



Board of Directors Meeting Toronto

November 26, 2017

Minutes

Present:

President	Chris Waddell
Director	Margy Braga
Director	Tony Miller
Director	Jurgen Schubert
Director	Amanda Schweinbenz
Director	Judy Sutcliffe
Executive Director	Andrew Backer

Regrets:

Director	Pippa Hobbes
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1.0 Call to Order and Agenda Approval

Waddell called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM.

MOTION: To approve the agenda.
Schweinbenz/Schubert - CARRIED

2.0 Minutes of Previous meeting

MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 8, 2017 as read.
Schweinbenz/Braga - CARRIED

3.0 Appointment of Officers

MOTION: To appoint Judy Sutcliffe as Secretary and Pippa Hobbes as Treasurer.
Schweinbenz/Miller - CARRIED

4.0 Signing Officers

MOTION: To appoint Christopher Waddell, Pippa Hobbes, Andrew Backer and Jurgen Schubert, as signing officers.
Waddell/Miller – CARRIED

Action Item: Signing officers need to send Backer a picture of a VOID personal cheque and copy of their driver's license so that they can be registered with the investment account

5.0 ROWONTARIO Registration Policy

The Coach and Umpire Policies approved in October have been amalgamated into the Membership and Participant Registration Policy and Procedure. The Policy was amended to remove section 11 (concerning transferring club memberships) in the draft document.

MOTION: To approve the Membership and Participant Registration Policy and Procedure as amended.
Miller/Braga – CARRIED

6.0 PSO Letter to Premier

A number of Provincial Sport Organizations met and discussed a plan to write to the Premier and articulate their concerns about the Ministry not meeting its commitments in Game ON (published in 2015). The hope is that a number of sports will sign the letter. The Board agreed that it would be best of the volunteer President signed the letter, and asked to see the letter before it is sent.

Action Item: Backer will send the Board a copy of the draft letter, when it is drafted.

7.0 ROWONTARIO office

Backer met with the 19 Waterman building manager in late November 2017 and was reminded that the office lease will terminate August 31, 2018 and that the Association has to provide six months' notice on its intention to stay or leave. This means that February 28, 2018 is the date by when a decision must be made and communicated. Backer indicated that a thorough proposal as to options and a recommendation for decision will be presented to the Board in January 2018.

Action Item: Backer will develop a proposal to the Board of Directors at their January meeting.

8.0 Rules of Racing

The Board of Directors discussed the letter-writing campaign concerning the proposal to remove junior lightweight rowing from the RCA Rules of Racing. The Board supports that there are opportunities to think differently about junior rowing and has tasked the staff to develop a Junior/High School one day Provincial Championship regatta with no lightweight events.

Action Item: ROWONTARIO staff will prepare a ROWONTARIO Junior/High School Championship Regatta proposal for the March 2018 Board meeting.

9.0 2017 Annual Conference review

MOTION: To move into camera at 10:30am.
Braga/Schweinbenz – CARRIED

MOTION: To exit in camera at 10:46am.
Braga/Schweinbenz – CARRIED

Action Item: ROWONTARIO staff will develop a proposal for the 2018 Conference after conducting a thorough review of the 2017 Annual Conference, including consultation with Ontario Sailing.

10.0 Role of the Board

Waddell noted that the Organization has had a tumultuous year highlighted with the transition of leadership in the office, the development of a new strategic plan and the reformatting of the Association's budget. Waddell's goal is to see the Board shift to focusing more on medium to long term issues while also supporting current initiatives (not operational, but more strategic).

Backer outlined that his goal is to be more task force based (outcome oriented) rather than establishing a number of standing committees. Backer will develop a list of tasks that require a task force to address – linked with the 2018 operational goals and present that to the Board in January 2018. The Board will look strategically where it may be important to have a Board member participate on a task force to help support current initiatives.

Action Item: Backer will draft a list of topics requiring task forces – linked with the 2018 operational goals and present that to the Board in January 2018.

11.0 ROWONTARIO/RCA Relationship

MOTION: To move into camera at 11:02am.
Schweinbenz/Schubert – CARRIED

MOTION: To exit in camera at 11:33am.
Schweinbenz/Schubert – CARRIED

Action Item: Waddell will invite C. Purcer and the other two Ontario based RCA Directors to an information meeting with the ROWONTARIO Board in March 2018.

12.0 Next Meetings

Wednesday January 17th 6:30pm –prep for RCA Conference.
[Conference call]

Wednesday February 21st 6:30pm – tentative – need for meeting TBC closer to the date
[Conference call]

Saturday March 24th 12:30pm – Q3 review, 2018/19 budget meeting, as well a dinner with
[In person] RCA Directors.

13.0 Adjournment

MOTION: To terminate the meeting 11:48 AM.
Schweinbenz/Braga – CARRIED

Judy Sutcliffe
Secretary