



**SASKATCHEWAN ROWING ASSOCIATION 2017
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES**

Video Conference Meeting

June 26, 2017

7:00 PM

**510 Cynthia St Saskatoon. SK
2205 Victoria Ave. Regina, SK**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Doug Zolinski, Craig Hamilton, Karen Glazebrook

Staff: John Haver, Garrett Mathiason, Betty Henderson

Conference Call/Phone: Russ Hart, Ted Cooke, Chad Jedlic

Regrets: Ian Mitchell, Joel Bancescue, Shannen Fisher, Kristy Reiber

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: *to adopt the agenda as amended* **Craig/Karen**
Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes from 2016 AGM

4.1. Errors and Omissions

4.2. Business arising

Motion: *to adopt the minutes from the 2016 AGM* **Karen/Craig**
Carried

5. Reports

5.1. Presidents Report

5.2. Past President

5.3. VP High Performance

- 5.4. VP Programs
- 5.5. VP Development
- 5.6. Coaches
- 5.7. Club Reports
 - 5.7.1. RRC
 - 5.7.2. SRC
 - 5.7.3. LRC
 - 5.7.4. PA Drifter

6. New Business

6.1. Receive Financial Statements and Reports from Auditor

Motion: *to adopt the Financial Statement & Reports from Auditor Craig/Ted*
Carried

6.2. Appoint Auditor for ensuing year

Motion: *to appoint Marcia Herback as auditor for the 2017-18 fiscal year Russ/Karen*
Carried

6.3. Elections and filling Vacant Board Positions

Reps are just references and not Slate

President-Doug Zolinski-Acclaimed
Past President-Russ Hart-Acclaimed
VP Administration-Vacant
VP High Performance-Ted Cooke-Acclaimed
VP Development-Joel Bancescue-Acclaimed
VP Programs-Craig Hamilton-Acclaimed

SRC Rep-Karen Glazebrook
RRC Rep-Ian Mitchell
LRC Rep-Kristy Reiber
PA Drifters Rep-Shannen Fisher

Motion: *to accept Board slate as presented Ted/Chad*
Carried

6.4 Amendment of Bylaws and Amendment of Articles

Proposed Amendments to the Articles

Item 3 - The classes of membership: to be changed from: 'one Class' to 'Full Membership and Associate Membership'

Item 5 - Number (or minimum and maximum number) of director: be changed from a minimum of five (5) to a minimum of three (3) and change the maximum of Nine (9) to a maximum of Twelve (12).

Item 8 - Liquidation and dissolution of the corporation: Presently is transferred to the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association. Change to:

- In the event of dissolution the Corporation, its property and assets shall firstly be applied to any outstanding liabilities. The remaining property of the Corporation shall, in the course of liquidation or dissolution, be transferred to either:
 - o RCA
 - o Member Rowing Clubs
 - o Full Membersas determined by the Board.

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

6 c) Pursuant to the Articles of the Corporation, there shall be a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of nine (9) directors elected to the board. Change the minimum number of directors to three (3) and a maximum of twelve (12).

Liquidation and Dissolution

b) change to

The remaining property of the Corporation shall, in the course of liquidation or dissolution, be transferred to either:

1. RCA
2. Member Rowing Clubs
3. Full Members

as determined by the Board.

Motion: *the Board of Directors motion to recommend the amendments to the bylaws and the amendments to the articles as put forward to the board of director meeting.* **Russ/ Ted**
Carried

Motion: *that amendment of the bylaws and the amendment of the articles be approved as recommended to the membership by the Directors* **Chad/Karen**
Carried

7. Adjournment

Motion: *to adjourn meeting at 8:25* **Garett/Ted**
Carried

June 18, 2017

President's Report for AGM

First and foremost I would like to thank all the board for getting us through another year. Our audit was completed earlier than in previous years and has set us up nicely to have our Annual Follow-up Report to Sask. Sport completed early, or at the very least in time for the July 1st deadline. Thanks you Betty for getting all of our financials together and working on the Follow-up Report!

