

Ottawa Rowing Club Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Date	February 21, 2024	
Time	19:00-21:00	
Location	Google Meet	
Attendees	60 people in attendance, including the board members and ORC staff. 34 voting members were present.	
Next Meeting	February 2025	
Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Territorial Acknowledgment	Peter Thompson gives the land acknowledgment of the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People.	
Introductions of the Board & Staff	Peter Thompson introduces each of the current board members and gives a brief description of their roles.	
Overview of Processes	Andrew Harfield clarifies who has the power to vote and how voting will be conducted at this meeting.	
Wes Kuran Award	Zak Lewis gives a description of the award and its criteria. Recipient: Brendan Edge	
Roll Call & Confirmation of Quorum	Julia Fournier confirms we have quorum at 21. More voting members joined after that confirmation, totalling 34.	
Agenda Outline	Andrew Thompson outlines the agenda for this meeting. Members vote. See the results of the vote below.	
Officer Reports	Board members' 2023 executive reports are available on the ORC website.	
Bylaw Amendment	Peter Thompson outlines a proposed bylaw amendment regarding the appointment of Directors. Members vote. See the results of the vote below.	

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Community Involvement Initiative	Zak Lewis gives the members details on this policy in its current form. Members are asked to send any feedback to Zak directly at zak@ottawarowingclub.com	
Annual Budget Objectives	Craig Law outlines our budget objectives to the members, as well as the assumptions that were made when drafting the budget for the coming year.	
Issues Being Voted On	Discussion	Actions
Note for the Record	There were six proxy votes in attendance. Each of the motions listed below passed without the need for those votes, so in the interest of saving time, the proxies were not called on to give their second votes. Therefore, the true number of votes in favor of each motion is likely higher than what is listed.	
Approve the Agenda for This AGM	Motion: Andrew Thompson Second: Craig Law Votes in Favor: 30 Result: Approved	
Approve the 2022/23 AGM Minutes	Motion: Andrew Thompson Second: Peter Thompson Votes in Favor: 28 Result: Approved	
Waive Notice of the Bylaw Change	A bylaw change has been discussed regarding the appointment of Directors. Normally, this would require prior notice but Mike Walker moves to waive that requirement in this case. Motioned: Mike Walker Second: Craig Law Votes In Favor: 26 Result: Approved	
Adopt the Proposed Bylaw Change	Motioned: Craig Seconded: Andrew H Votes In Favor: 27 Result: Approved	
Receive the 2022/23 Audited Financial	Motion: Craig Law Second: Grayson Gray Votes in Favor: 27	

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Statements	Result: Approved	
Approve Recommended 2023/24 Program Fee Schedule	Motion: Julia Fournier Second: Andrew Thompson Votes in Favor: 26 Result: Approved	
Appoint Firm of Kelly Huibers McNeely as Auditors of the ORC for 2023/24	Motion: Craig Law Second: Peter Thompson Votes in Favor: 27 Result: Approved	
Affirm Selected Candidates for Open Board Positions: VP Admin, Secretary, VP Recreational, President	No nominations were received from the floor. Motion: Andrew Thompson Second: Andrew Harfield Votes in Favor: 26 Result: Approved	
New Business	Discussion	Deadline
Strategic Plan	Craig thanks everyone who has worked on the ORC strategic plan in 2023 and affirms that the Club will continue to refine it in 2024. Any members who would like to contribute their input are encouraged to contact the Secretary at secretary@ottawarowingclub.com	
Additional Non-Voting Board Member	The board is open to appointing non-voting members to lend a voice to specific groups or topics. One example that has been suggested is a Junior Parent Representative. Members are encouraged to reach out to Zak, Kim or anyone on the Board if they have ideas for relevant positions and/or would like to nominate themselves. Contact information can be found on the ORC website.	
From the Floor - Eric A.	Eric asks about security on the water in light of increased traffic. What's the plan? There is a working group including ONEC and	

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	<p>the riverkeeper working on policing traffic on the river. We haven't given up, we will continue exploring any and all solutions but it is a difficult and ongoing issue.</p> <p>Eric recommends inviting the other boaters to the Club for a tour to show motorists how fragile our boats are.</p>	
From the Floor - Paul Z.	Paul raises an opt out option for Regatta accommodations. He suggests it would help keep costs down and that perhaps organizing it could be a Community Involvement role.	
Adjourn	Discussion	
Motion to Adjourn	Motioned: Julia Fournier Seconded: Andrew Thompson Votes in Favor: 24 Result: Approved	