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**Rowing Canada Aviron
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tues. December 9th, 2014
5:30PM (PST) / 8:30PM (EST)

Adobe Connect Webinar:

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

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by President Walker at 5:30 p.m.
- The meeting was held by conference call and through a webinar, a test of the system prior to the national conference and for potential use for Board meetings in future.

2. Additions/Acceptance of Agenda

- The Canadian Masters Championships was added, Item 5.4.

MOTION #1: Board Meeting Agenda

Moved: Brian Lamb Seconded

That the Board Meeting Agenda, December 9, 2014, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Board Meeting Minutes

- The draft minutes for the November meeting will be available for the next Board meeting in January.

4. President – Mike Walker

4.1 Nominating Committee

- The candidates have been finalized for the notice of nominations.
- Rick Crooker and Joel Finlay have agreed to stand for re-election - Winston Cook is the 3rd candidate for 2 Director at Large positions. Carol Purcer is the PAC nominee for provincial director.
- A Webinar for the candidates will be held on January 7th or 8th. Webinar details to be confirmed.

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4.2 By-Law Amendment – Sanction

The board reviewed a proposed amendment to the RCA By-Laws, SECTION 21 – SANCTION.

MOTION #2: Sanction Amendment

Moved: Brian Lamb Seconded

That the RCA Board of Directors, in accordance with Section 25.5 of the CARA Bylaws, approves the amendments to Section 21 – Sanction

from:

SECTION 21 – SANCTION

21.1 21.1 Definitions

For the purpose of this section:

“Sanction” – shall mean an approval for the hosting of Rowing Regattas (Regatta Sanction). It is also an approval for crews or individuals from within the sport wishing to participate in the sport outside the country (Participation Sanction).

“Rowing Regatta” – shall mean any rowing race or races held on the water between two or more Rowing Clubs, or to which individuals or crews are invited who do not participate in rowing activities at the host club. Excluded as Rowing Regattas are internal club meets and interclub training and selection sessions.

“National Championship” – shall mean a Rowing Regatta open to participation from every province that is designated as a National Championship by CARA.

21.2 Objectives of Regatta Sanction

The objectives of Regatta Sanction are:

- Safety of Competitors
- Fairness of Competition
- A good presentation of the sport of rowing

21.3 Sanctioning of Regattas

- a. All Rowing Regattas hosted in Canada must be sanctioned by the Provincial Rowing Association of the province in which the regatta is to be held.
- b. National Championships must also receive CARA Sanction. They are:
 - i. Royal Canadian Henley Regatta
 - ii. National Rowing Championships
 - iii. Canadian Open Masters Rowing Championship
 - iv. Jeux du Canada Games
 - v. Any National Team trial that is presented as a Rowing Regatta
 - vi. Any other National Championship so designated by CARA

21.4 Criteria for Sanctioning Rowing Regattas

Sanction of a Rowing Regatta shall only be granted if CARA and the respective Provincial Rowing Association find the following in order:

- a. Site of Regatta
- b. Date, time and schedule of events for the regatta

- c. Regatta Organization Committee
- d. Rules under which the regatta will be conducted
- e. Appropriate number of Umpires for the Jury

21.5 Objective of Participation Sanction

The objective of Participation Sanction is to ensure that participants in foreign Rowing Regattas are Registered Participants with both CARA and their respective Provincial Rowing Association.

21.6 Requirement for Participation Sanction

Participation Sanction is required from CARA for:

- a. All crews or individuals representing Canada
- b. All crews competing in, or individuals participating in a FISA sanctioned international Rowing Regatta
- c. All crews competing outside of North America.

To:

SECTION 21 – SANCTION

21.1 Definitions

For the purpose of this section:

“**Sanction**” – shall mean an approval for the hosting of “Rowing Events” as defined in the RCA Sanction Policy (Event Sanction). Sanction also means an approval for crews or individuals from within the sport wishing to compete in the sport outside the country (Participation Sanction).

21.2 Objectives of Sanction

The objectives of Event and Participation Sanction are:

- Safety of Participants;
- Fairness of Competition; and
- A good presentation of Canadian rowing

21.3 Event Sanction

All “Rowing Events” hosted in Canada and, as defined in the RCA Sanction Policy, must be sanctioned by CARA.

