**Saskatchewan Rowing Association**

**Annual General Meeting – Sunday June 14, 2020**

**10:00 am – via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**

Bryan Hillis called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and welcomed those in attendance.

1. **Roll Call**

Bryan Hillis, President Willy Bingham, VP High Performance

Karen Tilsley, VP Administration Nicole Golden, VP Development

Chad Jedlic, Regina Rowing Club Rep. Michelle Lopez, Lloydminster Rowing Club Rep.

Kate Morstad, Regina Rowing Club Rachel Mackenzie, Saskatoon Rowing Club

Andrew Knorr, HP Coach (staff) Brenda Colby, Development Coach (staff)

Linda Coe-Kirkham, Dir. Operations (staff)

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Bryan Hillis asked for any additions to the agenda and declared the agenda.

**Approved by consensus**

1. **Approval of Minutes from 2019 AGM**

**MOTION: 14/06/2020 – 01 (Bingham/Tilsley)**

That the minutes from the SRA Annual General Meeting held June 10, 2019 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

* 1. **Errors and Omissions**

There were no errors or omissions.

* 1. **Business Arising**

Bryan Hillis indicated that the bylaws should be reviewed and that this can be undertaken by a committee at a later date. The bylaw amendment referenced the ability to have the presidents role appointed at the AGM in future.

1. **Reports**

All reports were circulated in advance of the meeting and are available on the SRA website in the AGM Section.

* 1. **President’s Report**

Written Report was circulated in advance. Bryan Hillis highlighted a busy year for SRA. He added special thanks to Doug Zolinski and the coaches for all their work and extended thanks to Sheila Leach for all her work on sanctioning.

* 1. **VP Administration Report**

Written report was circulated in advance. Karen Tilsley indicated that her term was up and that for that reason her report contains much more detail as a reference in order to assist the next VP Administration.

She indicated that moving forward there will be an emphasis on increasing self help revenues and that work can now commence on the next multi-year plan which is due to Sask Sport in February 2021.

* 1. **VP High Performance Report**

Written report was circulated in advance. Willy Bingham added that as a result of modified training, SRA has a positive, cohesive, provincial training group created as a result of LRC participation in zoom sessions. He added a special thanks to the clubs for loaning ergs to athletes for use in their homes.

* 1. **VP Development Report**

Written report was circulated in advance. Nicole Golden highlighted the success of the programs supported by CSJ and CAAWS grants. She commended the coached for the exceptional job they have done on development initiatives.

* 1. **VP Programs Report**

Bryan Hillis indicated although there were limited clinics this year, Sheila Leach has worked to advance sanctioning and is considering taking on the role of VP Programs. SIRC was sanctioned for the first time in 2020.

* 1. **Coach Reports**

Written reports from the coaches were circulated in advance. Brenda Colby reported that she has adjusted to her move to a new province and looking forward to continued coaching education. She is very pleased with the response to training by zoom and indicated there are training sessions available for all members.

Andrew added that WCSG is not on the schedule for 3-years from now. There is expressed interest from the Swift Current area in rowing. With the cancellation of so many events due to Covid – 19, the next competition will likely be SIRCs in February 2021.

* 1. **Club Reports**
     1. **RRC**

Written report was circulated in advance. Chad Jedlic indicated the highlight of the year for RRC was the success of the Mother Teresa Middle School Camp, which he indicated could very likely be offered again. He expressed thanks to both Andrew and Brenda for their efforts in keeping members engaged.

* + 1. **SRC**

Rachel Mackenzie provided an update on activities at the Saskatoon Rowing Club. She thanked SRA for their support and thanked Andrew for all his enthusiasm and hard work.

* + 1. **LRC**

Written report was circulated in advance. Michelle Lopez indicated that the past year saw huge progress for the Lloydminster Rowing Club. The 3 ergs gifted by SRA was perfectly timed to allow for participation in zoom sessions. Coach visits through the year also prompted a feeling of being part of a team environment.

* + 1. **PA Drifters**

Written report was circulated in advance. Prince Albert has been struggling with a number of issues out of their control, including that with current covid -19 restrictions the club cannot put their docks in the water.

Bryan Hillis thanked everyone for their reports and asked if there were any questions. With no questions, he indicated that the development of PA and Lloydminster Clubs will remain a priority.

**MOTION: 14/06/2020 – 02 (Bingham/Tilsley)**

That all reports be received as presented.

**Carried**

1. **New Business**
   1. **Financial Statements and Report from the Auditor**

Karen Tilsley presented the audited financial statement and report of the auditor. She indicated that there was one journal entry as related to the office allowance for the Development Coach as outlined in the employment contract.

The operating deficit for the year was planned with the decision to purchase the coastal boat for PA at the end of last year realizing the expense would be realized during the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Self help was up in part due to the Western Canada Summer Games. Self help will remain a priority and also includes sponsorship and ticket sales associated with thee Annual Awards Banquet.

**MOTION: 14/06/2020 – 03 (Tilsley/Lopez)**

That the audited financial statement for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

* 1. **Appointment of Auditor for 2020-2021 year**

**MOTION: 14/06/2020 – 03 (Tilsley/Golden)**

That the firm of Marcia Herback and Associates be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

**Carried**

* 1. **Appointment/Election of Board Members**

Bryan Hillis thanked everyone for responding regarding their interest in serving on the Board. He indicated that there will be no need for elections. He indicated his willingness to continue as president, but that the board will appoint the president at the meeting immediately following the AGM.

Nicole Golden indicated that the board may appoint someone at any time to fill a vacancy on the board.

Bryan will follow up with Sheila Leach re: VP Programs and Sarah Cooke re: VP Development. The four club representatives are designated by their respective clubs.

The following slate of directors is presented:

Bryan Hillis 1 year term Director at Large

Nicole Golden 2 year term VP Administration

Joel Bancescue 1 year term Director at Large

Willy Bingham 2 year term VP High Performance

David Ukrainetz SRC Representative

Michelle Lopez LRC Representative

Chad Jedlic RRC Representative

**MOTION: 14/06/2020 – 04 (Golden/Bingham)**

That the slate of directors be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

* 1. **Safe Sport document from RCA – for review only**

Documents were circulated in advance of the meeting for review.

The documents will be shared with Kia Schollar at Sask Sport and all should review by the end of June.

Discussion continued on the value of safe sport.

Kate Morstad indicated that much more discussion will be needed and that education is critical. Policies and clear procedural documentation enable people to feel safe and enable a means of holding everyone accountable for their actions.

1. **Adjournment**

Bryan Hillis declared the meeting adjourned.