

Row NS Annual General Meeting - Minutes

February 17, 2022

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Katie Edwards, seconded by Judith Kays.

2. Identification of voting delegates

Antigonish Rowing Club: Katie Edwards

Halifax Rowing Club: Jonathan Tyson, Brian Robinson

MicMac Amateur Aquatics Club: Linda Young, Mark Sebastik

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

Lunenburg Yacht Club: Judith Riddoch, Joan Backman

Board:

Quorum is met.

3. Approval of the agenda

Greg Scherkoske 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 2021 AGM minutes as presented, seconded by Roger O'Neill. Motion carried.

5. Reports from the Board of Directors

President's Report

Exec summary:

COVID still impactful in 2021, mostly impacted in LTR programs and volunteers/club personnel.

Excellence portfolio

- great racing in 2022 - B. Miller's win at world coastal regatta and call-up to national training centre. Good results at U23 world junior champs, member named to CanAmMex team. NRC showing great too. A. Todd raced at Paralympics last summer. P. Cody coached at world junior champs and J. Pelham Todd coached at world beach sprints.
- Canada Games 2022 last year with rowing. Rowing no longer part of sports for future Canada Games after 2022.

Governance

- Safe Sport: Emily Jago on national Safe Sport committee - still long way to go on this matter but heading in right direction.
- Strategic planning exercise fell a bit to the side this year due to COVID situations and some other matters, so will be finalized by the new board in 2022.
- Lots of time in last two years looking at partnership agreements between CSCA, Sport NS, etc. and new agreements being signed in next month.
- Strain on volunteers due to pandemic

Participation

- country's most successful beach sprint trials held in Lunenburg last summer, and come and try coastal event with 40+ people in attendance
- Beast of the East 2021 great participation from rowing community and external groups like Crossfit, and hosting it again in 2022.
- Clubs reporting similar or lower numbers to membership last year, however NS doing well compared to others nationally

Coaching & Officiating

- Virtual Coach Weekend 1 workshop which was successful for people in NS and also region
- 3 new LTR certified coaches and 1 new RCA certified coach, and 1 RCA certified performance coach, 3 new learning facilitators ready to deliver workshops, and 1 coastal certified coach
- Umpires still well led by Linda Lee

Coastal boat update:

Coastal boats available to people participating in coastal events, using them in a mobile fleet around the province, and using for clubs. Intent is to have rec and high performance coastal programs. Working to have a trailer designed for the fleet to make it mobile.

Financial Report

Detailed 2021 financial report and new 2022 budget available here:

<http://www.rowns.ca/row-ns-annual-general-meeting-scheduled-for-february-17/>

- Still a strong year considering everything happening. Some delayed billings caused some loss of money, but actuals showed we were up by the end of 2021 budget year.

Judith Kays motioned to approve 2021 financial statements, seconded by Jonathan Tyson. Motion approved.

- Predicting a loss for 2022

6. Election of officers

Proposed slate of new board members:

President: Emily Jago

Secretary: Erica Gagnon

Treasurer: Warren Laybolt

DAL1: Andrew Todd

DAL2: Morgan Jarvis

DAL3: Austin Cameron

DAL4: Tracy Cameron-Stuart

DAL5: Laura Graham

Unanimous membership vote in favour of new board.

7. New business

Chat about new board members and their backgrounds, introduction to the membership

8. Meeting adjournment

Greg Scherkoske moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Linda Young. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.