

ONTARIO ROWING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - November 14, 2010

Mississauga

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM by Lynda Dundas. A moment of silence was held in respect of Ontario rowing supporters who passed away this year.

2.0 QUORUM, MAJORITY, APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

The Executive Director reported a quorum existed.

David Derry and Horacio Tendilla were appointed as Scrutineers.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: (Joe Lyttle/ CSSRA) "That the Agenda be accepted as presented."
CARRIED

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Association were reviewed.

MOTION: (CSSRA/ Ottawa Rowing Club) "That the minutes of the ORA AGM 2009 be accepted as amended."
CARRIED

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM 2009 AGM MINUTES

There was no business arising

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

MOTION: (Vice President Events and Umpires / London Rowing Society) "To move into a Committee of the Whole"
CARRIED

7.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 President

Lynda Dundas reviewed the President's Report, and thanked Derek Ventnor, Jessica Perry, Phil Marshall and Siobhan McLaughlin for launching the High Performance Development Program this past summer within a compressed time frame. A Canadian Sport for Life / Long-Term Athlete Development model (CS4L/LTAD) implementation plan team is developing a plan to implement the model across the province. Dundas thanked Sudbury Rowing Club for hosting the Ontario Summer Games and congratulated the Organizing Committee of the FISA World Masters Rowing Championships on a job well done. Dundas reported that a Governance Committee has been struck to develop a work plan and recommendations on governance review; their first task was to complete a survey the results of which were published and will be posted on the website. She invited all members to attend the RCA Coaches Conference and AGM being held in Richmond B.C. in January, 2011 and requested that those

members who were not attending, please to assign their proxy forms to the ROWONTARIO President. Finally, she extended thanks for their contribution, to Carol Love, Deanne Moore and Jeanette Lunenborg who were retiring/had resigned from the Board.

7.2 Vice President Finance and Administration

7.2.1 Vice President's Report

George Barkwell reviewed the VP Finance and Administration Report to the Membership. He noted that the Association is tracking well against budget. He reviewed the current financial update to the end of October 2010 and reported that our short term investments are earning at a rate of 4.48% per annum.

7.2.2 Audited Statements, Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2010

Barkwell reviewed the Audited Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2010. The report is a "clean report" with no qualifications. He agreed to a request to change the title of the Officials' Fund to Umpires' Fund and this will be reflected in the 2010/11 Audited Financial Statements.

7.2.3 Membership/Registration Report

Barkwell noted that last year ROWONTARIO's membership surpassed 8000. The Association has set a target beyond that and needs to continue to grow. He encouraged any clubs who has not reported their full membership, to do so.

7.3 Vice President, Coach and Athlete Development

Dave Pelette reviewed the Coach and Athlete Development Report and thanked Carol Love for her contribution. He also thanked staff who were involved in the Row to Podium initiative. Looking to the future he foresaw a significant focus on CS4L/LTAD and Row to Podium. He also noted that coaching education is critical and has been shown to be a concern to members.

7.4 Vice President, Events and Umpires

Tom Blacchiere reviewed the Vice President – Events and Umpires Report. The Umpires Committee worked on improving the quality and number of Umpires across province. There were more participants and entries at the ROWONTARIO Masters' Championships compared with 2009. A review of the ROWONTARIO Championships has been undertaken in consultation with an advisory committee of experienced coaches. At the discussion session the previous day helpful feedback was received and he committed to bringing forward a plan next year for review by the membership. A management structure was established for the ROWONTARIO Championships to make it clear what are the roles and responsibilities of the Regatta Chair, Chief Umpire and ROWONTARIO staff.

7.5 Vice President, Membership and Club Development

Catherine Chapman reviewed the VP Membership and Club Development Report. She reported on the Adaptive Committee that met yesterday and indicated their willingness to attend any Club that was interested in starting an adaptive program. She noted that in support of high school rowing that an OFSAA program has grants of \$500 to assist high school students to learn a new sport. In Kawartha Lakes, the new Club is working to find a more appropriate location for its club house than the one originally chosen. She described a new program to "grow rowing" by RCA. Chapman also encouraged members to make use of the promotional post-cards.

7.6 Past President

No report.

7.7 District Reports

7.7.1 Central

Kelly Brigley reported that she had attended both meetings of both the Central Ontario Rowing Association (CORA) and Dominion Day Regatta Association. She has extended a request to member Clubs to see if she could attend their AGMs and has been invited by the Argonaut Rowing Club.