Financially speaking we did finish the year in a slight deficit position but much less than anticipated. Even though we will be receiving less money from Sask Sport in the coming years, it appears as if we will be weather the storm and work through the reduction in funding and finish the upcoming year in a balanced position.

As you know we are still with out a VP of Administration. I will continue to my recruiting efforts and will hopefully have the position filled in the coming weeks. As we enter another fiscal year, my hope is that we can get back on our term cycle for board members.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Zolinski

Report of the Past President and
Representative to Provincial Advisory Council
June 26, 2017

I attended the last PAC meeting on June 21, 2017 by way of telephone conference.

1. Masters Sub-Committee

PAC has created a masters sub-committee to review masters rowing in Canada. An objective is to develop Canadian strategy to further engage masters rowers in rowing. Another objective is to evaluate the current Canadian masters championship system and determine the best approach for a competition system in Canada. There will be no Canadian masters championship in 2017. Given the planning process and the difficulty in any hosting club to plan, PAC has recommended that there be no masters championship in 2018. The committee will organize a survey to be forwarded to all masters rowers.

2. RCA Matters

- a. Next Gen and RTP Programs – These programs are under review at the provincial level. The objective of RCA will be to enhance the pathway while working with clubs and universities.
- b. Fundraising Program – RCA will focus on offsetting fees contributed by junior and U23 athletes. Funds will be generated from a donor group and through matching funds crowdsourcing campaign.
- c. Event Management System– RCA is finalizing an agreement with Regatta Central and in active discussion re: improvements to the system.
- d. Insurance – RCA has established an online registration for new members which hopefully will address the insurance issue for new members who for example may come to try rowing out at a come-and-try event.

Russell Hart
Past President
Representative to PAC

SRA - High Performance Report, Ted Cooke VP High Performance

Update on milestones to end of 2016/2017 cycle:

- 1 Coach reviews were conducted with both coaches, review included discussion of athlete survey results, review of HP Plan, and personal review with each coach. Take-aways include:
 - Coaches requested more feedback/interaction with SRA in addition to annual review. VP HP will coordinate with coaches to have additional meetings throughout year to review goals and get feedback on HP program.
 - Coaches are going to revise the HP Plan to capture issues discussed during review process.

Focuses for 2017/2018 cycle:

- 1 Coaching clinics: As detailed in Coaches Report, Weekend 1 was completed and Garrett M is now certified to deliver weekend 1. Weekend 2 is still planned to run August 19/20.
- 2 Recruitment: Coaches are focused on CSG but have implemented a plan to retain athletes who did not make the racing team and are working with the clubs recruitment programs.
- 3 CSG team selection is finished and the team has been announced.
- 4 Achieve goals for Canada Games 2017 as detailed in High Performance Plan.

Tasks/Issues arising from meetings with HP Coaches:

1. As I had a child trying out for the provincial team, I recused myself from observing the selection process and invoked the HP Committee to observe the final selection camp. Lauren of Saskatoon and Willie of Regina observed the seat racing for SRA as part of the HP Committee. Willie was also present and observed the first selection camp.
2. It became apparent in discussion with the Coaches regarding the selection process that in previous years the SRA Board through the position of VP HP did not observe the team selection process directly. The Provincial sport governing body through its representatives should observe provincial team selection processes directly and this should be made clear within the requirements of the VP HP position.

Regards,
Ted Cooke

SRA- VP Programs report June 2017

On the coach development side, the SRA hosted an RCA coach weekend #1 clinic and was held April 29th and 30th in Saskatoon. The RCA coach stream is best suited for coaches who are interested in working with intermediate rowers in competition, in the Train to Train and Learn to Compete stage.

On the umpire development side, Dave Woytowich was appointed the head referee for the 2017 Sprints Regatta that was held in Regina at the start of June. Congratulations to Dave for his continued commitment to officiating in the province.

