



**ROWING CANADA AVIRON: COMMITTEE ON DUES AND FEES
REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP
AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 27, 2019**

The RCA Committee on Dues and Fees remains committed to measured increases in dues and fees that allow RCA to effectively operate; the committee equally embraces its role to ensure that RCA Member Organizations and participants are not financially overburdened at an unsustainable rate.

BACKGROUND

The RCA Committee on Dues and Fees has met twice since the 2018 RCA Semi-Annual meeting. The initial meeting was held on July 27, 2018, at which time the RCA Treasurer provided a mid-year financial update to the committee. The committee also reviewed its terms of reference and recommendations from the 2018 semi-annual meeting.

The committee met again on November 26, 2018. In attendance: David Calder & Anne Sproull (BC), Ann Nelson & Brian Love (ON) and Pat Thompson (Atlantic). Regrets: Philippe Colas (QB) and Donna Ell (Prairies). Supporting the call: RCA Treasurer Tom Hawker, RCA CEO Terry Dillon and RCA Director of Partnerships & Sport Development Jennifer Fitzpatrick.

RCA Reference Materials were provided to the RCA Committee on Dues and Fees ahead of the November meeting. These materials informed this committee's recommendations. These materials have been distributed to membership with this report. The reference materials indicate that RCA is anticipating a FY2018-19 budget shortfall of roughly \$29K with respect to dues and fees. This shortfall breaks down to roughly \$6K from seat fee transactions and roughly \$26K from participant registrations.

The RCA Reference Materials also indicated an anticipated FY 2019-20 deficit related to dues and fees of roughly \$71K, assuming 2018-19 dues and fee rates are maintained (\$3.25 per seat fee and \$20 base membership participant fee).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The RCA Committee on Dues and Fees is proposing that the RCA Membership makes the following motions:

Motion 1:

That the RCA Membership approves an increase in the RCA Seat Fee for the Fiscal Year starting April 1, 2019 to \$3.75 per seat.

Note:

This is an increase of \$0.50 per transaction from the FY 2018-19 of \$3.25. This increase will raise revenues for RCA by roughly \$26K in FY2019-20.

Motion 2:

That the RCA Membership approves an increase in the RCA Base Participant Fee for the Fiscal Year starting April 1, 2019 to \$24 per participant.

Note:

This is an increase of \$4 per participant from the FY 2018-19 of \$20. This increase will raise revenues by roughly \$45K in FY2019-20.

With these increases the anticipated FY2019-20 dues and fees deficit of \$71K is eliminated. By splitting the increases to both the seat fee and the base membership participant fee the financial burden is shared between competitive and non-competitive RCA participants.

These recommendations are respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee on Dues and Fees.



David Calder (Chair)
RCA Committee on Dues and Fees