



**ROWING
CANADA
AVIRON**

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2023

Delta Ocean Pointe Resort
Victoria BC

MINUTES

PRESENT:

RCA Board of Directors:

Carol Purcer	President and Director
Tom Hawker	Treasurer and Director
Lindsay Bergen	Athlete Director
Derek Ventnor	Provincial Director
Dana Thorne	Director at Large
Fred Enns	Director at Large
Paul Fritz-Németh	Director at Large

RCA Staff and Scrutineer:

Terry Dillon	Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer Fitzpatrick	Director of Partnerships and Member Services
Sid Murdoch	Secretary
Alethia Clarke	Membership Services Coordinator

The following RCA Members were present and in good standing:

Province	Club	Votes	Proxy
AB	Alberta Rowing Association	1	
AB	Calgary Rowing Club	6	
AB	Central Alberta Rowing Club	2	x
AB	Edmonton Rowing Club	4	x
AB	Lakeland Rowing Club	2	x
AB	Leduc Boat Club	1	x
AB	University of Alberta Rowing Team	2	x
BC	Brentwood College School	3	
BC	Burnaby Lake Rowing Club	3	x
BC	Claremont Sports Institute	2	
BC	Deep Cove Rowing Club	3	x

BC	Delta Deas Rowing Club	4	x
BC	False Creek Rowing Club	3	x
BC	Fort Langley Community Rowing Club	2	x
BC	Gorge Narrows Rowing Club	4	x
BC	Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society	5	
BC	Inlet Rowing Club	3	x
BC	Kamloops Rowing Club	1	x
BC	Maple Bay Rowing Club	3	x
BC	Nanaimo Rowing Club	3	
BC	Nelson Rowing Club	3	x
BC	Rockies Rowing	1	
BC	Rowing BC	1	
BC	Salt Spring Island Rowing Club	2	
BC	Shawnigan Lake School	3	
BC	St. George's School	3	
BC	St. Michaels University School	1	
BC	University of British Columbia	2	x
BC	University of Victoria RC	3	
BC	Vancouver Rowing Club	5	x
BC	Vernon Rowing and Dragon Boat Club	3	x
BC	Victoria City Rowing Club	5	
BC	Victoria Rowing Society	1	x
MB	Kenora Rowing Club	1	x
MB	Manitoba Rowing Association Inc.	1	
MB	Pinawa Sailing and Rowing Club	2	x
MB	Prairie Fire Rowing Club	1	x
MB	Winnipeg Rowing Club	3	x
NB	Four Bridges Rowing Club	1	x
NB	Kennebecasis Rowing Club	3	x
NB	Rowing New Brunswick Aviron	1	
NL	Rowing Newfoundland	1	
NL	St. John's Rowing Club	3	x
NS	Row Nova Scotia	1	
ON	Argonaut Rowing Club	6	
ON	Brock Rowing	1	
ON	Brockville Rowing Club Inc.	1	x
ON	Burnstown Rowing Club	2	x
ON	Cambridge Rowing Club	2	x
ON	Collingwood Rowing Club	1	x

ON	Don Rowing Club	5	
ON	Guelph Rowing Club	4	x
ON	Hanlan Boat Club	4	
ON	Island Lake Rowing Club	3	x
ON	Kingston Rowing Club	3	
ON	LaSalle Rowing Club	3	x
ON	Leander Boat Club of Hamilton	4	x
ON	Muskoka Rowing Club	1	x
ON	Niagara Falls Rowing Club	3	x
ON	Ontario Rowing Association	1	
ON	Orillia Rowing Club	2	
ON	Ottawa Rowing Club	5	
ON	Peterborough Rowing Club	4	
ON	Queen's University Rowing Club	2	
ON	Ridley College School	2	x
ON	Ridley Graduate Boat Club	2	x
ON	South Niagara Rowing Club	4	
ON	St. Catharines Rowing Club	5	
ON	St. Lawrence Rowing Club	1	x
ON	Sudbury Rowing Club	1	x
ON	Thunder Bay Rowing Club	2	x
ON	University of Toronto Rowing	2	
ON	University of Western Ontario Boat Club	3	x
PE	Rowing PEI	3	x
PE	Rowing Prince Edward Island	1	x
QC	Association quebecoise d'aviron	1	
QC	Aviron Lachine	3	x
QC	Club d'Aviron de Laval	2	x
QC	Club d'aviron de Montreal	4	x
QC	Club d'aviron Terrebonne	3	x
QC	Club d'aviron Waterloo	2	x
QC	Club d'aviron de Boucherville	3	x
QC	McGill University Rowing	1	x
SK	Lloydminster Rowing Club	2	x
SK	Prince Albert Drifters	1	x
SK	Regina Rowing Club	3	x
SK	Saskatchewan Rowing Association	1	
SK	Saskatoon Rowing Club	4	
SA	Canadian Indoor Rowing Association	1	

