

2018-2019 SRA YEAR IN REVIEW

2018-2019 Board of Directors

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STAFF

Executive Director: **Nicole Golden**

Provincial Coach North: **John Haver**

Provincial Coach Development: **Brenda Colby**

President's Report

Summary

The organization has had a very productive year, even with some significant changes. Craig Hamilton served as President from June 2017 to January 2019 when he stepped away to meet new work commitments. We are thankful for his efforts and commitment to the Saskatchewan Rowing Association.

Highlights

We celebrated the many years of service of our retiring coaches, Garrett Mathiason and John Haver, at our Annual Awards Celebration in February 2019. We will continue to benefit from their expertise and participation as Coach Facilitators and Evaluators for years to come. The Regina team of volunteers did a wonderful job of creating a memorable evening. Sarah Craven was our keynote and offered a powerful and sincere presentation on her rowing journey. The 2018-2019 Awards recipients were:

Youth Female Athlete/Crew of the Year – Aidā Lissel-DeCorby

Senior Female Athlete/Crew of the Year – Sarah Craven

Senior Male Athlete/Crew of the Year – Thomas Markewich

Masters Female Athlete/Crew of the Year – Lone Buchwaldt

Masters Male Athlete/Crew of the Year – Russell Lawrence & Dave Ukrainetz

Peter Brooks Member of the Year – Doc Sayeed

Volunteer Coach of the Year – Donna Ell

Athlete of the Year – Larissa Werbicki

Administratively the organization sits in a strong position moving to a balanced approach to the three pillars Development, Participation and Excellence. With new funding through grant applications, the organization will continue to offer new programming and enhanced focus on development for the province.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to our major funder Sasksport and the team of professionals that help guide, support and mentor our organization and staff. To Noreen Murphy, Michelle Dezell, Kia Scholar, and the many other Sasksport support team, we express our gratitude for your time and dedication.

Past President's Report

PAC held our 2nd face-to-face meeting this past May in Montreal. The meeting was very productive. We discussed the following topics, including the standard discussion on club development, umpires and coach certification. All provinces appear to be struggling with the same lower numbers. BC, Ontario and Quebec all still have very strong numbers but even they are noticing a decline in membership. In addition to those topics, the main topics of discussion were:

Indoor Rowing

A committee had been formed last year to review the feasibility of a country wide indoor rowing program or event. What they are leaning towards is a 'National Rowing Day'. It would tentatively take place in February around the PIRC's. It would be looked at as more of a participation event as opposed to a competition event. Provinces (or clubs) would be encouraged to use the event to promote and grow rowing in their respective jurisdiction.

Safe Sport

What we refer to as 'Respect in Sport' most other regions across the country refer to their programs as 'Safe Sport'. Same idea different terminology. In Saskatchewan we appear to be well ahead of the rest of the country in this area. Some of you may not be aware that approx. 3 years ago Sasksport mandated that all provincial sport bodies update or modify their Dispute Resolution Policy, in their Policy and Procedure Manual, to include the Dispute Resolution Policy as prepared by Sasksport. This was done because going forward, Sasksport will take the lead on **all** disputes, including legal counsel, if it were to escalate to that level. SRA did comply with the Sask. Sport mandate.

At some point in the very near future RCA will be putting in place similar requirements as mandated by Sask Sport. They are just trying to figure out how to implement it. I had explained that the Sask Sport program may be very tough for us to opt out of since they will provide mediation as well as legal counsel. RCA may offer the same but since Sasksport is our primary funder, RCA will be looking at ways for each club to continue on with their program if it is as good or better than what RCA will offer.

In addition to a 'Safe Sport' policy. The RCA will soon be requiring that all coaches, employees and others directly involved with the athletes be required to have criminal background checks. There will be more on this in the coming months.

Coastal Rowing

Coastal rowing appears to be here to stay and is getting stronger every year. At our Montreal meeting, Charles Hauss from the Lachine (Que.) Rowing Club, gave a very interesting talk on Coastal Rowing. Charles was one of the originators of Coastal Rowing in Canada. The Lachine club has had a number of very successful coastal events over the last 5 years. One of the reasons for the success of these events is:

- They are much more spectator friendly than a traditional 2k laned course.
- Courses are significantly less expensive to set up and can be held on virtually any body of water.
- Races can be very exciting
- Can be held in almost any weather conditions.

