



Presidents Report

Row Nova Scotia AGM 2011

Introduction

I would like to thank the board for their hard work this year in implementation and management of a number of new initiatives and projects. Janessa has once again provided great assistance to the board and helped accessed funding for the organization that has allowed us to complete many new projects. Retiring board members this year include Darlene Hart and Brian Robinson. Darlene has worked hard to raise the standard of our book keeping and has kept the board on track with budgets and spending. Brian was the HRC representative and also assisted with the AIRC regatta and sat as the HRC rep on the boat purchase committee.

We have a number of key accomplishments for 2011 and they are summarized as follows:

Key Accomplishments 2011

- Hired a Recruitment and Development Coordinator and an assistant to recruit and promote rowing to junior high and high school students, and the community at large
- Provided funding for junior 4 athletes to attend the QIRC regatta in Montreal
- Funded Kerith Gordon and Jenna Pelham to attend RCA Nationals in Welland, ON and both competed in the LTW 1x finishing and 5th and 12th.
- Organized one indoor rowing event and three provincial regattas to provide racing opportunities to all age groups
- Sponsored a fall school recruitment and 6 week rowing program
- Hosted High School rowing regatta at the Ice Breaker Regatta and had attendance by NS, NB and NL
- Hosted Junior Rowing Challenge races for new rowers as part of the Really Chili Regatta
- Hosted 4 junior rowing camps
- Our umpires attended CMC, CURA and NRC's as officials
- Hired CG/Provincial coach
- We are funding our Provincial coach to attend a workshop to become certified as a learning facilitator and be able to lead RCA Coach Weekend 1 and RCA Coach Weekend 2 workshops in NS
- Cost shared the purchase of 4 boats (3 new) with member clubs which will provide priority access for Canada Games and Provincial teams
- Sponsored RCA Coach Weekend 2 coaching course and had 3 coaches attend
- Established a Canada Games Committee to assist the coach and team

- Completed grant applications and received funding to support provincial rowing initiatives
- Trained association umpires and members in running indoor and on water regattas
- Continued to offer mentoring and training to coaches and volunteers to support the rowing community

Priorities for 2012

- Continue to expand the High School rowing program and will hire a recruitment and development coordinator for youth rowing for the summer of 2012
- Continue to offer funding to Canada Games aged athletes to attend QIRC/ERA regatta
- Establish a sustainable athlete development system for core Provincial team, and support athletes to compete at NRC's
- Develop long term technical development program to build and support the provincial rowing program
- Hold RCA Coach Weekend 1 in spring and RCA Coach Weekend 2 in fall each year
- Expand youth and university rowing recruitment and retention programs
- Purchase additional new equipment as required to support initiatives
- Review Board position descriptions and governance
- Identify strategic funding partners that can help support rowing in our communities and/or the Canada Games team
- Support club development by providing recruitment, funding and cost-sharing programs

Respectfully submitted by,

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