



ONTARIO ROWING ASSOCIATION
 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – November 30, 2019
 Mississauga, Ontario

In attendance

Argonaut Rowing Club	Barrie Rowing Club	Brock University Rowing Club
Brockville Rowing Club	Cambridge Rowing Club	Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association
Central Ontario Rowing Association	City of Welland	Dominion Day Rowing Association
Don Rowing Club	Durham Rowing Club	Georgian Bay Rowing Club
Hanlan Boat Club	Island Lake Rowing Club	Kingston Rowing Club
Leander Boat Club	London Rowing Club	Middlesex Western Rowing Club
Niagara Rowing School	Notre Dame Rowing Club	Ontario Adventure Rowing
Ottawa New Edingburgh Club	Ottawa Rowing Club	Peterborough Rowing Club
Queens University Rowing Club	South Niagara Rowing Club	St. Catharines Rowing Club
St. Catharines World Rowing	Sudbury Rowing Club	Toronto Sculling Club
University of Toronto Rowing	Upper Canada College	UWO Boat Club
Wellington Sculling Club	Director - Braga	Director - Hobbes
Director - Schubert	Director - Schweinbenz	Director - Sutcliffe
Director - Waddell		

Proxies

Branksome Hall Rowing	St. Catharines RC
Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Joint Commission	St. Catharines World Rowing
Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation	St. Catharines World Rowing
Canadian Indoor Rowing Association	Don RC
Hatchets Training Centre	Chris Waddell
Havergal Rowing Club	Jurgen Schubert
Niagara Falls Rowing Club	Chris Waddell
Orillia Rowing Club	Durham Rowing Club
Ridley College Rowing Club	Brock University RC
Ridley Graduate Boat Club	Brock University RC
Royal Military College	Queens University RC
Severn River Rowing Club	Georgian Bay Rowing Club
St. Lawrence Rowing Club	Chris Waddell
Thunder Bay Rowing Club	Chris Waddell
Director - Bersford	Amanda Schweinbenz

Regrets

Burnstown Rowing Club	Collingwood Rowing Club	Cornwall Rowing Club
Guelph Rowing Club	Haldimand Grand River	Lasalle Rowing Club
Muskoka Rowing Club	North Bay Rowing Club	Owen Sound Rowing Club
Quinte Rowing Club	Tillsonburg Rowing Club	Trinity College School
Upper Ottawa Valley		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chris Waddell – ORA President called the meeting to order at 5:11 PM. A moment of silence was held in respect of Ontario rowing personnel and supporters who passed away this past year. Notice of meeting was waived. The members of the Board of Directors and the staff were introduced.

2. ROLL CALL, QUORUM, MAJORITY, APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

A roll call was conducted. Chris Waddell reported that a quorum existed, and that with 55 of 68 voting members in attendance or by proxy, a majority will be 28 votes.

On a motion duly made by CSSRA and seconded by London RC be it resolved that Stephen Ross and Andrew Smith be appointed as Scrutineers for the 2019 Annual General Meeting. CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Notre Dame RC and seconded by Western Middlesex RC, be it resolved that the Agenda is approved as presented. CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Association were reviewed.

On a motion duly made by Durham RC and seconded by Ottawa RC, be it resolved that the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Rowing Association held on December 1st are approved as presented. CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

6. AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS

Judy Sutcliffe, Chair, ROWONTARIO Governance Committee, provided an overview of the reason for the addition to section 2.01 or (b) and (d) and reviewed the contents of the section.

On a motion duly made by South Niagara RC and seconded by St. Catharines RC, be it resolved that the addition to the By-laws of section 2.01 (a) and (d) that describe the length of terms of the Directors be approved. CARRIED

Addition to 2018 By-law	Wording of Addition
<p>2.01 Election and Term</p>	<p>2.01 Election and Term</p> <p>b. Each Director shall be elected for a term of three (3) years commencing on the date of the Members' Meeting at which such Director is elected until the Annual Meeting three (3) years hence or until his or her successor is elected or appointed.</p> <p>c. A Director is eligible for re-election for a consecutive term or terms, but a Director who has held office for three (3) consecutive terms is not eligible to be a Director by re-election or otherwise until the expiration of one (1) year from the date his or her office is vacated.</p> <p>d. Notwithstanding the preceding, for the purposes of transition to a rotating board:</p> <p>i. at the Annual Meeting in 2019, the Members shall elect three (3) Directors each for a three (3) year term (i.e. to the Annual Meeting in 2022 ((at which meeting they will be eligible for re-election in accordance with (c) above));</p> <p>ii. at the first (1st) Board meeting after the Annual Meeting in 2019, the Board shall by secret ballot conduct the following vote (the "Vote") regarding the four (4) current Directors whose term is set to expire at the Annual Meeting in 2020 (the "Four Directors"):</p> <p>a. the two (2) of the Four Directors with the most number of votes in the Vote shall have their term of office extended by one (1) year to the Annual Meeting in 2021 (at which meeting they will be eligible for re-election in accordance with (c) above); and</p> <p>b. the two (2) of the Four Directors with the least number of votes shall have their term of office expire at the Annual Meeting in 2020 as originally scheduled (at which meeting they will be eligible for re-election in accordance with (c) above).</p>

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	Following the Vote, the ballots will be destroyed and this subsection (d) of subsection 2.01 shall be deemed to be deleted from the By-laws.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF THE F2019 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The membership reviewed the audited financial statements and asked questions. Responses were provided by the Executive Director.

On a motion duly made by Sudbury RC and seconded by Ontario Adventure Rowing Association, be it resolved that the Audited Financial Statements for the period April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 be approved as presented. CARRIED

8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNAUDITED F2020 2ND QUARTER STATEMENTS

The membership reviewed the Q2 financial statements and asked questions. Responses were provided by the Treasurer and the Executive Director.

On a motion duly made by Ottawa RC and seconded by CORA, be it resolved that the Unaudited Financial Report for the period April 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 be received as presented. CARRIED

9. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Two of the three new directors (Meredith Smith and Janet Lancaster) briefly addressed the membership. The third new director had another commitment and had left the meeting.

On a motion duly made by CSSRA and seconded by London RC, be it resolved that the members nominated to serve as director, Dan O’Shaughnessy, Meredith Smith and Janet Lancaster be acclaimed. CARRIED

10. RECOGNITION OF OUT-GOING DIRECTORS

Chris Waddell recognized the retiring directors: Judy Sutcliffe, Jurgen Schubert and Pippa Hobbes and provided each with a token of appreciation.

11. TERMINATION

On a motion duly made by Dominion Day Regatta Association and seconded by Notre Dame RC, be it resolved that the meeting be terminated at 5:53 PM. CARRIED

Judy Sutcliffe
Secretary