Western Canada Summer Games

Preparation for the games is progressing well. The supply and installation of the 2k course has been awarded to a company from Leduc Alberta. Officials are in place and the organizing committee has been recruiting local volunteers and motor boats. We will still require more volunteers for general duties, dock marshals, time keepers, assistant boat drivers etc. Keep your eyes on your email, an official call for volunteers will be coming within the next couple of weeks.

In closing I would like to thank the entire board, coaches and staff for your support over the past few years during my time on the SRA board.

Overview

2018-19:

- I have been privileged over the past year while on maternity leave to work closely with Nicole in her Executive Director role, I have learned a great deal working with her as well as with the coach hiring committees.
- Although we started the year with a planned surplus of around \$5k we ended the year with \$16,131 surplus of revenue over expenses, while fully expending all of our SLTF.
- Feedback from SaskSport on our most recent annual funding report (July 2018) included direction to implement a more balanced spending approach (i.e., apx. 35% of Annual Funding in each of Participation and Excellence spending blocks). We have been working on implementing this change: accordingly, please find planned spending profiles at the end of this report with recent years as comparison.
- The March 31, 2019 Financial Statements and Auditor Report is completed and submitted for adoption.

Motion:

To adopt the 2018-19 Financial Statements and reports from the auditor.

2019-20 and 2020-21:

- Budgets were submitted to SaskSport in February. No changes were requested, and budgets submitted were approved by our funders. A small deficit of around \$1000 is planned in the budget for next fiscal year.
- Funding memos have been received from SaskSport indicating status quo funding expected from SLTF for both years, with MAP increasing to \$5300 then \$7500
- It is proposed to keep the same auditor for the March 31, 2020 audit.

Motion:

To appoint Marcia Herback as auditor for 2019-20 fiscal year.

2018-19 Highlights

1) Executive Director

- Nicole has been very engaged and effective as SRA ED over the past year and a bit. Through her performance review in April 2019, which included a stakeholder survey, it is very evident that her endless energy getting people engaged and commitment to see projects through has been of great benefit to SRA.
- SRA administrative performance and clean audit is credited to Nicole's expertise and accountability.

- Nicole has supported grant writing at the club and SRA level with excellent early success (see self-help funding). In her role, she also designed and created a new SRA website, and improved engagement with membership via an SRA member and Alumni newsletter. Maintenance to these is ongoing.
- With the change from Administrative Coordinator to Executive Director this past year, SRA saw an increase in Administration expenses in Salary and benefits specifically of \$12,882 (41% increase).
- Nicole's last day as SRA Executive Director is June 23, 2019. We wish her all the best in her new private sector position and look forward to continuing to benefit from her vast expertise and experience as a volunteer.

2) Operational Reserve Funding Status (edited June 7, 2019)

We are expected by SaskSport to have 50% of operating costs in cash reserve. We will base this on a \$265,000 annual operating budget as a current estimate (i.e. 50% = \$132,000). As can be seen on our 2019 Statement of Financial Position, we have net assets of \$145,556. However, this includes long term investments of \$30,159 in the SaskSport Legacy fund.

I do not know at this time whether the long-term investments in the Legacy fund meet SaskSport's expectation.

- If yes, we should have balanced budgets going forward, unless surplus is appropriated to specific future projects.
- If no, we must continue to find additional sources of self-help revenue over and above annual operating expenditures and allocate to this cash reserve.

3) Revenue

- **SLTF:** All grants fully expended.
- **Self-help:** includes: membership fees, clinic or event registration fees, assessment fees, fundraising, sponsorships and grants. Increasing self-help allows us to both "do more" to fulfill our goals and put more funding aside in our operational reserve (because SaskSport Grants must be fully expended each year).
 - Although self-help appears lower in 2019 compared to 2018, this is actually because of CSG assessment fees in 2018 (\$16,231 with no equivalent in 2019). Once removed, self-help increased by nearly \$11,000 which does not include the following grants awarded in 2019.
 - New process of running PIRC and awards banquet through SRA allows for increased self-help. New policy that 75% of all proceeds provided to host club as a grant.
 - With change in membership structure to follow suit of RCA's change to one membership type (as opposed to different fees for sport and competitive) plus seat fee revenue for sanctioned regattas, SRA membership fee revenue was consistent (\$5870 in 2018 compared to \$5574 in 2019)
 - **External Grants:** The follow external grants were applied have been awarded to SRA during 2018-19:
 1. Canada Summer Jobs for Summer Development Coordinator: \$3096 (Summer 2019)
 2. Coaching Association of Saskatchewan: \$775 (directly to recipient)
 3. CAAWS: \$1000 (summer 2019)
 4. CAS: Support Andrew Knorr certification costs (TBD)

