



**ST. CATHARINES ROWING CLUB
Annual General Meeting**

**Held at: Alumni Clubhouse, Henley Island
January 16, 2018**

In Attendance:

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| Michelle Kerr | Scott Anderson | Lorna Hay-Gaudet | Nancy Love |
| Mark Welsh | Brian Fisher | Theresa Woods | James Walker |
| Sandy Kovacs | Michele Fisher | Tracey Newman | Ron Burak |
| Brian Thorne | Tomas Bajuk (guest) | Larry Masse | Janet Lancaster |
| Marion Markarian | Bob Schenck | Rick Crooker | Louise Hastings |
| Chris Blackwood | Mike Petrychanko | Tom Kent | |

By Proxy: Peter Scott, Mary Lynn Somogyi, Susan Nichol, Matt Schenck, Kellie White
Mary Rao, Greg Pinder, Doug Kerr, Merideth Petrychanko

MINUTES

1) Call to Order

- Called to order at 7:10pm
- Quorum achieved – confirmed by Brian Thorne

2) Review of 2017 AGM Minutes

- Motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the Minutes of January 17, 2017: put forward by Mark Welsh; seconded Nancy Love; approved

3) President's Report – Michelle Kerr

- Report as tabled
- Particular thanks to Mark Welsh and his assistant Ryan Malkowski last year, as well as departing Directors Scott Anderson and Susan Nichol. Special thanks to Bob Ralph of the Rec league
- Noted very successful year thanks to the work of our many volunteer coaches, special recognition of their time, efforts and expertise

- Working on training centre for 2021 Canada Summer Games and development of RCA Next Gen Hub with Brock
- 2017 is the clubs 115th anniversary
- Special thanks to our many donors and volunteer organizations

4) Vice-President of Rowing Report – Scott Anderson

- Report as tabled
- Thanks to club coaches and lead coaches for all programs
- Very active racing season with a spectacular performance at Henley winning the efficiency trophy
- We hosted three successful regattas thanks to the support of volunteers
- Working on making sure we move athletes through the LTD model
- Developing our already more stringent safety plans further

5) Vice-President of Finance Report – Brian Fisher (with Item 7 below)

- Report as tabled
- Utilize even more of the sizeable surplus from 2016 to take advantage of opportunities to acquire equipment that was available at a discount
- Special thanks to Larry Masse for all his work
- Grateful to our many anonymous donors who continue to support our club and athletes
- Planning for the financial challenges the new Rowing Canada fee structure and registration system will cause and trying to minimize the impact on members
- Will be working on negotiations with CHRC this year as our agreement needs to be renewed
- Thanks to all volunteers for dedication and support

6) Vice-President of Special Projects Report –Louise Hastings

- Report as tabled
- Thanks to our leads for our many special events and to all our volunteers
- Asked members to note the many long service awards that will be given out at the RCA AGM and Awards
- Made it through the first round of assessment with this year's trillium grant. We are seeking funds to renew the recreational rowing shells
- Have applied for service Canada Grants to help us pay for summer student staffing

7) Treasurer's Report – Brian Fisher for Larry Masse (part of Item 5 above)

- Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2017, as tabled
- Review of key line items, comparison of budget to actual
- Specific items mentioned include boat purchases, funds raised from Corporate Rowing Day

8) Club Manager / Head Coach's Report – Mark Welsh

- Report as tabled
- Special thanks to Ryan Malkowski, all volunteers, and Board members
- Highlighter the very successful year for athletes in all programs
- Noted our very successful corporate rowing day where we had 12 eights on the water for four separate sessions
- Concerned about declining high school number and trying to mitigate with developmental of programs like the HS Rowing course with the NCDSB

9) Constitutional Items

- None this year but Michelle noted that with the new “Anti Red tape” legislation we will be looking at future changes to the constitution. She is working with John Miryneck on what is need for these and timing

10) Approval of Actions of the 2017 Board of Directors

- Janet Lancaster read and put forward the motion; seconded by Mike Petrychanko; approved

11) Nomination of New Directors and Election of 2018 Board

- Michelle Kerr read the slate for 2018 Directors: Michelle Kerr, Brian Fisher, Louise Hastings, Michele Fisher, Bob Schenck, Lorna Hay-Gaudet, Brian Thorne, Marion Markarian, Larry Masse, Nancy Love, Tracey Newman, Rick Crooker, James Walker, Theresa Woods, Chris Blackwood, Sam Baio
- Nominations from the floor: None
- Vote not required; slate acclaimed
- Michelle introduce Sandy Kovacs who has agreed to take the role as Volunteer Coordinator for the club

12) Election of Executive for 2018

- All 2017 Executive returning for 2018; no other names put forward; stands as per 2017:
 - President: Michelle Kerr
 - VP Finance: Brian Fisher
 - VP Rowing: Bob Schenck
 - VP Special Projects: Louise Hastings
 - Secretary: vacant
- Motion to appoint Larry Masse as Treasurer: put forward by James Walker; seconded by Brian Thorne; approved

13) 2018 Membership Fees – Brian Thorne

- Proposed 2018 fee information was reviewed

- Brian noted the increases required due to the new registration and fee system being implemented by both RCA and Row Ontario. Talked about impact this will have on our regattas and overall administration of fees for regatta entries
- Noted that every athlete in every program is being subsidized; SCRC fees lower than Hamilton, Ottawa, Toronto
- Motion to accept proposed 2018 fee structure: put forward by Scott Anderson; seconded by Louise Hastings; approved as proposed

14) Other Business

- Special welcome to new Board members: Same Baio, Chris Blackwood and to Volunteer coordinator Sandy Kovacs
- Ron Burak asked about the upcoming vote on the rule changes for the RCA rules of racing, Michelle reviewed those rules in questions that we would be voting against

15) Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: put forward by Theresa Woods; seconded by Brian Thorne
- Adjourned 8:38 pm