

OAR Planning Meeting, 11:00 am, March 10, 2018, Don Rowing Club

Attendance: Peter & Elaine B., Donna S, Julie-Anne F., Richard V., Ernst P., Arnold V., Homam M., Jean-Christophe M., Cynthia W., Iain M., John M.

Regrets: Hugh F., Sonya W., Matt G., Peter J., Joan R., Liane B.

Meeting commences 11:30

1) Sanctioning – Organisers fill in a sanction application on the “registration” website (RowingCanada) under ‘Propose an Event’; RowOntario (Andrea) will receive the applications but approval is determined by a checklist, so no actual knowledge of touring is required; the document is evidence that certain requirements have been met. We shall see how all this works in practice!

2) Event Management System –

A) Establishing the Tour on Regatta Central – Organisers must do this.

B) Signing up – Participants do this on the Regatta Central site. They must be registered with Rowing Canada.

3) New ‘event model’ issues:

(a) Registration – What do we do with RCA members who are members of a club not registered with OAR who want to participate in tours? Can we charge them extra under the new model?

(b) Revenue Allocation – In determining the tour price the following must be considered: RowOntario seat fees \$2.25 (incl. HST); RCA seat fees \$3.25 (incl HST); OAR seat fees \$25.00 (prob. includes HST in future); Misc: transport, food, drink

c) Contingencies – There will be some transition measures in the first year.

3) Bank Account as of March 10th – **\$10,789.27**

4) OAR Membership fees -- Propose to increase Annual Fes from \$70 to \$80 and Club Fees from \$90 to \$100 because RCA/RO individual fees are going up by \$10.

5) 2018 tours – Arnold is stepping into the breach and will do most of the trailering. See link:

<http://adventurerowing.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018-tours-schedule-poster-PREL-docx.pdf>

(a) Possible Tours for Future Years:

- Niagara to Toronto
 - Queenston to Niagara on the Lake
 - Niagara on the Lake to Jordan Harbour
 - Jordan Harbour to Hamilton
 - Hamilton to Port Credit
 - Port Credit to Toronto
 - Possibly Toronto Islands to Rouge River mouth
- Across Lake Simcoe
- Haliburton Lakes
- St. Lawrence River
 - Thousand Islands
 - Long Sault
- Rideau Canal

(b) What to do with the Coastal Boats? – Coastal boat investment, inadequately used, so what to do? We will rent them to member Clubs.

6) Possible changes to by-laws - Our financial year is Jan 1st to Dec 31st, but our constitution says this should be April 1st to March 30th; This needs to be changed. Increase the number of Board Members from 10 to 12 so we can “introduce new blood”.

7) Proposed date & venue for OAR AGM – April 14th has been proposed.