4) Financial Management

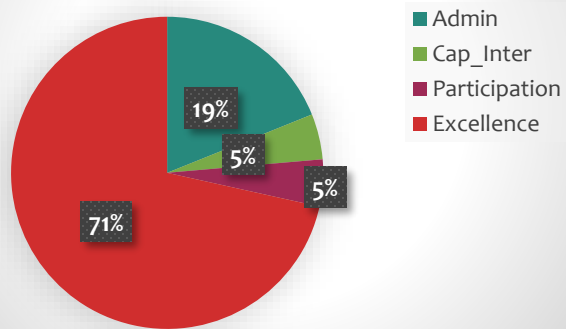
- Created forecasting tool for VP's to complete and present at board meetings to facilitate planning and ensure SaskSport grant funding fully expended.
- Met with all VP's in January to discuss budget to ensure spending reflected planned activities in line with strategic plan.
- More efficient and effective bookkeeping, resulting in reduced accounting costs
- Coding of expenses to appropriate categories to improve our spending profile (e.g. HPCC grant hours clarified with permission to code portion to development; committee meetings coded to capacity and interaction vs admin; SRA as central administrator of banquet with grant to host club to show self-help from event revenue, etc.)
- Ended year with surplus of \$16,131 and no funding returned to SaskSport
- The auditor did not make any changes this year

2019-20

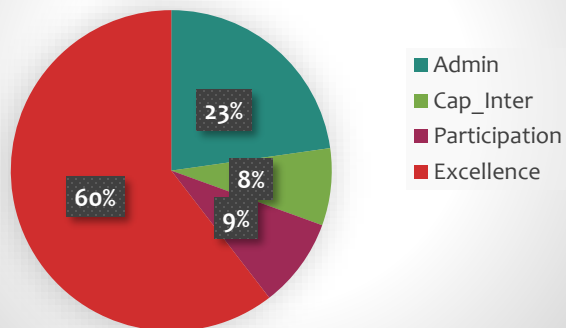
- 1) Work with the committee of Bryan, Willy and myself to hire and on-board new Executive Director with continued volunteer support from Nicole after her last day.
- 2) SaskSport Grant Funding: 2019-20 funding awarded (with comparison to 2018-19 actuals)
 1. SLTF grant: \$175,900 (0% change)
 2. HPCC grant: \$47,800 (3% increase)
 3. MAP Grant: \$5,300 (32% increase)
 4. Hosting (Western Sprints): \$2,200 (0% change)
- 3) Grow Operational Reserve:
 - a) Funds currently in cash should be invested either in TFSA in case of short-term need or in SaskSport Legacy Fund for longer term investment.
 - b) Goal-directed fundraising initiatives could be considered to grow the legacy fund for the future (e.g. HP equipment).
- 4) Budget oversight:
 - a) Continue to engage regularly with VP's to ensure operational area spending reflects SRA strategic plan initiatives and multi-year operational plan and is on-track throughout the fiscal year.
 - b) Continue to look for opportunities for SRA to code expenses as self-help
- 5) Continue to seek external funding to help SRA fulfill its mandate.
- 6) With board and staff, prepare for next full funding assessment in fall 2019 in order to optimize SRA funding allocation from SaskSport.
- 7) Support efforts to ensure Rowing is part of 2025 Canada Summer Games, and ideally becomes part of the regular roster of sports.

