



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Detailing the Board Meeting held in July 2024

Please note that the President's Report is a summary of activity at specific Board meeting(s) in a month. It is not a newsletter sharing the many wonderful activities of Rowing Canada Aviron.

Greetings/Bienvenue!

July has been an active month of regattas across the country! Beach Sprints and classic rowing regattas are engaging more and more athletes. Thank you to the many volunteers who make these events happen!

On July 17, 2024, a scheduled meeting of the Board was held by video conference. All Board members were in attendance.

Director Charles Minett shared that there were a healthy number of candidates that responded to the Call for Nominations for the RCA Board of Directors. The Board approved a new member to the committee, Emily Jago. Emily brings a variety of experiences from being an athlete as well as an administrator from different provinces to the table, adding insight to the needs of the membership of RCA. The committee will continue their work sussing out the best candidates to interview and bring forward to the membership.

Director Enns brought forward the name of Mike Walker to Chair the National Training Center – Project Committee. The Board supported this appointment. Mike brings a wealth of project management experience to the role, and we appreciate that he has volunteered for the role. Thank you to Tom Hawker for his guidance through the establishment of this committee and his oversight of the progress thus far.

Treasurer Derek Ventnor shared that the audit is now well under way and will be reviewed by the Audit Committee. It will then come to the Board table on August 8, 2024 for approval.

The Governance & Policy Committee have been very busy reviewing the By-laws of RCA to strengthen RCA governance. Director Enns updated the Board

on the work completed thus far and plans for fall communications with the membership.

Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Interim CEO, updated the Board on signatories for Abuse Free Sport. She also shared there were many National Come Try Rowing Day events across Canada this year. The statistics are showing us that we are retaining ~20% of the rowers who attend these opportunities which is growing our sport! Thank you to the club volunteers who make this happen. Jennifer noted that London ON and Western University will host the 2026 FISU World University Rowing Championships. This is exciting news, and we look forward to this event!

The Provincial Advisory Council (PAC) continue to work closely with the Provincial Director to update the role of the council through the Terms of Reference.

The Athlete Director, Lindsay Bergen, was able to meet with the Woman's 8+ and shared their excitement as they were preparing to leave for Paris. The Lightweight Women's double has been training in Italy leading up to Paris. The Olympics and Paralympics are coming fast!

Get your Canada gear together for the Paris Olympics beginning July 26 until August 11, 2024! There are so many amazing Canadian athletes to cheer on this year! Also, St. Catharines will host the World Rowing Senior, Under 23 and Under 19 Championships from August 18 to 25. They will showcase so many talented rowers from Canada as well as 70 countries from around the world - Enjoy!

See you on the water,
Carol Purcer,
President