Regards

Craig Hamilton

SRA - VP Development report (June 26, 2017)

The two newer rowing clubs (Prince Albert and Lloydminster) to the province have retained engaged and active participants through the winter/spring seasons. The established rowing clubs have also been successful at maintaining their off-season participant's numbers.

General readiness activities have been occurring by the four rowing clubs in the province for on water training.

Successful "learn to row" programs have been executing in all four clubs. A successful "crew challenge" initiative lead by the Regina Rowing Club added additional racing participants to the Western Canada Sprints regatta.

As a matter to note, I'm identifying that participation levels are down across the province.

Provincial Coach Report- SRA AGM June 26th, 2017

Coaches Association of Canada-Apprentice Coach-Lauren Ritchie

Lauren has been in the apprentice program with John as her mentor since the spring of 2016. Lauren spends a minimum of 3 hours a week in direct mentorship (sharing a coach boat) with Coach John.

Coaching Certification

Garett conducted a RCA Coach Weekend# 1 in Saskatoon. Garett co-facilitated the weekend with Master Facilitator Chris Davidson. Garett is now trained to facilitate RCA Coach Weekend# 1 by himself.

On Water Training/Indoor Training

**Program available upon request*

Development

We are mindful of rowing beyond 2017 Canada Summer Games. On the 2017 CSG Team, there are 7 athletes that are eligible for the 2021 CSGs. This is significant compared to 2013 Games where we had 3 athletes eligible.

CSGs Selection

We feel selection for the 2017 Canada Summer Games has been successful. We are still sorting out naming all the crews but we are happy with where we are at with this.

Canada Summer Games Team

Aleia Asmundson
Maria Brockman
Sarah Craven
Roslynn Dagenais
Elana Gelineau
Mayah Golden
Dominique Gray
Elan Jacobson
Caitlyn Kirkpatrick
Wardah Mahmood
Kendell Massier
Lauren Matai
Alyssa McCullough
Kate Morstad
Brenna Randall
Molly Escott

Madison Johnson
Zeyad Aboudheir
Wisam Ashique
Liam Cattet
Eric Chateigner
Connor Cooke
Brammon Edwards
Zayn Haque
Ben Hersche
Matthew Johner
Lam Le
Thomas Markewich
Rogan Noble
John Perverseff
Stephen Perverseff

Note: There are 15 women (2 coxwains included in that number) and 14 men. We also have named two non-traveling spares this Canada Games. Further explanation of this decision can be given at the AGM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Garett Mathiason & John Haver

RRC Report to SRA AGM 2017

Please accept the following report on the activities of the Regina Rowing Club.

1. RRC thanks SRA for support for new equipment purchases and sale of older equipment to Lloyd.
2. RRC thanks SRA for funding coach (Garett Mathiason) within our club.
3. RRC update
 - a. CMC was a good event last year. Attendance lower than desired but was nice to host event.
 - b. Membership is lower but new programs appear to be working to draw in new members. We are offering an elementary / high school program and Crew Challenge. Goal is now to convert to full time members.
 - c. Club is financially stable.
4. RRC requests from SRA the following:
 - a. Funding for Umpires at Sprints and any major regattas hosted. The RRC regattas benefit the entire SK rowing community. There was serious discussion at the RRC of not hosting sprints this year. SRA support for umpires has been valued in the past, and the decision to eliminate that funding was not well received by the organizing committee.
 - b. Clear direction from SRA in terms of what grants are available, for how much, for what purpose, and how they will be allocated is required so that clubs can plan.
 - c. Coaching education and development is critical to the future of the sport in the province. Existing efforts are good. Further attention must be focused on this area.

Thank you to the provincial association volunteers.

Regards

Chad Jedlic

Regina Rowing Club

Saskatchewan Rowing Association Board Meeting Report

Submitted By: Karen Glazebrook, Saskatoon Rowing Club Representative

Date: June 13, 2017

1. **Membership and Programs**

- Learn to row program has been busy during May and June. Sessions continue in July and will be offered in September as well.
- Several people took part in the RCA Weekend 1 clinic held in Saskatoon.
- Offering a new novice program this year with a dedicated coach and experienced members volunteering to bow boats.
- High performance program continues under John's leadership, with Lauren helping with the junior development program
- Seniors and masters programs continue with Lauren as coach
- Funding received from City of Saskatoon to help support a learn-to-row program this summer with the open door society youth which is planned for August.

