



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

**Held at: Alumni Clubhouse, Henley Island  
January 17, 2017**

**In Attendance:**

Michelle Kerr	Scott Anderson	Lorna Hay-Gaudet	Nancy Love
Mark Welsh	Brian Fisher	Theresa Woods	Doug Kerr
Susan Nichol	Michele Fisher	Tracey Newman	Sharon Ralph
Brian Thorne	Bob Ralph	Larry Masse	Jennifer Stephenson
Mary Rao	Bob Schenck	Rick Crooker	Carol Purcer (guest)
By Proxy:	Peter Scott, Mary Lynn Somogyi, Louise Hastings, Marion Markarian, Carl MacCulloch, Mark Thomas, Greg Pinder, Hillary Kerr		

**MINUTES**

**1) Call to Order**

- Called to order at 7:10pm
- Quorum achieved – confirmed by Michelle Kerr

**2) Review of 2016 AGM Minutes**

- Motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the Minutes of January 19, 2016: put forward by Tracey Newman; seconded Brian Thorne; 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 Carl MacCulloch, Janet Lancaster and Jennifer Stephenson
- Moment of silence held for rowing community members lost over the last year
- Noted SCRC is the largest rowing club in Canada; more than 1000 participants in full range of programs; takes over 200 coaches and assistants to support all of these athletes
- Working with the Niagara bid team on a 2021 Canada Summer Games bid
- 2017 is an anniversary celebration year: Canada 150<sup>th</sup>, Henley 135<sup>th</sup> and Alumni 60<sup>th</sup>

#### **4) Vice-President of Rowing Report – Scott Anderson**

- Report as tabled
- Thanks to club lead coaches, including Michele Fisher and Gary May for fall season
- YRS is a entry point for rowing; ongoing efforts of Marion Markarian, Dan Ducroix and instructors much appreciated
- Three successful regattas; valuable support of volunteers
- Challenge of getting to US regattas due to cost/exchange
- Highlights of success, awards noted in report

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

- Report as tabled
- Sizeable surplus for 2016
- Special thanks to Larry Masse for all his work
- Christened in June: 1x, 4x, 4+, 8+, two sets of Rec oars; rowing community fundraising allowed the 1x and 4x to be 100% owned by SCRC
- Grateful for the Ontario Trillium Foundation capital grant (\$110K) received in 2016 that allowed us to purchase four new double sculls and oars, and two new quadruple sculls and oars – all to be christened on June 25, 2017; special thanks to Louise Hastings for her efforts in securing the grant
- Special thanks to Bob and Sharon Ralph for their support of the Rec Rowing League
- March 1, 2017 visit, and end of March decision, for 2021 Canada Summer Games
- Reminder that potential change to Rowing Canada fee structure in 2018
- Special thanks to all volunteers for dedication and support

#### **6) Vice-President of Special Projects Report – Michelle Kerr for Louise Hastings**

- Report as tabled
- Successful in 2016 with a number of grant applications: Service Canada Summer Employment Grant; Ontario Trillium Foundation; Ontario Summer Experience Program
- Highlight of awards in report (note next Rowing Canada AGM is end of January 2017, so those listed are from last year)
- Events: special thanks to Tracey Newman, Lorna Hay-Gaudet and Nancy Love’s work to make these events successful

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

- Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2016, as tabled
- Review of key line items, comparison of budget to actual
- Specific items mentioned include boat purchases, student grant for Mark’s assistant, unexpected donations, and significant profit from Mother’s Day Regatta

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

- Report as tabled
- Special thanks to Ryan Malcowski, all volunteers, and departing Directors (especially Carl MacCulloch)
- Different SCRC uniform in development for 2017 to recognize special anniversary year (Canada 150, Henley 135, Alumni 60)

## **9) Constitutional Items**

- None this year

## **10) Approval of Actions of the 2016 Board of Directors**

- Jennifer Stephenson read and put forward the motion; seconded by MF; approved

## **11) Nomination of New Directors and Election of 2017 Board**

- Michelle Kerr read the slate for 2017 Directors: Michelle Kerr, Brian Fisher, Louise Hastings, Susan Nichol, Michele Fisher, Scott Anderson, Bob Schenck, Lorna Hay-Gaudet, Brian Thorne, Marion Markarian, Larry Masse, Nancy Love, Chris McAlpine, Tracey Newman, Rick Crooker, James Walker, Theresa Woods
- Nominations from the floor: None
- Vote not required (17 positions, 17 people); slate acclaimed
- Motion to appoint Bob Ralph as honorary Board Member to represent the Rec Rowing League: put forward by Brian Fisher; seconded by MW; approved

## **12) Election of Executive for 2017**

- All 2016 Executive returning for 2017; no other names put forward; stands as per 2016:
  - President: Michelle Kerr
  - VP Finance: Brian Fisher
  - VP Rowing: Scott Anderson
  - VP Special Projects: Louise Hastings
  - Secretary: Susan Nichol
- Motion to appoint Larry Masse as Treasurer: put forward by Michelle Kerr; seconded by Brian Fisher; approved

## **13) 2017 Membership Fees – Brian Thorne**

- Proposed 2017 fee information has been posted online
- Sincere thanks to Bob Schenck for his work reviewing the programs
- Fees for fall competitive to be decided in spring 2017
- HOCR entry fees now to be paid by athletes competing at that regatta

- Masters fee: working group reviewed fee structure; decision to keep as a single fee (i.e., not split by season)
- Noted that every athlete in every program is being subsidized; SCRC fees lower than Hamilton, Ottawa, Toronto
- Ongoing discussion about potential RCA fee change coming, impacts registration system; Row Ontario will be implementing changes if vote at RCA AGM later this month is successful (SCRC voting against)
- Motion to accept proposed 2017 fee structure: put forward by Michele Fisher; seconded by Bob Schenck; approved as proposed

#### **14) Other Business**

- Special welcome to new Board members: Rick Crooker, Theresa Woods, James Walker
- Reminder that there are lots of volunteer opportunities – Board membership not required!
- Mark Welsh noted that the club received thank you notes for our financial donations from athletes who made the national team

#### **15) Motion to Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn: put forward by Susan Nichol; seconded by Brian Thorne
- Adjourned 7:57pm