

Row NS Annual General Meeting - Minutes

February 15, 2023

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Emily Jago, seconded by Warren Laybolt.

2. Identification of voting delegates

Antigonish Rowing Club: Katie Edwards

Halifax Rowing Club: Brian Robinson, Antonia Chircop

MicMac Amateur Aquatics Club: Linda Young, Rhonda Wilson

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

Lunenburg Yacht Club: Joan Backman

Board: Laura, Erica, Warren, Emily, Austin, Tracy (present Board members)

Quorum is met.

3. Approval of the agenda

Tracy Cameron-Stuart motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Katie Edwards.
Motion carried.

4. Approval of the previous year's minutes

Katie Edwards motioned to approve the 2022 AGM minutes as presented, seconded by Roger O'Neill.
Motion carried.

5. Reports from the Board of Directors

(all reports available in 2023 AGM presentation on Row NS website)

Membership Statistics

- Just under 1% growth from 2021 to 2022
- Full statistics available in 2023 AGM presentation

Sport Development Tool

- Row NS evaluated on past four years in categories of Organizational Effectiveness, Participation, Coaching & Officiating, Excellence
- #1 ranked sport in Excellence in NS

- Overall funding allocation from Sport NS for 2023-2027 increasing by \$23,000/year, from \$70,000 to \$93,000
- Full breakdown in 2023 AGM presentation

President's Report

- COVID-19 recap from 2022
- Participation
 - through virtual, costal, and indoor events and strategic partnerships
- Organizational Effectiveness
 - Adoption of Safe Sport policies through RCA
 - New Board recruitment and added VP position on Board
 - Reviewed previous Strategic Planning work with Sport NS
- Coaching & Officiating
 - Technical Director funding renewal successful, will be hiring someone new for the role
 - Certification of coaches continues and have run LTR instructor course and drive umpire program forward
- Excellence
 - Provincial team doing very well and partnerships with CSIA and ADCKC
- Looking Ahead
 - Canada Games 2022 was last year for rowing for foreseeable future
 - Developing coastal strategy with proactive approach
 - Growing indoor rowing in the province of NS

Coaching Report

- Seven coaches completed RCA Weekend #1 in June 2022
- Two coaches certified as Performance Coaches in July
- For 2023: new technical director to oversee coach development and help move trained coaches to certified coaches

Coastal Report

- Custom trailer built for Row NS coastal fleet and purchased safety equipment from Sport NS grant
- Lunenburg hosting first RCA sanctioned Coastal Beach Sprints regatta in July 2022
- Pilot coastal rowing tour at LYC Rowing in August 2022
- For 2023: work with clubs to maximize use of coastal fleet, recruit coastal rowing coordinator to help support coastal rowing programs, LYC Rowing to host another coastal rowing tour in August 2023

Provincial Coach Report

- 3 athletes on national teams at both U23 World Championships and CanAmMex
- Canada Games a great success, 5 medals won (most for NS since 1985)
- NRCs was very successful for multiple athletes
- Talent ID programs
 - 6 athletes currently training with team, 5 from RBC Training Ground

- TID program legacy - 4 athletes from Talent ID contributed to 3 Canada Games medals in 2022 and two athletes currently on national teams
- Apprentice coaching from current provincial team athlete generating great new athletes
- 14 athletes on team right now living in NS (9 performance, 5 training), others training out of province
- Provincial Training Centre moved to Oakwood House at Lake Banook
- For 2023: engagement with CSI Atlantic, RBC Training Ground, and RCA. Enhance performance with Beach Sprints. New Canada Cup event (U21 event) emerging for August 2023.

Treasurer's Report

- Strong financial year transitioning out of COVID and have full slate of regattas to increase revenue
- Excellence funding increase of \$20,000 per year over next four years
- Developed policy for e-transfers and credit card to simplify and expedite payment processes
- Paid off coastal singles and purchased coastal trailer
- Exhausted Canada Games funding
- RCA increasing fees by 5% to count for inflation, seat fees and club fees increasing - balancing the increases to create best-case scenario for athletes
- Overall for 2022: small deficit after Canada Games, but still in solid shape with about \$40,000 in account
- (full financial documents available in 2023 AGM package on Row NS website)

Budget for 2023

- Board will finalize funding and allocation of newly acquired Excellence funding
- Strategic planning outcomes will impact budget allocations in future
- Additional considerations: RCA fees and dues, partially covering background checks for coaches/clubs, budget for technical director.

6. Election of officers

Proposed slate of new board members for 2023:

President: *Vacant*

Vice President: *Vacant*

Secretary: Laura Graham

Treasurer: Warren Laybolt

DAL1: Brienne Miller

DAL2: Tracy Cameron-Stuart

DAL3: Maddy Horne

DAL4: Austin Cameron

DAL5: Morgan Jarvis

DAL6: *Vacant*

Unanimous vote in favour of new board members for 2023.

7. New business

Community Sport for All funding is likely to be renewed through RCA - good to help support coaching, equipment, programming improvements.

Atlantic Division of Canoe/Kayak Canada - HRM provides a lot of funding and support for Banook's infrastructure which they are looking to cut back. Funding goes to Canoe/Kayak but will directly impact Row NS. Letter of Support to be sent to HRM on behalf of Row NS by February 16, 2023.

8. Meeting adjournment

Katie Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Webster. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.