SRA Spending Profiles

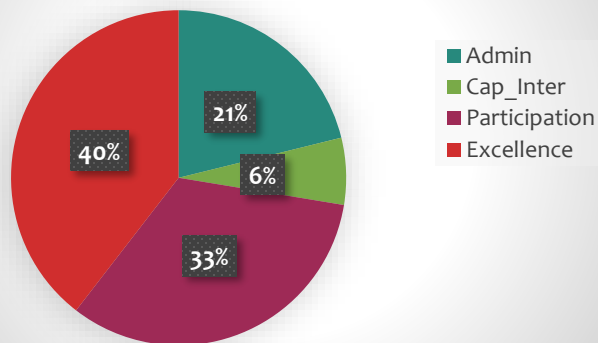
17-18 Expenses (Actual)



18-19 Expenses (Actual)



19-20 Expenses (Planned)



VP High Performance Report**NEW COACHING STAFF**

Garett has moved on from his position of Provincial Coach South to become the Coaching and Officials Development Coordinator at SaskSport. We thank Garett and John for more than a decade of service coaching in Saskatchewan. John is continuing in his role as Provincial Coach North until July 5th to aid in our transitional period. We have hired two new, well qualified coaches; Brenda Colby and Andrew Knorr. Congratulations and welcome to the SRA. Among their other responsibilities, they will continue to push our HP athletes to achieve nationally and internationally.

Our HP athletes have been achieving great results on and off the water over the past year and their futures look bright. Saskatchewan athletes are in the process of trying out for provincial and national teams. Our provincial athletes are working toward the 2019 WCSG in Swift Current SK and our National team hopefuls will be working toward a number of possible international competitions. Stay tuned to our social media accounts to follow our athletes' journeys.

CANADA SUMMER GAMES

Rowing is on the list for the 2021 Canada Games but the Canada Summer Games Council has announced that rowing did not make the initial cut for the 2025 Canada Games. This decision was reached based on scoring in various categories evaluated by each Province's Sport Governing Body. Our PSGB is SaskSport and they evaluated us poorly compared to other sports. There is still an opportunity for rowing to make the CSG list and rowing ranks well among the other sport that were cut from the list. The SRA and its employees are working with clubs to improve our ranking for 2025 and future years.

HPCC GRANT

SaskSport provides significant financial support in the form of the High Performance Coach Capacity Grant which allows us to provide excellent coaching resources to club and provincial athletes. The SRA has been approved for another year thanks to our great provincial coaches and our athletes' national and international performances at regattas. Results at the Canada Summer Games are one of our Key Performance Indicators for high performance sport. To maintain the best possible chance to secure the HPCC grant, it is important that we work together to keep rowing on the CSG sport list so that our athletes can perform well at that regatta and continue to demonstrate our province's commitment to high performance.

VP Development Report

At the 2018 AGM, I was elected as a member-at-large with a special interest in development issues. Together with Kim Asmundson and Gail Paskey, we resolved to work on these issues together. Our committee of three met with Executive Director (ED) Nicole Golden in the summer of 2018 to develop a budget with priorities that would not only meet the concerns of Sask Sport with respect to our falling membership numbers but would also address the concerns of our various clubs. Attention was also given in our budget to the diversity of our membership including working with indigenous youth and the differently abled. Development was focused around increasing the membership of our clubs and therefore that of the SRA as well as increasing the expertise of our volunteer coaches. Special attention was also given to helping clubs like Prince Albert and Lloydminster increase their numbers and establish their coaching expertise.

Around this time we were also made aware that there was some funding not used in last year's development; it was determined that with the increasing popularity of coastal rowing and the need for boats in Prince Albert, that a double coastal boat would be purchased. This boat was delivered in May, 2019.

Though we had hoped that coaches Garrett Mathiason and John Haver would be around to help implement this development program unfortunately their resignations in late 2018 and early 2019 meant that we had to hire new coaches. This also gave us the opportunity to develop the job descriptions of our coaches around development as well as high performance. Though I was not able to participate in the hiring processes of these coaches, volunteers like Karen Tilsley, Chad Jedlic, Willy Bingham and Doug Zolinsky under the expert guidance of ED Nicole Golden made some great decisions, at least in the hiring of the new development coach, Brenda Colby. Brenda arrived in early May and was greeted warmly by the Regina Rowing Club where she will be primarily resident. She has already embraced the new role of this coaching role, developing training programs which are shared with other clubs, mentoring volunteer club coaches and warmly greeting new rowers, helping them find a place in the club. She has also worked with Chad Jedlic, RRC VP of Programs and myself to develop plans for the summer which will find her visiting other centres like Prince Albert and Lloydminster.