SA	Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association	1	
SA	Cascadia Regatta Association	1	
SA	Central Ontario Rowing Association	1	x
SA	Dominion Day Regatta Association	1	
SA	Open Aviron Coastal Rowing Association (OARCA)	1	
SA	Welland International Flatwater Centre	1	x

a. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Purcer at 8:15 a.m. PST followed by a Territorial Acknowledgement.

The following new business was added to the agenda:

Items k.1, k.2, k.3 - dates for the

- Annual Meeting
- National Conference
- Semi-Annual Meeting

Memorial Moment:

Please respect a moment of silence in memory of those in the rowing community who have passed away during the year:

Jim Minards:

- ❖ Lifelong St. Catharines Rowing Club Builder and Supporter. Jim was dedicated throughout his life to building and enhancing of the facilities of the St. Catharines Rowing Club. His dedication and support have directly affected all athletes and others who access the SCRC and the island.

Kevin Neufeld:

- ❖ Olympic gold medalist in the men’s eight from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games and a beloved friend and teammate to so many in the rowing community.

Patrick Hughes:

- ❖ Longtime rower at the St. Catharines Rowing Club who remained active in the rowing community for many years, holding multiple integral roles in the sport he was passionate about. Served as President of the Ontario Rowing Association from 1982-85.

Michael Maher:

- ❖ He rowed while at university in Ireland and attained level three coaching certification while working with local rowing clubs in Newfoundland and

Ontario, coaching teams for the Canada Games and the Ontario Games. He was especially proud to be involved with the building of the Durham Rowing Club and boathouse in Port Perry, Ontario.

Charles Thorton:

- ❖ A long time friend to the sport of rowing. His daughter Jane was a part of our national team for many years and Charles was so proud of her hard work and dedication. When asked to help out the RNBA in matters of umpires he was always first in line. He will be missed.

Paul Mudroch:

- ❖ Paul took up umpiring in Ottawa many years ago and was a fixture around the ORC as a rower, Umpire, and steadfast volunteer until moving back to Hamilton (and the Leander club) a few years ago.

Judge Harry Edmonstone:

- ❖ Long-time Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta; RCA Umpire; St Catharines Rowing Club Past President; St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Member

John Bullivant:

- ❖ Long-time volunteer at the dock at St. Catharines' major Regattas. He is often remembered for his knee-high Argyle socks that he wore while on the dock.

Tony Shepherd:

- ❖ Founding member of the Calgary Rowing Club.

Richard Daniel:

- ❖ Member of the Vancouver Rowing Club.

b. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Verification of Credentials:

The credentials of the meeting participants were verified by the Secretary.

Quorum:

There were 139 members in good standing, representing 301 votes - a quorum is 151 weighted votes.

Following roll call, the total number of members in attendance was 95, representing 228 votes present, in person or by proxy.

A majority of voting rights were present and a quorum was verified by the Secretary under Article 5.12 of the By-Laws.

c. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SCRUTINEER

The Scrutineers for the Semi-Annual Meeting were Sid Murdoch and Alethia Clarke.

d. READING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2022 RCA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION 1: 2023 RCA Semi Annual Meeting Agenda

That the agenda of the 2023 RCA Semi Annual Meeting be approved as amended.

MOVED: Alberta Rowing Association

SECONDED: Agonaut Rowing Club

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION 2:

That we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2022 RCA Annual Meeting.

MOVED: Alberta Rowing Association

SECONDED: University of Toronto Rowing

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION 3: 2022 RCA Annual Meeting Minutes

That the minutes of the 2022 RCA Annual Meeting be accepted.

MOVED: Dominion Day Regatta Association

SECONDED: Alberta Rowing Association

MOTION CARRIED.

e. READING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2022 RCA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION 4:

That we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2022 RCA Semi-Annual Meeting.

MOVED: Alberta Rowing Association

SECONDED: Argonaut Rowing Club

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION 5: 2022 RCA Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes

That the minutes of the 2022 RCA Semi-Annual Meeting be accepted.

