

Row NS Annual General Meeting - Minutes

February 25, 2021

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Katie Edwards, seconded by Emily Jago.

2. Identification of voting delegates

Antigonish Rowing Club: Katie Edwards, Mike McCarron

Halifax Rowing Club: Jen Devitt, Linda Lee

MicMac Amateur Aquatics Club: Mark Sebestik, Linda Young

North Star Rowing Club: Roger O'Neill, Peter Webster

Lunenburg Yacht Club: Joan Sargeant, Gill Graves

Board: Erica Gagnon, Will Bryden, Greg Scherkoske, Emily Jago, Joan Backman

Quorum is met.

3. Approval of the agenda

Mike McCarron motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Emily Jago. Motion carried.

4. Approval of the previous year's minutes

Joan Backman motioned to approve the 2020 AGM minutes as presented, seconded by Roger O'Neill. Motion carried.

5. Reports from the Board of Directors - detailed presentation slides available on Row NS website

Report on Row NS membership statistics by Pat Thompson: Overall decreases in membership in 2020 due to COVID-19 (most sports seeing 40-60% decrease in membership due to the pandemic) and Row NS is on par with that

a. President's Report

- i. Exec summary: Satisfied with engagement during the pandemic considering the realities, great board participation, stronger relationship with RCA, good virtual event participation, very high numbers of athletes winter training this year, received several bits of relief funding/grants, happy with provincial team training and focus throughout pandemic, have added two coastal doubles to fleet and have big plans for expansion of coastal rowing and a possible event, Safe Sport

will soon be implemented in NS, Row NS now has a technical director (Jenna Pelham), received a grant for officials in NS.

- ii. Looking ahead: Canada Games has been postponed to 2022, operationalizing strategic plan, growing coastal rowing, masters rowing, and indoor rowing

b. Technical Director Report

- i. Working towards full coach certification for NS coaches
- ii. Did a LTR workshop in summer 2020
- iii. Targeted groups for participation in high schools and with Boys and Girls Club (on hold due to COVID-19), as well as a few projects on hold due to COVID related to coastal/come and try

c. Provincial Coach Report

- i. Program somewhat hindered with restrictions this year, but were still able to operate on-water this season. Training hours were a little lower due to pandemic.
- ii. Talent ID program was able to operate before pandemic hit in March 2020, identified 7 potential athletes, one on team now. Working with potential Canada Games athletes now.
- iii. With national regattas cancelled this year team could not compete, but athletes did receive invites to Next Gen training camps/other training camps
- iv. Were able to shift to virtual training through second wave in NS
- v. Review of coaching and support staff during past year and facilities they've utilized
- vi. Received financial support from Support4Sport for several initiatives

d. Treasurer's Report

- i. Detailed financial report available here:
<http://www.rowns.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/December-2020-Financials.pdf>
- ii. Received COVID relief funding to compensate for lost revenue in 2020 due to not holding regattas
- iii. Reviewed 2020 spending
- iv. Introduced 2021 budget (projecting a loss of funds, but anticipating grants)

6. Election of officers

- a. Judith Kays only board member whose term is up. Asking for nominations from the floor for Director at Large 4 - none.

Motion to reinstate Judith Kays. Greg Scherkoske motioned, seconded by Roger O'Neill. Motion carried. Judith Kays will remain on BOD for another term.

7. New business - none.

8. Meeting adjournment

Greg Scherkoske moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Webster. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.