2. **Facilities and Equipment**

- Awaiting delivery of new Learn to Row single and double to supplement/replace aging Hudson trainers and provide a better experience for learn to row participants. We are requesting funds from the MAP grant 2017-18 for these.
- Lease renewal with City of Saskatoon now signed for one-year.

3. **Staff**

- Lauren Ritchie is full time club coach supported partially by a Canada Summer Jobs grants and also working under John's mentorship with the women in coaching grant.
- Liam Cattet coaching the new novice program
- Nicole Golden is part-time honorarium based club admin
- Volunteers LTR coaches receive small honoraria

4. **Events**

- Club competed at Regina Sprints. Prairie champs and Alberta Open upcoming.
- Successful Rowathon fundraising event held in May at Saskatoon Farmers market, raised some money, of which half was pledged to Children's Hospital (about \$300 each) but also created invaluable awareness about the club, including media coverage.
- June 25th the club is participating in a celebration of people-powered boating on the South Saskatchewan River in partnership with other local groups and clubs.
- Club received some media attention in May related to the media release and the City of Saskatoon's proposed motor boat launch right next to the Victoria Boathouse.
 - Everyone is encouraged to read the media release from the rowing club, rec canoe club, and racing canoe club and join the facebook group called "it's not just water under the bridge" to advocate for safety for everyone on the south Saskatchewan river.
<https://www.facebook.com/paddlesafesaskatoon/>

Lloydminster Rowing Club Annual Report

2016/2017 Season

The Lloydminster Rowing club had a year of significant growth and expansion in terms of membership, equipment and education. The club benefitted greatly from the enthusiastic support of the rowing “community”. Our provincial governing body, Saskatchewan Rowing Association, the Regina Rowing Club, the Saskatoon Rowing Club and the Lakeland Rowing club of Vermilion all assisted our group in our efforts to restore and rejuvenate our club.

The limiting factors to growth in our club at the beginning of the 2016 season were equipment and coaching. Through the support of the Saskatchewan association and clubs we were able to acquire additional boats and oars. A functioning dock was installed and we were able to schedule regular practices with our club’s founding member, Dr. Raffath Sayeed. A number of members were able to participate in a development camp hosted by the Lakeland Club in July. Brian Woytowich, a Saskatoon Rowing club alumni, assisted us for 6 weeks at the end of our season. Eight LRC , 7 of which were novices, participated in the Canadian Masters in Regina. Nine club members raced in the Head of the South Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. These opportunities were only made possible by the generosity of the Saskatoon and Regina clubs in the form of boats and coaching! Five of our club members signed up for the weekly workouts and the SRA erg series and two of the members participated in the Prairie Indoors in Saskatoon.

Midway through our 2017 season, we are on our way to achieving a number of our objectives. We held learn to row dry-land session targeted towards junior rowers. From this group 10 completed a Learn to Row program in Vermilion, and from this group 5 continued to train with Peter Walsh and competed in a high school race in Leduc on June 17th. Our club membership is growing and is comprised of a mix of returning members, new to the sport adults and juniors, and new to the club but experienced, competitive rowers. The main dock was improved and expanded this spring and an additional dock was added to be used exclusively for the coach boat.

The primary long term focus of the club continues to be growth of the membership across a broad spectrum of ages, ability, and competitive focus.

The actions required to achieve these objectives include:

- continuing to maintain/repair existing equipment to be able to provide a safe and enjoyable development program.

- providing support to members to complete their NCCP certification.

We look forward to another exciting season on the water!