MOVED: Rowing BC

SECONDED: Argonaut Rowing Club

MOTION CARRIED.

f. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

MOTION 6: Committee of the Whole

That the 2023 Rowing Canada Aviron Semi-Annual Meeting be moved into the committee of the whole.

MOVED: Dominion Day Regatta Association

SECONDED: St. Catharines Rowing Club

MOTION CARRIED.

President, CEO and Treasurer's Reports:

An electronic version of the 2022 RCA Annual Report was provided to the membership in advance of the meeting.

Report from the Committee on Dues and Fees

As per Section 8 of the RCA By-laws, the final report of the Committee on Dues and Fees was provided to the membership at least 21 days before the Semi-Annual Meeting.

A dues and fees webinar and conference call was also held for the membership on December 6, 2022 along with a plenary session, including supporting rationale, on January 28th.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Dues and Fees Committee recommends an adjustment of approximately* 5% to the Base Participant Fee (\$25 to \$26.25) and Seat Fee (\$3.65 to \$3.85) which, while insufficient to fully keep up with inflation, is intended to limit its impact. The Statistics Canada Consumer Price Index for the six months from April 1st 2022 averaged a 7.35% increase, not only significantly larger than what is being proposed but also already impacting RCA.

The Dues and Fees Committee also recommends an approximately* 5% Increase in Club Membership Dues (\$416 to \$440), Special Association/Associate Organization Dues (\$520 to \$545) and Provincial Rowing Association Dues (\$728 to \$765).

There was a question regarding dues and fees increases – if dues and fees would need to be increased on a regular basis if programs such as community sport for all result in an increase in participants.

If an increase in dues and fees is recommended, the Committee on Dues and Fees considers a number of factors including inflation, government funding and expenses associated with membership benefits. Participant numbers were impacted during the pandemic but the numbers as of September 2022 were higher than in the 2 prior years.

It was also noted that the RCA membership model has been in place for 5 years. As noted in the report, the Committee on Dues and Fees will be conducting a full review of the model in 2023.

MOTION 7:

That the 2023 Rowing Canada Aviron Semi-Annual Meeting be moved out of committee of the whole.

MOVED: Argonaut Rowing Club

SECONDED: Alberta Rowing Association

MOTION CARRIED.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORTS

MOTION 8: 2022 Rowing Canada Aviron Annual Report

That the 2022 Rowing Canada Aviron Annual Report be accepted.

MOVED: Alberta Rowing Association

SECONDED: Saskatchewan Rowing Association

MOTION CARRIED.

g. COMMITTEE ON DUES AND FEES REPORT

MOTION 9: Report of the Committee on Dues and Fees

That the report and recommendations of the 2022 Rowing Canada Aviron Committee on Dues and Fees be accepted.

MOVED: Argonaut Rowing Club

SECONDED: Rockies Rowing Club

MOTION CARRIED.

The following committee members were thanked for their contribution:

Daphne Dumont, Atlantic Region
Zahoor Chughtai, Quebec
Doug Diet, Ontario
Walter Benko Ontario
Richard Galway, (Chair) Prairies Region
Kate Rutherford, British Columbia
Vince Amodeo, British Columbia

h. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS - MOTIONS FOR RATIFICATION

None.

i. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF RACING

None.

j. OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ Date of the Annual Meeting - 5:30 pm Pacific/8:30 pm Eastern, September 21, 2023 Via Zoom Link.
- ❖ Date of the 2023 RCA National Conference - January 26 to 27, 2024. RCA practice has been to alternate between the West and East.
- ❖ Semi-Annual Meeting -January 28, 2024.

Recognition:

The many volunteers that serve on RCA Committees over the past year were thanked for their contribution.

The following staff were thanked for their contribution to the RCA National Conference and Semi-Annual Meeting:

- ❖ Adam Parfitt
- ❖ Alethia Clarke
- ❖ Amelia Hill
- ❖ Chuck McDiarmid
- ❖ Colleen Coderre
- ❖ Colleen Miller
- ❖ Frank Christie
- ❖ Jennifer Fitzpatrick
- ❖ Kim Bell
- ❖ Laura Isherwood
- ❖ Laurence Côté
- ❖ Lindsay Brown
- ❖ Liz Montroy

- ❖ Ren Thompson
- ❖ Sid Murdoch
- ❖ Sukhraj Saraow
- ❖ Terry Dillon

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adourned by President Purcer at 9:00 a.m. PST.