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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

February 18, 2014
5:30 p.m. (PST)

Attendance:

Michael Walker, President
Brian Lamb, Director (Treasurer)
Debbie Sage, Director
Joel Finlay, Director
Jon Beare, Athlete Director
Matteo Cendamo, Provincial Director
Rick Crooker, Director

Staff: Donna Atkinson, CEO
Sid Murdoch, Secretary

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by President Walker at 5:30 pm.

2. Additions/Acceptance of Agenda

MOTION 1: Agenda

Moved: Rick Crooker, Seconded,

That the Agenda for the Board Meeting, February 18, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED.

3. Board Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2014

MOTION 2: Board Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2014

Moved: Joel Finlay Seconded,

That the minutes of February 18, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED.

4. President

4.1 Calendar of Events

- The board attendance based on the calendar of events was reviewed and updated, attached as Appendix A. After the selections have been confirmed by FISA, RCA FISA umpires will be added to the calendar.

5. Chief Executive Officer

5.1 Umpire Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION 3:

Moved: Debbie Sage Seconded,

That the Umpires Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

CARRIED.

5.2 2015 National Conference

- Staff submitted a report recommending that the next National Conference be held in Vancouver . There was discussion about potential locations noting the advantages/disadvantages of a downtown location. Staff will review options and costing to make a final determination.

MOTION 4: 2015 National Conference

Moved: Brian Lamb Seconded,

That the next RCA National Conference and Annual Meeting be held in Vancouver.

CARRIED.

5.3 Information - Masters Event Working Group

- The Masters Event Working Group was discussed. The Group is doing some great work and is being chaired by Brian McGuigan. The composition of the working group reflects a range of strong expertise with individuals coming from various geographical regions.

5.4 Sport Canada Submissions

- Changes to the Sport Canada special project submission's procedure were reviewed. Special projects include official languages, LTAD, risk management and international initiatives.
- It was noted that the CANAMMEX Regatta will be held in Lochaber, Nova Scotia in July and RCA has made application for a Sport Canada Hosting grant for this event.

6. Director (Treasurer) - Brian Lamb

6.1 Bayside Rowing Club - Membership A motion regarding the Bayside Rowing Club was tabled pending an update from the CEO on invoice payments received.

6.2 Approval - Extra Provincial Registration - RCA

- The Province of BC will not accept vehicles for registration owned by a nationally incorporated organization. As a result, RCA has had to register its vehicles in the names of RCA staff which is not

ideal. This issue can be resolved if RCA takes the necessary steps to register as an “extra-provincial” society within the Province BC. At the same time, it is recommended that steps be taken to register RCA as an “extra-provincial” society also with the Province of Ontario.

MOTION 3: Registration as an Extra-Provincial Society

Moved: Debbie Sage Seconded,

That RCA take the steps necessary to register as an “extra-provincial” society within the Province of Ontario and the Province of British Columbia.

CARRIED.

7. Director – Joel Finlay

7.1 Information - US Rowing Meeting

- Information regarding the US / RCA Joint Meeting at the National Conference was reviewed
- The Masters Strategy Group will consider initiatives with US Rowing. All communication through to US Rowing will go through the CEO in order to minimize confusion.
- In addition to meetings with the US Rowing Executive Director Glen Merry, it would be helpful to further connect some of the RCA directors more formally with the US Rowing directors.

7.2 National Training Centre – Facility Strategy

- An update was provided on the meetings held with the High Performance Director and National Training Centre Coaches
- These initial meetings provided good, preliminary information and next steps are being considered.
- This will be further reported on at the March Board meeting in Victoria

Improvements - London Training Centre

It was added by the CEO that there will be some upcoming improvements made to the London Training Centre facility including:

- Additional boat storage area on the existing concrete pad if variance permit from the City/Conservation Authority can be obtained. A plan B is being looked at if this cannot happen
- a wall to be moved to improve the change room facilities/shower area for LTC women
- a new dock area is to be added

8. Provincial Director – Matteo Cendamo

- The next PAC meeting is March 13th.
- It was discussed that there are 2 RCA funded face-to-face meetings. It is up to PAC to optimize its schedule for these. The concept of these two meetings taking place away from the AGM was discussed and it was noted that this would put the Provinces into the position of funding their own attendance at the National Conference and a number of the smaller provinces would be adversely affected.

9. Athlete Director – Jon Beare

- Meeting with Howie Campbell and Martin McElroy this week.

10. Director – Rick Crooker

- No report.

11. Director – Debbie Sage

- No report.

12. Other Business

MOTION 4: In Camera

Moved: Brian Lamb Seconded,

That the meeting be held in camera to discuss contract and legal matters

CARRIED

MOTION 5:

Moved: Rick Crooker Seconded,

That the meeting be held out of camera.

CARRIED.

13. Date of Next Meeting

- In Victoria - March 22 – 23, 2014
- Conference Call - April 22, 2014
- Conference Call - May 20, 2014

Directors were requested to forward agenda items for the March meeting to the President.

14. Adjournment

Motion 6:

Moved: Debbie Sage

That the meeting be adjourned at 7pm PST.