ED Golden's expertise was demonstrated also in the successful application for a Canada Summer Jobs grant. An even greater success was in hiring the right person for the job and Nicole was able to find Gillian Cattett, who assumed the job of Provincial Summer Development Coordinator for a 10 week period. Reporting to the ED, Gillian will have a special responsibility for working with clubs outside Regina and Saskatoon as well as working with other areas of the province in promoting the sport of rowing.

The momentum SRA was accumulating in this area of development will be slowed with the recent resignation of ED Nicole Golden. Nicole has been a vocal and strong proponent of development in SRA and her hard work, expertise and guidance will be sorely missed. Her attention to detail and love of the sport was also evident in every meeting conducted as Nicole, working as a true ED, was able to keep our Board focused on the goals we had set and the tasks needing to be accomplished.

She has promised to be around to help us transition to the new ED but this is undoubtedly a setback for SRA, especially in the area of development. Many thanks to Nicole for all she has done for the sport of rowing and particularly in the development area. It will be a challenge for her successor and our volunteers to keep the momentum going in this area.

VP Programs Report

Summary

I've been in the position of VP of Programs since June 10, 2018. There was not much in the portfolio to go off but with the help of the executive director we were able to accomplish some of the goals we set out such as hosting a umpire clinic and hosting a coaching clinic.

Umpires

We hosted a umpires clinic at the beginning of March 2019, and we had four people complete the Level 1 umpire clinic workshop so that they can start their apprenticeship at RCA Sanctioned Regattas. We also recertified four Level 2 umpires, three of the four being from Saskatchewan.

Coaches

We hosted a two day RCA Coach Weekend #1 clinic at the end of March 2019. It was successful with eighteen people attending the clinic. We were also able to do a para rowing session alongside this RCA clinic, which we received positive feedback from attendees. Attendees enjoyed learning info on a subject we don't usually cover.

Objectives for 2019-2020

- 1) Keep umpires certified
- 2) Plan umpire clinics on a yearly basis
- 3) Promote umpire clinics and get people to follow through with training.
 - o Good candidates are parents of juniors that becoming an umpire would give them an opportunity to see their children up close well they race, parents of juniors would be best suited as they would be travelling to regattas and could get their apprentice training done at other regattas as well
- 4) Get active coaches certified and schedule evaluations
- 5) Promote coaching clinics and get people to follow through with further training.
- 6) Plan future coaching clinics (Booking a RCA Coach Weekend Level #2 for end of summer)

Coach Mentorship Program

COACH Supervision	Create 2 opportunities for each active coach in the province work alongside HP Coaches
COACH Certification	Promote active coaches to schedule Evaluations with J Haver through out summer. Targets: active coaches Regina & Saskatoon
COACH PD	Respect In Sport program must be a requirement to active coaching in the Province

Provincial Coach Report

National Rowing Championships- November 6th-12th 2018

Sarah Craven 4th out of 17 entries in the lightweight Under 23 single
 Larissa Werbicki 4th out of 21 entries in Womens Pair
 Gillian Cattet 10th in the senior single out of 14 entries
 Aida Lissel-DeCorby 4th in Junior single out of 37 entries
 Elana Gelineau 24th in Junior single out of 37 entries
 Lauren Matai 19th in Junior single out of 37 entries
 Lily Jedlic 13th in Junior single out of 37 entries
 Thomas Markewich 4th out of 14 entries in the U23 lightweight single

Canada Cup Junior Women's quad 1st (Aida, Lauren, Lily and Elana)

CSSRA's Results

Recently attended the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association Championship Regatta from May 31st to June 2nd in St. Catherine's ON. Ten athletes from 4 different schools participated this year. This was the largest team Sask Rowing has ever had at this Regatta.

