



Board of Directors Meeting

May 11, 2017
Minutes of Meeting

Present:

President	Chris Waddell
Treasurer	George Barkwell
Director	Amanda Schweinbenz
Director	Margy Braga
Director	Jurgen Schubert
Director	Tony Miller
Executive Director	Andrew Backer
Regrets	
Secretary	Judy Sutcliffe

1. Call to Order

Waddell called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

2. 2017-18 Operating Budget and Projected 2018-19 Budget

Backer walked through the two versions of the budget for 2017-18 and proposed budget for 2018-19 circulated to the board earlier in the week.

Version 1 is the one included in the Ontario Amateur Sport Fund (OSAF) application submitted earlier this week. The board had earlier agreed that due to time constraints in its preparation, the board would not have the time to approve the budget prior to being submitted to the province. That version, prepared by Backer in consultation with Derek Ventnor and Barkwell forecasts a significant deficit in 2017-18 and almost equally large deficit in 2018-19.

That situation is not sustainable so Backer drafted a second version of the budget - version 2 - with the primary difference being changes to the high performance program. Making this change would dramatically reduce the

deficit in 2018-19 to a sustainable level that Backer believed could be largely offset with new revenue-raising initiatives.

However, upon reviewing that plan, Backer suggested that one possibility could be to modify ROWONTARIO's current high-performance program to make it sustainable, while still hitting the markers required to stay in the OHPSI program. He will discuss the concept with RCA and CSIO after an internal planning meeting on May 18. The version 2 budget reflects that change as there is no revenue or expenses included in the budget relating to OHPSI.

Schweinbenz supported the proposal in version 2 and indicated she believed it would be strongly supported by both clubs and members as there has been considerable dissatisfaction with aspects of the current Row to Podium program supported by OHPSI and how it operates. The result of the change being proposed, she believes, would be a better system with greater club involvement.

There was additional discussion about other possible ways to raise revenue but no decisions were made. Backer indicated the budget as laid out for 2017-18 is sustainable and 2018-19 is only draft so there will be time to make changes before it has to be approved.

MOTION: (Barkwell/Miller)

"To approve the 2017-18 budget version 2 while leaving open the possibility of continuing with OHPSI but only if it can be operated on a break-even basis for ROWONTARIO."

CARRIED

3. Staffing Model - In camera discussion

MOTION: (Barkwell/Schubert)

" To go in camera at 8:55 PM."

CARRIED

MOTION: (Barkwell/Schweinbenz)

" To come out of in camera at 9:20 PM."

CARRIED

4. Meetings

The next meeting will be held via conference call in the second half of June to approve the audited financial statements for the year. Backer will update the board on timing for that meeting after May 23-25 meetings with the auditor.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: (Schweinbenz/Miller)

"To terminate the meeting 9:30 PM"

CARRIED

Chris Waddell for
Judy Sutcliffe - Secretary