Submitted by: Kristy Reiber
Lloydminster Rowing Club

PADRC Report

June 23, 2017

We expected 13 Returning Members to register with PADRC this season. However, so far, only 9 have registered. I will be in contact with the others throughout summer to find out why they didn't register (to see if we could have done something differently).

We currently have 9 registered in the Learn-to-Row Clinics. We are hosting two LTR Clinics throughout June. Originally we thought the clinics would be done the last week of June, but the water level has been too high to row for the past week (since June 17), so we will extend LTR clinics into July. We have about 20 more people waiting to take LTR this summer, so we might consider doing one or two more clinics. However, it depends on coaching availability.

Programs Being Offered

We have opened all programs to 18 and over only. This is because we are still a small club, and need to build our coaching capacity before we can open it to younger people. I think our youngest member is in their mid-20s, and I'm surprised that we didn't get an 18 and 19 year olds interested in trying rowing this year.

We are running two LTR clinics right now, and had one short weekend clinic for Returning Members (1+ year experience) with another Returning Members clinic set for early September. We have a gap in programming for Returning Members and our biggest obstacle to that is having qualified coaches who can facilitate those clinics. We approached Nicole from SRC about providing more clinics to Returning Members for us, and she said she'd take our request to the SRC board.

Fundraising

I gave our club a goal of fundraising 3000.00 this year. We plan to do that with 3 fundraising events: the Ice Break Draw (ended March 31, we made 97.00), selling organic fruit (June and July) and selling tickets for a Boat of Booze (in October). Unfortunately our fundraising efforts will come in very low. At this point, I don't expect to raise more than 500.00. All fundraising goes towards new equipment, so it could be a long time before we upgrade anything!

Equipment/Boathouse/Dock Maintenance

All of our equipment is well-loved and could use an update. However, the board agrees that the shells and oars we currently have are perfect for inexperienced rowers because more inexperience rowers are harder on equipment. Some of the shells need some minor repairs. We think we will be able to do all repairs for under 1000.00. We had planned to do these repairs in May, but we built a dock then instead, so I hope to work on repairs through the summer season.

Over winter, the pipes in the boathouse froze and burst. Fortunately, the City of PA paid for the repairs because the City of PA forgot to shut the water off. They did a great job repairing it but repairs weren't completed until the week of June 12.

We were unable to do a proper boathouse cleaning and inventory counting this spring because of the water damage and dock construction. Maybe next spring!

We secured 4000.00 in funding from the City of PA to repair and upgrade our docks. We added about 25 feet to the length of the dock. So far, we've spent 3300.00 on the dock extensions, but we didn't have time to paint them with a sealant before putting them in the water. We will hopefully do that in fall and use the remaining 700.00 to purchase the sealant. Labour was provided by our club.

Coaching

We currently have 5 club members who can teach LTR (Rene, Tanja, Nicole, Shannen and Dan). We have 2 club members who've expressed interest in taking the coaching clinic when it's offered again next May. I hope to find others interested in taking it, too.

Of the 5 LTR coaches, 4 have been coaching the June LTR clinics. Dan has been unable to coach because he has other conflicting commitments.

Shannen, Nicole and Dan took the coaching clinic offered in May. Shannen plans to attend again in August. Nicole has completed her BoatSmart certification and is learning to run the coach boat. Shannen and Dan are working on their BoatSmart certification.

Relationship Building

The City of PA has been very supportive of the club. They are there for me with maintenance problems, grants and general challenges I have. We have two suppliers that have helped a lot – Thorpe’s Roofing who installs and removes the dock from the river every year, and PA Alarms who manages our alarm system. We’d like to offer LTR clinics to all 3 organizations at a discount, as a way of thanking them and building club membership, but it depends on coaching availability.

We are a working club, and all of our members understand they need to volunteer some time to running the club. However, a lot of our members are feeling burned out, and I’m concerned that some people won’t renew their memberships next year because of the volunteer workload. Ideally, it would be nice to hire someone, but I’m not sure where the funds will come from, so it’s not an option for us at this time..

Respectfully submitted,

Shannen Fisher, PADRC Chair