



Board of Directors Meeting

August 22, 2017

Minutes of Conference Call

Present:

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

1. Call to Order

Waddell called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2. OHPSI Update

Backer reported that he has received confirmation from CSIO that ROWONTARIO will be moved down to a Tier 2 sport with accompanying funding loss of \$138,500 in high performance programming funds. However, over the next year CSIO will provide transitional funding (of which the Ministry is supportive) and Backer has tabled a presentation and a budget describing how that will be accomplished. The presentation describes activity that has gone on since the beginning of this fiscal, the success of OHPSI athletes at Canada Games and on the world stage, and the budget covers expenses incurred to date and those proposed for the last half of the fiscal year. Iain Brambell (RCA's HPD) has approved the transitional plan, which includes a deficit of \$9,435. There was a discussion about RCA's Next Gen program, and relations with RCA generally. There is a provincial presidents' meeting in September where this issue will be discussed. Perhaps consideration should be given to the OHPSI criteria which mandates that Tier 1 funding is only available to sports that have a National Training Centre in Ontario, a decision over which, as it has been shown, the PSO has little influence.

MOTION: (Waddell/Miller)

"To approve the OHPSI revised budget with a deficit of \$9,435"

CARRIED

3. RCA's AGM – Vote for Board of Directors

Waddell described that there are three candidates running for two Directors at Large positions: Claire Buffone-Blair, Marisha Roman and Jennifer Walinga. There are also two candidates for President (Roger Jackson who has been endorsed by RCA; and Carol Purcer). The Board discussed the skill sets of both candidates for President and concluded that Carol's focus on supporting and developing clubs, building our participant base by drawing more youth into rowing, recruiting and developing coaches and creating a pathway for athletes to build their competitiveness is more appropriate for the leadership of RCA and more conducive to its long term success and sustainability, at this time.

MOTION: (Waddell/Schweinbenz) "That ROWONTARIO Board of Directors write to Member clubs in support Carol Purcer's candidacy for President of RCA, and include a link to the letter in English and French that she has sent to each Club in Canada."

CARRIED

4. Ontario Amateur Sport Fund

Waddell indicated that he has received some informal communications about the Ministry grant, which looks hopeful, but he is awaiting written confirmation.

5. Membership letter

Waddell wrote to Terry Dillon, RCA CEO expressing concern about the potential delay in implementation of the new membership system. A conference call has been scheduled next week among Waddell, Backer, Dillon and Donna Atkinson (consultant on the project for RCA), and Waddell will advise the Board of the outcome.

6. Audit

The audit has not been completed. Ventnor has not been able to make himself available. Next planned meeting between Ventnor and Backer is on Friday of this week.

7. Meetings

The next meeting will be held via conference call to review the audit, once complete.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: (Schweinbenz/Braga) "To terminate the meeting 6:47 PM"

CARRIED

Judy Sutcliffe
Secretary