



Rowing Canada Aviron  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
September 2, 2020

MEETING HELD BY ELECTRONIC MEANS: E-MAIL

MINUTES

Attendance:

Carol Purcer, President  
Tom Hawker, Treasurer, Director  
Carol Hermansen, Provincial Director  
Heather Holden, Director  
Peter McClelland, Director  
Marisha Roman, Safe Sport Director  
Douglas Vandor, Athlete Director  
Jennifer Walinga, Director

Staff:

Terry Dillon, CEO  
Sid Murdoch, Secretary

**Rules of Racing Working Group:**

As per RCA's By-laws, Paragraph 20.2, in an Olympic year (although postponed) the Board of Directors must appoint a Working Group to conduct a review of the RCA Rules of Racing to include changes made by FISA to its Rules of Racing, and any other changes deemed necessary by the WG. Following a final review by the RCA Board the amended Rules are taken to the membership for approval at the Semi-Annual Meeting.

The RCA Board considered amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Rules of Racing Review Working Group and the appointment of the Chair.

**Amendments to the Terms of Reference:**

Three versions of the Rules of Racing Working Group's Terms of Reference were provided to the Board - a draft marked up version, a clean draft version and the most recent version that needs to be replaced.

Material Changes and Other Considerations:

- Duties: Added that the Working Group would provide advice to RCA regarding FISA rule changes in advance of the FISA Congress.
- Composition: Added more detail related to size of working group, experience required and representation.
- Term: Revised start date for the Working Group with a term duration of 1.5 years - WG to be appointed before the FISA Congress. Also added that the term "typically"

begins in the year of the Olympics/Paralympics to address our current COVID-19 reality.

- Reporting: Added clarity around reporting structure and frequency.
- Added “Paralympic” alongside any reference to “Olympic”. It was noted that “Paralympic” is also missing in the RCA By-laws.

The Board considered the following motions for approval:

**Motion #1:** Moved: Doug Vandor      Seconded: Peter McClelland

To waive the notice of board meeting to consider amendments to the Rules of Racing Review Working Group Terms of Reference and the appointment of the Chair.

**CARRIED.**

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**Motion #2:** Moved: Doug Vandor      Seconded: Peter McClelland

That the amendments to the Rules of Racing Review Working Group Terms of Reference be approved.

**CARRIED.**

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#### **Appointment of the Chair:**

Bill Donegan agreed to put his name forward as Chair of the Working Group. Bill was Chair in 2016, has a considerable amount of domestic and international umpire experience with RCA and FISA and is keen to take on this demanding role again.

**Motion #3:** Moved: Doug Vandor      Seconded: Peter McClelland

That Bill Donegan be appointed as Chair of the 2020 Rules of Racing Review Working Group

**CARRIED.**

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Next steps will include identifying the others who will make up the group as outlined in the ToR and a call for expressions of interest for other members to ensure we have the experience and representation we need by early September.