- MSr4x Campbell-SK (Tommy Farquhar, Henry Burdick, Nick Barden and Ben Hersche) – ~9th/ 19
- MSr4X Holy Cross-SK (Matthew Johnner, Theo Diedrichsen, Steven Mellesmoen, Johnny McLeod) – 6th/ 19
- MSrLwt1x Campbell-SK (Ben Hersche) – ~9th/ 28
- MSrLwt1x Holy Cross-SK (Steven Mellesmoen) – ~22nd/ 28
- MSr2x Campbell- SK (Henry Burdick, Nick Barden – ~15th/ 30
- MSr2X Holy Cross-SK (Matthew Johnner, Johnny McLeod) – 6th/ 30
- MSr1X Campbell-SK (Tommy Farquhar) - ~29th/ 34
- MSr1X Holy Cross-SK (Theo Diedrichsen)~14th/ 34
- WSrLwt1x Walter Murray- SK (Lauren Matai) – 3rd/ 23
- WSrLwt1X Marion Graham-SK (Elana Gelineau) – 6th/23

Speed Orders 2019

This year we have three athletes trying out for National Rowing Programs:

Larissa Werbicki

Thomas Markewich (Next Gen Athlete under RCA)

Coaching Education (Coach Development)

I am continuing on as a Coach developer for RCA LTR coach and RCA coach as an evaluator. I have been asked by Rowing Canada (Colleen Miller) to evaluate Andrew Knorr with components of his Performance Coach designation. I also have plans this spring/summer to do LTR evaluations with Elana and Connor.

Executive Director's Report

2018-19 Highlights

1) Administration

Implemented processes to ensure good financial management, including quarterly Director spending projections. Monthly financial statements to VP Admin with detail analysis for Directors at quarterly meetings.

2) Grants

CAAWS \$1000, Canada Summer Jobs Grant \$3097 (SRA and SRC), Coaching Association of Saskatchewan funds went directly to Coaching travel expense(C Cooke)

3) Club Communication & Support

Developed regular check ins with clubs, and club Presidents. Created Member and Alumni newsletter, developed new website allowing for ease of updating and improved information sharing.

4) Board Support, Governance and Risk Management

Worked with VP's to ensure that their individual portfolio goals were being achieved. Provided all administrative actions of these portfolios in addition provided organizational and administrative support to Coach Selection Committee.

5) Sasksport Communications

Facilitated Director/Sasksport meetings to improve relations with primary funder and also to ensure Directors understand the Funding Assessments and feedback provided from consultants. Developed excellent working relationships with Noreen Murphy, Michelle Dezell and Kia Scholar of Sasksport.

6) HP Coach Support

Supported coaches in all travel, accommodation and rental bookings. Coach support is a significant portion of the current position which includes most correspondence with athletes, editing documents and general correspondence with Games Council, Sport Science and Medicine, HPCC Grant management and Coach Certification maintenance

7) Coach and Officials

Organized, marketed and ensure appropriate tracking of coaches in the locker. Improved coach training correspondence promoting certification, and working with individual coaches to ensure they progress through the Certification process. Organized first Officials clinic in the province since 2009.

8) Social Media/Marketing

Established several Facebook and Twitter campaigns to highlight specific SRA activities including PIRC & Annual Awards, NRC's, etc. Increased online participation significantly.

Regina Rowing Club Report

Three years ago we were recognized as Club of the Year by Rowing Canada.

There are too many members to thank for helping the club achieve this milestone. Thank you all! Rowing Canada had finally recognized a club with a long history of making good things happen for Rowing in Canada and on the Prairies.

We can be proud of hosting major events such as Canadian Masters, NWIRAs and Canada Games along with all of our incredible Provincial and Club Programming, Events and Achievements.

That being said, what I have been most impressed with since taking leadership of our club isn't the accolades or events... but the inclusiveness of our membership and the welcoming atmosphere of the club which has refocused on the "Love of Rowing". Saying Hello to those you don't know and saying Goodbye as they leave has been the most effective recruitment and retention tool we've had.

This Club focus... the focus on Rowing and the Rowing Family was what our club needed to grow. Thanks to a Club that is passionate about Rowing we have grown our membership and continue to achieve at high levels.

Over the last year, we continued our recruitment journey with the Crew Challenge, expanded the Club Elementary Rowing Camp and reintroduced the High School Rowing Program. In addition, we continued to support a small but consistent U of R team and continued to host the best Regatta on the Prairies, The Sprints! Thanks to a strong club membership base we were able to support the provincial rowing program that had an excellent rowing season again this year.

