal Military College for probationary membership.”

**CARRIED**

### 9.3. Membership/Registration Fees for 2017-2018

The Treasurer recommends no change to the current club or individual membership fees.

#### 8.2.1. Club and Special Association Fees

**MOTION:** (Argonaut Rowing Club/Sudbury Rowing Club) "To approve the fees for Club and Special Association membership in the Association at \$600 for 2017/2018, unchanged from the previous year"

**CARRIED**

#### 8.2.2. Individual Membership Fees

**MOTION:** (London Rowing Club /Notre Dame Rowing Club) "To approve the Competitive rower fees at \$50.00, the Sport rower fees at \$20.00 and non-rower fee at \$0.00 for 2017/2018, unchanged from the previous year."

**CARRIED**

### 9. RCA Semi-Annual Meeting – January 2017

#### 9.1. RCA Semi-Annual Meeting

##### 9.1.1 Business for Semi-Annual Meeting

The RCA Membership Review Committee has proposed a new Membership model to go into effect in 2018. ROWONTARIO will adopt the same model, if it is approved at the RCA Semi-Annual Meeting. The members were asked to approve two motions, of which there was a recorded vote on the first motion.

**MOTION A:** (G. Barkwell, Treasurer/C. Waddell, Director) "That ROWONTARIO adopt the proposed RCA Membership Model effective April 1, 2018 as the new method of collecting membership fee revenue, contingent on the model being approved by the RCA Membership at the RCA Semi-Annual Meeting on January 29, 2017."

**CARRIED**

Members were asked to give the President direction when he attended the AGM in Richmond B.C. in late January, 2017.

**MOTION B:** (G. Barkwell, Treasurer/C. Waddell, Director) "That the ROWONTARIO President cast the Provincial Rowing Association vote 'in favour' of the proposed RCA Membership Model to take effect April 1, 2018."

**CARRIED**

##### 9.1.2. Direction to ROWONTARIO President

Blacquiere noted that he had historically sought direction from the members as to how to cast the ROWONTARIO vote at the RCA Semi-Annual meeting. The motion just passed was the only issue on which the President needed direction.

### 9.2. Ratification of Board of Directors' Actions 2015 – 2016

**MOTION:** (Argonaut Rowing Club/St. Catharines Rowing Club) "To ratify the Board of Directors' actions for the fiscal year 2015– 2016."

**CARRIED**

### 9.3. Next meeting

The 2017 Annual General Meeting will be November 25 (AGM and Training Conference) 2017 in Mississauga.

### 9.4. Other Business

Blacquiere described the election for President and two directors, as described in the Nominations Committee's published report. There are two new directors who have been acclaimed to the Board: Margherita Braga and Anthony Miller.

Blacquiere recognized Lynda Dundas, for her 17 years of dedicated service on the Board. Christopher Waddell thanked Blacquiere for his 15 years of dedicated service.

Blacquiere thanked the members for the opportunity to have served the Association over the past few years, and thanked the members for their dedication to the sport. The Association and the sport have evolved significantly in the past two decades, and are now in a very good place. The members recognized both Blacquiere and Dundas with a round of applause.

### 10. Adjournment

**MOTION:** (Notre Dame Rowing Club/Georgian Bay Rowing Club) "To adjourn the meeting at 10:21 am."

**CARRIED**

Judy Sutcliffe  
Secretary

**2016 ROWONTARIO Annual General Meeting  
Attendance & Recorded Vote - November 26, 2016**

<b>CLUB/ORG</b>	<b>Voting Delegate</b>	<b>Proxy Delegate</b>	<b>Recorded Vote – Motion 9.1.1 A</b>
Director – Barkwell	George Barkwell		In Favour
Director – Blacquiere	Tom Blacquiere		In Favour
Director – Dundas	Lynda Dundas		In Favour
Director – Schubert	Jurgen Schubert		In Favour
Director – Schweinbenz	Amanda Schweinbenz		In Favour
Director – Sutcliffe	Judy Sutcliffe		In Favour
Director - Waddell	Christopher Waddell		In Favour
Argonaut RC	Latham French		In Favour
Barrie RC	Matt Gleben		<b>Against</b>
Branksome Hall Rowing		Tom Blacquiere	In Favour
Brock University Rowing	Peter Somerwil		Abstention
Brockville RC		Tom Blacquiere	In Favour
Burnstown RC	Wes Kuran		In Favour
Cambridge RC			
Collingwood RC		Tom Blacquiere	In Favour
Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation		Peter Somerwil	<b>Against</b>
Canadian Indoor Rowing Assoc.	Susan Kitchen		<b>Against</b>
Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Assoc.	Dave Pelette		In Favour
Central Ontario Rowing Assoc.	Kelly Brigley		In Favour
Dominion Day Regatta Assoc.	Judy Sutcliffe		In Favour
Don RC	Lynda Dundas		<b>Against</b>
Durham RC	Jennifer Durward		In Favour
Georgian Bay RC	Tiffany Rusch		In Favour
Guelph RC	Julie Horrocks		In Favour
Haldimand Grand River RC	Pat Hyslop		<b>Against</b>
Hanlan BC	Nick Matthews		In Favour
Hatchets Training Centre	Kathy McCarthy		In Favour
Havergal RC	Manny Azarrer		In Favour
Island Lake RC			
Kingston RC			
Kitchener-Waterloo RC	Lisa Ross-Black		In Favour
Lasalle RC			
Leander BC			
London RC	Stephen Ross		In Favour
London Rowing Society			
Middlesex-Western RC	Scott Matthews		In Favour

<b>CLUB/ORG</b>	<b>Voting Delegate</b>	<b>Proxy Delegate</b>	<b>Recorded Vote – Motion 9.1.1 A</b>
Muskoka RC	Cindy Rusak		In Favour
Niagara Rowing School			
Niagara Falls RC	Wernher Verbraeken		In Favour
North Bay RC (probationary – non-voting)	Dean Hay		
Notre Dame RC	Monica Barkwell		In Favour
Ontario Adventure Rowing Assoc.	Richard Vincent		In Favour
Orillia RC	Barbara Pidgeon		In Favour
Ottawa New Edinburgh Club	Richard Vincent		In Favour
Ottawa RC	Lana Burpee		In Favour
Owen Sound RC	Karla Lang		In Favour
Peterborough RC	Beverly Cameron		In Favour
Queens University RC			
Quinte RC			
Ridley College RC			
Ridley Graduate BC	Monica Seymour		In Favour
Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Joint Commission		Michelle Kerr	<b>Against</b>
Royal Military College Rowing(probationary)			
Severn River RC	Mike Smith		In Favour
South Niagara RC	Red Morris		<b>Against</b>
St. Catharines RC	Michelle Kerr		<b>Against</b>
St. Catharines World Rowing		Michelle Kerr	<b>Against</b>
St. Lawrence RC			
Sudbury RC	Donna Spiegel		In Favour
Thunder Bay RC	Francie Sweitzer		In Favour
Tillsonburg RC	April Phillips		In Favour
Toronto Sculling Club			
Trenton Rowing and Paddling Club		Tom Blacquiere	In Favour
University of Toronto RC		Teresa Hill	In Favour
UWO BC	Dan Bechard		In Favour
Upper Canada College School RC	Jurgen Schubert		In Favour
Upper Canada RC		Tom Blacquiere	In Favour
Upper Ottawa Valley BC			
Welland Recreational Canal Corp.		George Barkwell	In Favour
Wellington Sculling Club	Shevonne VandenBurg		In Favour

48 Member Organizations + 7 Board Members = 55 votes

**Recorded Vote Results:** 1 Abstention; 9 Against; 45 In Favour