



Vancouver Rowing Club Rowing Section

Annual General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2008

1.0 Procedural items

Thirty-eight active members in attendance. Meeting called to order @ 7:45 p.m. by Chris McPherson.

1.1 Adoption of agenda:

Motion to adopt agenda by Annette O'Shea and seconded by Carol Daviau. Motion passed unanimously.

1.2 Adoption of 2007 AGM minutes:

Motion to adopt by Paul McCulloch and seconded by Lisa Simpson. Discussion ensued where Dimas Craveiro referred to point 2.3.8.3 in 2007 AGM minutes and pointed out that this statement is misleading and should be struck from the official minutes. Also, Dimas said that point 2.4, a motion to increase membership fees, is exactly opposite to what he proposed. The motion should have read that a \$50 increase in the boat replacement fee and he requested that the minutes reflect this correction. The last point regarding the minutes was point 3.2.3.2.1; an editorial comment by the recording secretary. Strike out the petty and just leave unnecessary. Motion to approve the amendment made by Annette O'Shea, seconded by Krista Shackelford. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

2.0 Reports

2.1 Captain's Report

Chris McPherson said the small group on the executive worked hard to keep the section going. Committees worked marginally well, the exception was the regatta committee. Chris hopes that going forward, more people will sign up for volunteer committees and the workload will be spread throughout members. As outgoing Captain, he prefers we stay away from member-pay as an option to volunteering. Boat repair people are not available locally so we have to look within the club for minor repairs. Our section went to many regattas and all competitive programs enjoyed success. The Juniors performed very well at some of the biggest regattas in the country and they are an amazing group of young people.

Looking forward to next year with reference to the strategic plan, there is going to be a more straight-forward flow into and through the club. This will be the challenge to next year's executive. He also recommends fostering more rowing together between programs (re: Masters World

2009, etc.). He sees an opportunity to compete and row between programs. Chris thanked all members in club and members on executive for help throughout the year.

2.2 Vice-Captain Operations Report

Angus Dinsdale thanked Chris for being Captain for two years and stated that LTR was very successful this year. Angus also spoke of the Juniors' success, specifically their Henley results. The safety committee worked well initially. They set up the rower safety checklist and followed up with compliance. Also for safety, he set up the coaches pfd sign in/out through the fall months. Boat/engine stolen in early May, which was when we learned the insurance deductible had been raised to \$2,500. Unfortunately, a new engine is \$2,495. Dimas and Angus spent a lot of time/effort getting locks for engines, chains for boats, gas container. This seemed to work as a deterrent through the summer but we were again targeted by thieves recently and an engine was stolen. We now have to remove engines daily. The section lost two engines this year for a total loss of \$5,000.

2.3 Treasurer's Report

Rene Myrand reported that we are in a positive cash flow situation. To date, we have more than we've spent but unfortunately the club's accounting system has not provided us with accurate budget for review at this AGM. The only increase in next year's budget is an increase of \$8,000 (from \$12,000 to \$20,000) to answer a need for major repairs. Question from Simon – what is the depreciation period? Rene replied it is over six years. Rene iterated the outstanding results with LTR, which he said Angus is responsible for as he hired our LTR coordinator and managed this position (\$92,000.) Lisa Simpson asked about the Special Events In Club Rowing line item in the budget. What is this line item and what is the off-setting entry? Lisa asked if we have confidence with the club's accounting of our monies. Rene replied that he was confident the money was all there but it was the way they allocate the money on the budget sheet that makes it difficult to read. Richard Smithies asked how our docks (for example) are replaced over time? Peter Klinkow explained that all the sections are to be break-even on budgets but that the rowing section takes in revenues and must pay out on our expenses, for replacement of shells, etc. Dimas pointed out that we spent about \$5,000 more than we took in on regattas. Asked if private coaching fees have been allocated to LTR fees.

2.3.1 Adoption of budget:

Simon Litherland moved to delegate to the Rowing Executive the authority to approve the fiscal 2009 Rowing Section Budget on behalf of the section membership. Seconded by Gord Chutter. Discussion: Lisa Simpson requested that we send a copy of the budget to the section members once the club makes it available and suspend approval until review. Discussion ensued as to the correctness of this request. Simon withdrew his motion. Annette O'Shea proposed a motion that we accept the budget as discussed, which was seconded by Carol Daviau. Motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Executive positions

3.1 Receipt of nominations for executive committee

Nominated for two-year terms:

- Captain – Dave Reimer nominated Paul Harris for the position. Paul accepted. He has rowed for two and a half years. Bill Myra nominated Annette O’Shea. She rows in the Sunday masters program. In speaking to the members present, Paul stated that he wants to vigorously pursue the strategic plan, to grow the Learn-To-Row program, and to pursue a boat purchasing policy that is fair and equitable. Annette said that her primary reason to seek the position is that she wants to encourage more inter-communication between programs and transparency from the executive.

Paul Harris was elected Captain by a show of voting cards.

- Secretary – Ruta Praulina, of Sunday Masters, has been in club for two years. She is interested in how all our programs can work together.

Ruta Praulina was elected by acclamation.

- Vice-Captain of Operations – Krista Shackleford, of Sunday Masters, has been rowing for 2.5 years. Has time with her work schedule to give back to the section.

Krista Shackleford was elected by acclamation.

Nominated for one-year terms:

- Vice-Captain of Membership – Keira St. George of Sunday Masters (not present) wants to be involved in the executive and feels that she is a better fit for this position than as equipment coordinator.

Keira St. George was elected by acclamation.

- Rowing Liaison – Chris McPherson, of Saturday Masters, said he promises to give more information to all programs and that he will update our policy document, which he felt is currently unreadable.

Chris McPherson was elected by acclamation.

- Equipment Manager – Bill Myra, of Sunday Masters, stated his work is changing and feels he has the time to commit to this position. Paul McCulloch nominated Dimas Craveiro to the position. Dimas said he wants to have an equipment manager in every program and build a system that teaches repair skills to more people and allows for succession.

Dimas Craveiro was elected by a show of voting cards.

4.0 Call for volunteers

Volunteer committees were described and all members requested to sign up for volunteer duty.

Annette O'Shea volunteered to be our coordinator for the Australia group and gave a presentation. She asked any of our members interested in going to Australia to sign up as a VRC rower on the World Masters site. She described upcoming fund-raising events, the first being a rowing calendar which will be available at the Captain's banquet. Accounting of the proceeds for this fund-raising will be discussed at upcoming executive meetings.

David Ellis thanked the outgoing executive.

5.0 Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Anthony Wong, seconded by Lisa Simpson at 9:18 p.m. Passed unanimously.