Every volunteer has done their part for the RRC. Many hands make light work. I would like to thank the board members for their volunteerism. These people are the heart of the club and continue to give freely of their time year in and year out.

To Jennifer, Chad, Dale, Sundine, Ryan, Donna, Marc, Sarah, and Kim... Thank You. You have made this and the previous three years fun and enjoyable at the club. And who can forget the dynamic woodchuck duo of Dave and Brian. We are warm in the winter because of them. A bonus shout out to Russ for the work on the course... this may be one of the most special features of rowing in Regina. (The Course is actually 1060 meters BTW, I measured. Don't let Winnipeg tell you it's 900.)

We are now a board in transition and a Provincial Program in transition. There will be new leadership this year as I step down and take on the role of Past President. We are also excited to welcome Brenda Colby to Regina as Provincial Coach Development.

This is an exciting time in the club! Renewal is good as it adds new energy and continued growth. I have enjoyed leading alongside all of you as President of the Club and will see you on the water in 2019.

Saskatoon Rowing Club Report

Summary

Saskatoon Rowing Club has a robust Board of Directors and dedicated summer staff.

Staff

- In summer 2018, Lauren Ritchie & Gillian Cattet were club coaches. Morgan Fedrau was the Club Manager.
- In summer 2019, the SRC has three new coaches and a club manager for the summer. Sierra Bronkhorst will be helping with learn-to-row and will take on club manager duties. Elana Gelineau coaches Seniors/Master in the evenings. Conner Cooke will coach learn to row, junior development and masters.
- New Equipment Managers – Brian Woytowich and Lauren Ritchie will be taking on equipment manager duties at the club from John Haver, and will be working with John over the next few months to get up to speed on the various requirements of this position.

Programs

- Winter Erg Season – The Club had a great winter erg season that went from November 2018 to April 2019, with coached rowing on Monday evenings, volunteer coaching on Thursday evenings and the ranked session on Saturday mornings.
- Tennis Camp – The SRC is teaming with the Saskatoon Tennis Club in Victoria park to conduct a junior tennis/rowing camp this summer.
- Crew Challenge- Nicole Golden and Karen Tilsley have started a “crew challenge” program to train new rowers to row in an eight and compete in the Regina Sprints.
- Water level/Sand Bars – The water level on South Saskatchewan River through Saskatoon has been low this year, which has created challenges with numerous sandbars and shallow points throughout the river.

Social Media Promotions

- The SRC has expanded social media postings/expenditures, including Instagram and Facebook posts, to try to target new members.

Memberships – The cost of a full year membership with the SRC was set at \$775/year for this season. However, the club has many other options for students, summer only memberships, learn to row and novice.

Lloydminster Rowing Club Report

Summary

Lloydminster Rowing Club

Last season in Lloydminster we completed a project to replace our dock system. It has made a huge difference in the ability to launch boats and has made a large improvement to rower safety. We maintained rowing two nights a week with success in having members out to row.

This winter we had 13 members row in the dry land season. We had two new members that achieved great success in the winter months posting very strong erg results. Our future goal is to have these rowers join our water season. We are excited to welcome the new development coach and development summer student to our club.

Current board members

President - Michelle Lopez

Treasurer - Kent Weir

Public relations - Leah Mann

Maintenance Support - Phillip Simmons

Prepared by: Nicole Ede

Date: June 9, 2019

Prince Albert Drifters Rowing Club Report

Summary

PADRC has been through some major organizational change this past year with some longstanding and dedicated volunteers moving away from the organization. Our current volunteers are continuing to focus on growth and ways to increase membership.

Programs and Memberships

- Ran 3 Learn to Row sessions last summer with four participants total
- 2 athletes participated in SRC Head Race

Grants

PADRC successfully won grant in the amount of \$3645.26 from City of Prince Albert to purchase new ergs. With the help of SRA, the PADRC has also purchased a new Coastal double. This will greatly improve our capacity to offer new rowers safe and enjoyable rowing opportunities on the fast moving North Saskatchewan River.

This year we hope to offer some fitness classes in the winter to attract new members to the club. We also might try to introduce rowing to the high schools and colleges around Prince Albert.