



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Detailing Board Meeting held October 22, 2025

The RCA Board of Directors met by video conference on October 22, 2025. This was a virtual meeting attended by Board members **Aaron Lattimer, Charles Minett, Derek Ventnor, Jane Stamp, Mike Bryden,** and **Tracey Black.** **Jeff Powell**, RCA's Chief Executive Officer and **Eric Sudman**, RCA's Secretary also attended the meeting.

A significant item of business was the approval of the RCA Safe Sport Policy Manual, which will come into effect in April 2026. This new framework strengthens our shared commitment to ensuring that rowing in Canada takes place in safe, inclusive, and respectful environments. The updated policies provide clear standards of behaviour and accountability for everyone involved in our sport, from athletes and coaches to officials, volunteers, and Board members.

In her President's Report, Tracey Black shared that the transition from former President Carol Purcer is progressing well and has been collaborative and insightful. Tracey has had productive conversations with rowing colleagues, including our U.S. counterparts.

During the CEO's Report, Jeff Powell provided a comprehensive update on the 2025 World Rowing Championships in Shanghai. The Board discussed Canada's recent performance at international regattas and agreed that management will review high-performance targets and develop an improvement plan to strengthen our international competitiveness. Several priorities have been identified, including increasing competitive exposure and advancing athlete and coaching development programs. Jeff shared encouraging international updates from the World Rowing Congress, where Dr. Mike Wilkinson was elected Chair of the World Rowing Medical Commission, a role that enhances Canada's leadership presence globally.

Jeff provided an update that the District of North Cowichan approved a water aeration pilot for Quamichan Lake to take place in 2026. More details on the pilot will follow as part of a broader update on the National Training Centre.

Treasurer Jane Stamp provided an overview of what to expect in the upcoming Q2 financial statements, with a full report to be presented at the next board meeting in November.

We look forward to sharing more updates following the November Board meeting in Victoria and to continuing our collective efforts to strengthen and grow rowing across Canada.

Sincerely,

RCA Board of Directors