21.4 Participation Sanction

Participation Sanction in accordance with the RCA Sanction Policy is required from CARA for any Registered Participant to compete in the sport outside of Canada.

CARRIED with a 2/3 majority -

4.3 President’s Award

- A 2014 President’s Award recipient was discussed by the Board.

4.4 COC Update

- Mike Walker and Donna Atkinson attended a Sport Leadership Summit and a COC meeting from 21-23 November.
- The Sport Leadership Summit began with some very intriguing presentations on leadership
- It is also very clear that the NSF Enhancement Initiative is a big deal to the COC and NSFs

were encouraged to take advantage of the resources being made available

- Mike Walker was invited to sit on a panel of NSF Presidents to discuss their impressions of being a new NSF President.
- The challenges of marketing and sponsorship were discussed by the NSO's.
- The new Anti-Doping policy and business plan was a major issue at the Summer Sport Caucus.
- A workshop was held regarding IOC priorities.

5. CEO – Donna Atkinson

5.1 RCA Awards Committee

- There is a new online system in place for award's nominations this year and nominations were received for all categories except for the Lifetime Achievement Awards.
- Approximately 40 long service award submissions were received.
- Invitations will be sent out to the award winners after the list is finalized.

5.2 Jack Nicholson Fund

- A bursary fund for coaches was set up in memory of Jack Nicholson. Donations are being received on a daily basis. RCA will meet with the family in the future regarding the distribution of funds.
- The *celebration of life* for Jack Nicholson will be held January 10th 2015 at Ridley College.

5.3 Canadian Olympic Foundation

- Discussions have begun with the Canadian Olympic Foundation regarding the role they can play in our fundraising efforts.

5.4 2015 Canadian Masters Championships

- The Kenora RC has submitted an expression of interest to host the 2015 Canadian Masters Championships, July 24 – 26, 2015.

MOTION #4: 2015 Canadian Masters Championships

Moved: Debbie Sage Seconded,

That the Kenora Rowing Club host the 2015 Canadian Masters Championships, subject to a satisfactory hosting agreement arranged by the CEO.

CARRIED

6. Treasurer – Brian Lamb

6.1 Appointment of Auditor

- The motion to approve the Auditor at the Annual Meeting was reviewed by the Board. It was noted that only members of RCA can move and second the motion – this will be included in the online ballot.

7. Secretary – Annual and Semi-Annual Notice of Meeting Timelines

- Timelines for the Annual and Semi-Annual Meetings were reviewed by the Board.
- Proxy forms will be distributed with the Semi-Annual Notice of Meeting later in December, providing enough time for clubs and provincial associations to collect them prior to the meeting. This year's proxy form includes a directed proxy; items that require a vote will need to be included on the form.

8. Provincial Director – Matteo Cendamo

The PAC conference call in December was summarized:

- Jen Parfitt attended the meeting and gave a Membership Category presentation.
- The NRC location in 2015 was discussed including the budget and location that had not yet been finalized.
- Canadian Masters Championships was reviewed including the lack of bids.
- Concerns were raised regarding proxy forms for the Semi-Annual Meeting – the form is not yet ready and provinces need to communicate the information to their clubs
- The Agenda for the PAC meeting at the National Conference was discussed. PAC has a desire to meet on its own and a decision was made to hold a meeting after the Semi-Annual Meeting with the new Provincial Director in the afternoon.
- Changes to the Sanction Policy were reviewed.

2015 National Rowing Championships Bid Package:

- The 2015 National Rowing Championships bid package was discussed. It was noted that the bid package will be distributed to specific clubs in the east on December 9th.

9. Athlete Director – Jon Beare

- A cycling camp for the men's team was held recently.
- National Team Athlete input is being sought regarding national athlete awards (at RCA National Awards Gala and for the NRC).

10. Director – Rick Crooker

- No report.

11. Director – Joel Finlay

- No report.

12. Director – Debbie Sage

- No report.

13. Other Business

- No other business.

14. Next Meeting - January Conference

- Friday January 23rd in the evening.
- Saturday January 24th joint meeting with PAC.

15. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.