

## ST. CATHARINES ROWING CLUB

### VICE PRESIDENT, SPECIAL PROJECTS – ANNUAL REPORT, 2020

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - THURSDAY JANUARY 21, 2021

#### EVENTS

In terms of Events, 2020 was an un-year. COVID-19 meant no competitions and no major gatherings. We couldn't have a Boat Christening, Captain's Dinner or a Come-Home-to-Henley Party and fundraisers such as Tag Day, the Mother's Day Plant Sale and Pasta Nights couldn't happen. The spring TRY-IT DAY and the fall BRING-A-FRIEND DAY couldn't be held. Be assured though, we have dates and tentative plans to have all these great SCRC Events happen in 2021. Our Tag Day locations have been contacted and we hope to have a Tag Day – perhaps on a smaller scale - but a Tag Day on Saturday May 8 and exciting plans are in process for the Captain's Dinner on Saturday November 27. Other dates and plans TBA as we can.

#### GRANT APPLICATIONS

**SERVICE CANADA – SUMMER EMPLOYMENT GRANT** - We received a grant to support the Assistant to the Captain position for 2020 and have submitted an application for the same position for 2021. These grants are normally announced in late April.

**CANADIAN RED CROSS** – we submitted an application to the Canadian Red Cross **COVID-19 Emergency Response Support for Community Organizations - Granting Program** to cover some COVID-19 related supplies and for two doubles and two coach boats and motors. Unfortunately, the Red Cross felt we did not meet all of the criteria they had set for the grant. One major criteria was to have the project support the vulnerable. We could not meet that criteria.

**CANADIAN WOMEN IN SPORT** – We have applied for a \$2500.00 grant to promote and conduct a program to introduce Grade 8 level girls to rowing. I want to thank Michele Fisher for her input and guidance on drafting this submission. We expect to hear the results in March.

**ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION** – We have submitted an application to OTF's new **Resilient Communities Fund** which has been set up to assist non-profits recover and re-focus after COVID-19. We have applied for eight new singles and eight pairs of sculls as well as money to support coaching education. I had several conversations with OTF staff who felt we have a reasonable argument for the grant. We have applied for about \$90,000.00. Thank you to Brian Fisher, Michelle Kerr and Kathy Powell for their help with the draft. We expect to hear about this grant in late March.

**SPONSORS:** Rick Crooker has contacted our sponsors to thank them for their generosity in the past. We plan to approach them early in 2021 to seek their support.

**AWARDS:** We have submitted the following nominations to **Rowing Canada Aviron** and to **Row Ontario** for Long Service Awards and to **Row Ontario** for Volunteer Recognition Certificates.

#### LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Harry Edmondstone	55 years	Mike Purcer	45 Years
Jim Marino	50 years	Ken Campbell	45 years
Jim Finley	15 years		

**ROW ONTARIO - CERTIFICATES TO RECOGNIZE VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

Lauren Kelly, Kory Layfield, Jim Marino, Lindsay Sferrazza, Hunter Young

Finally, I would like to thank Rick and the members of the Board for their support and wise counsel during the past year. I also want to recognize Mark Welsh and Jim Marino and our amazing, skilled coaches for making it possible for so many to have a great season of rowing – different indeed but still, a great season. Optimistically, 2021 will be better, possibly not exactly what we define as “normal”, but still much better.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Hastings  
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