7.7.2 Eastern

Deanne Moore noted that she had received eight of nine club reports. She further reported that the Eastern Ontario Rowing Association Annual meeting was held in January 2010 and extended thanks to Ottawa Rowing Club especially Matt Waddell for his efforts in selecting, training and preparing a team for the Ontario Summer Games. She congratulated Quinte Rowing Club for their 25th anniversary and commented on her 10 year term as a District Representative.

7.7.3 Niagara

Dave Pelette reported that there were 10 clubs/associations in the district and noted that the clubs offer a range of programs. Membership in the district is around 2500, and he noted that they hosted 17 regattas, for 35 days of racing. He commended and thanked the volunteers in the Niagara region that made this possible.

7.7.4 North Central

Jeannette Lunenborg reported that the North Central District saw a lot of growth. Ontario Summer Games team was lead by Jurgen Schubert and she thanked the clubs that contributed to the preparation of the team.

7.7.5 Northwest

Glenn Bailey reported that Thunder Bay hired a coach from the Argonaut Rowing Club. They travelled a lot to regattas in the Northwest, Western Canada, and northern US. A land claim has been settled and as a result there is now development around the Thunder Bay Club. The Lipton Cup was moved to the Kenora Rowing Club from Winnipeg on very short notice and Kenora hosted the regatta.

7.7.6 Southwest

Mindy Bullen noted that she visited a number of Clubs and noted that six of 12 southwest Clubs reported. She expressed concern that many dams or weirs in South Western Ontario create bodies of water on which member clubs row, and these pieces of infrastructure are aging. At present, at least two clubs (Silver Lake and London) have no water on which to row; there may be more. Bullen described her difficult experience with Southwest clubs in working to assemble a team for the Ontario Summer Games.

7.8 Staff Reports

7.8.1 Executive Director's Report

Derek Ventnor reviewed the Executive Director's Report and underlined the concern expressed by Barkwell about the membership numbers—every member counts—and asked clubs to submit all of their members. He reported that the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport's (MHPS') interest in CS4L/LTAD is very high, underlined that this will likely not be a transient "fad", noted that the implementation plan being developed will include working closely with the clubs. Ventnor remarked on the online entry system tried with the three ROWONTARIO regattas this past summer. With regard to NCCP he noted that ROWONTARIO is attempting to get more instructors and more evaluators. Evaluations will be started in the spring of 2011, with the appropriate information being posted on

the website. He noted that the Ontario Summer Games was a different experience in different regions, with significant expenses incurred in particular by the Northwest Region. The regatta itself was well delivered and extended congratulations to Sudbury. He reported that the Sport Alliance of Ontario (that delivers the Games program on behalf of MHPS) has determined that rowing will be on the program of the 2012 Ontario Summer Games, to be held in Toronto. The regatta will be held on the Allan A. Lamport Regatta course, Toronto Island. The Row to Podium program was introduced in the summer and Ventnor thanked the members for the very helpful comments that had been delivered via the governance review survey. He encouraged members to continue to ask questions and every effort will be made to find answers and respond as quickly as possible.

He thanked Jessica Perry and Phil Marshall for their support in the management of the office and the delivery of the Row to Podium program.

There was a question about the impact of the Row to Podium (R2P) program on staff attentions and Ventnor made reference to the Governance Task Force in addressing some of those concerns. Barkwell also commented on the development of R2P and commended Ventnor for his leadership in this initiative.

There was a question about funding that would be made available with the Ontario Summer Games in Toronto. Ventnor reported that there has not been information provided by the MHPS or the SAO with respect to funding for 2012 OSG venues, but he will follow-up with the appropriate contacts with the Games branch of the SAO.

MOTION: (Ottawa Rowing Club/Ridley Graduate Boat Club) "To come out of the Committee of the Whole".

CARRIED

MOTION: (Guelph Rowing Club /Sudbury Rowing Club) "To approve the Reports as presented."

CARRIED

8.0 APPROVAL OF AUDITED STATEMENTS FOR THE 2009 - 2010 FISCAL YEAR

MOTION: (VP Finance and Administration/CIRA) "That the Audited Financial Statements Year ended March 31, 2010 be approved as presented."

CARRIED

9.0 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR THE 2010 – 2011 FISCAL YEAR

MOTION: (VP Finance and Administration/CSSRA) "To appoint Collins Barrow Toronto LLP as Auditors for ROWONTARIO the 2010-2011 fiscal year."

