



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Detailing the Board Meeting held in November 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!

It has been an unusually warm fall this year, allowing many to still enjoy a row on their waterway before moving indoor for their winter work outs!

On November 23, 2024, a scheduled meeting of the Board was held by video conference. All Board members were present.

Current Board Members are:

- Lindsay Bergen, Athlete Director
- Tracey Black, Director
- Mike Bryden, Director
- Charles Minett, Director
- Derek Ventnor, Provincial Director and Treasurer
- Jane Stamp, Director
- Carol Purcer, President

It was our first meeting since the RCA Annual Meeting in September. A warm welcome was shared with our new Board members. This meeting had extended time as it was replacing the two day, in person meeting usually scheduled in November.

Time was spent discussing the National Training Center (NTC) - its history and development, its status and the work of the current National Training Center - Project Committee. It was important for our new Board Members to understand where we have been and where we are going.

Note: A page on the RCA Website has been launched to keep all of our RCA participants informed about the NTC project.

<https://rowingcanada.org/national-training-centre-project/>

The Board also reviewed the suggested amendments to the RCA By-laws that were submitted by the Governance & Policy Committee. The Board determined that Fred Enns will continue as Chair of the Governance & Policy Committee.

Treasurer Derek Ventnor shared that the financial team are working very well together to streamline the financial processes at RCA. He also presented the 6-month financial update to the Board.

Our Interim CEO, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, shared that Sport Canada has a new Funding Framework. This will require intense work in the next few weeks to submit a robust application. She also shared that the Future of Sport in Canada Commission's work is underway. All members of the sport community are welcome to get involved at different phases of the Commission's mandate. Here is the link to their website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/future-sport.html>

The Board also received an update on the CEO Search status.

As the seasons change and we prepare for the holidays, take some time to reflect on our sport and how it impacts you. I give many thanks for the joy this great sport brings me, the many colleagues I work with and the friends I have made resulting in so many enjoyable experiences across our country. Let's pull together!

See you soon,

Carol Purcer
President