CARRIED

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Draw for the Sculls

At the direction of the President, the Executive Director drew names from a hat of Clubs that had submitted completed reports and were also present at the AGM. The sculling blades were awarded to the Silver Lake Rowing Club and the Ridley Graduate Rowing Club.

10.2 Club Memberships

10.2.1 Approval of Full Status Club Memberships

The Executive Director introduced the two Clubs that have completed the requirements for registration as full members.

MOTION: (Brock Rowing Club/VP Membership and Club Development) “That Welland Recreational Canal Corporation be admitted as a Full Member.”

CARRIED

MOTION: (Silver Lake Rowing Club /VP Membership and Club Development) “That Ontario Adventure Rowing Association be admitted as a Full Member.”

CARRIED

10.2.2 Approval of Probationary Club Applications

The Executive Director introduced the one Club that has applied to become a member of the Association.

MOTION: (CORA/CSSRA) “That Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Joint Commission Corporation be approved for probationary membership.”

CARRIED

10.3 Membership/Registration Fees for 2010 - 2011

10.3.1 Membership Fees

The Vice President, Finance and Administration, introduced the following motion.

MOTION: (Vice President, Finance & Administration /CORA) “That there be no change to the club membership fees or registration fees of the Association from the 2010/11 levels for 2011/2012.”

CARRIED

10.4 Events: 2011

10.4.1 2011 Ontario Ergometer Championships – host update

Ridley Graduate BC noted that the Ontario Ergometer Championships will be held on Sunday March 6, 2011 at Ridley College in St. Catharines.

10.4.2 2011 ROWONTARIO Masters Rowing Championships and ROWONTARIO Championships

2011 will be the second year of a three year hosting agreement with the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation (WRCC). The ROWONTARIO Masters Championships will be held on the North course on July 10th and the ROWONTARIO Championships on the South course on July 23rd -24th.

For the benefit of members, the Executive Director also noted that the CSSRA will be held on June 3-5, 2011; CORA championships – July 9th; Royal Canadian Henley (Masters’) July 31st and the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta will be held August 2 – 7, 2011.

10.4 Other New Business

10.5.1 2011 ROWONTARIO Training Conference AGM Date

There was a proposal from the membership and a straw vote held to move the ROWONTARIO Training Conference and Annual General Meeting to the first weekend of December, now that RCA has moved to January. As this will involve discussions with the hotel where the conference is being held, there was no resolution.

10.5.2 Ratification of Board of Directors' Actions 2009 – 2010

MOTION: (Ridley Graduate Boat Club /London Rowing Club)
"To ratify the Board of Directors' actions for the fiscal year 2009 – 2010."

CARRIED

10.5.3 RCA Annual General Meeting

Ventnor reported that the next RCA AGM is being held in Richmond, B.C. on January 26 - 30 2011.

10.5.3.1 Proxies

Clubs not attending the RCA AGM were encouraged to submit their proxy form to another member club that is attending or to be carried by the President of ROWONTARIO, especially in light of the voting on the proposed changes to the Rules of Racing. Proxies will be emailed, posted to all Clubs.

10.5.3.2 Other

Silver Lake Rowing Club

Jim Dover thanked the ROWONTARIO and RCA Board for their assistance, and noted the need to access experts in fish habitat, sedimentation, and river life who can provide advice to their initiative to save the dam. He reported that discussions are underway to hold the Silver Lake Sprints in Guelph in 2011.

11.0 ROWONTARIO ELECTIONS/ACCLAMATIONS Executive Officers (President, Vice President Membership and Club Development, Vice President Events and Umpires)

Lynda Dundas was acclaimed as President.

Catherine Chapman was acclaimed as Vice President Membership and Club Development.

Tom Blacquiere was acclaimed as Vice President Events and Umpires.

11.1 District Representatives (Northwest, Eastern, North Central, Niagara)

Northwest District announced that Glenn Bailey of Thunder Bay Rowing Club was acclaimed as Northwest District Representative.

Eastern District announced that Chantal Saunders of Ottawa Rowing Club was acclaimed as Eastern District Representative.

North Central District announced that Jurgen Schubert of Barrie Rowing Club was acclaimed as North Central District Representative.

Niagara District announced that Mike Ionson of the South Niagara Rowing Club was elected as the Niagara District Representative to complete the remainder of the current term.

12.0 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Lynda Dundas thanked the Board members for their hard work over the past year. She also thanked Mike Thompson as the longest standing past president.

MOTION: (CORA/Guelph Rowing Club) "To adjourn the meeting at 11:42 PM."

CARRIED

Judy Sutcliffe
Secretary