



## **Peterborough Rowing Club Year In Review 2020**

### **Club Mandate**

The Peterborough Rowing Club Mandate is to encourage and develop physical fitness, leadership, and environmental appreciation within the community by providing facilities and training in individual and team rowing both at recreational and competitive levels

### **President's Statement**

2020 will go down in *the* history of the PRC as a year like no other. Covid-19 virtually shutdown the country in March and active planning for on-water programs came to a sudden halt. With her daughter born mid-month, Head Coach Jess Reaume left for maternity leave and James Dyer reassumed the Head Coach position. James and the coaching team wasted no time in developing the “PRC Covid Crunch” series of on-line programs for members, and in April the Club went virtual. Ergometers were rented out to several members and training became an “at home thing”. As restrictions were reduced, a great deal of effort was made by the Safety Committee to develop a Covid-19 Protocol satisfying both Rowing Canada and Peterborough Public Health requirements. With more caution than fanfare, we finally got on the water June 1<sup>st</sup>.

2020 at the PRC will be remembered for booking into weekly scheduled practice times, restricted access to the boathouse, constant washing of boats and rowing only in singles until crew boats were permitted in the later half of the season. Without Learn to Row or Return to Row programs and a reduced level of participation, membership was virtually cut in half. Yet there was a silver lining to it all: with the limitless dedication of James and the coaching team, athletes were put through their training paces while seeing significant technical advancements in their rowing.

No formal interclub regattas were held in Ontario in 2020 and the opportunity to host the 50<sup>th</sup> Head of the Trent Regatta was postponed.

In April, the PRC was awarded a Trillium Growth Grant. The grant provides funding over a three period to expand rowing in Peterborough as a means of

growing physical activity in the community. Under the banner “Peterborough Rows”, the launch of the program was delayed from May 2020 to March 2021 with plans to include aggressive outreach to schools, community organizations, and the private sector. The grant supports staff wages and marketing activities as well as the purchase of equipment. It is the target of the club to triple its membership by the end of year three.

Despite all the challenges posed by the Covid-19 Pandemic, the PRC has shown itself to be both resilient and adaptable to change. This is a credit to our coaching staff, led by James, together with Board of Directors and committed club members all of whom worked hard to balance the enthusiastic spirit of the PRC with the need to ensure the safety of its members.

### **Step Back Non Believers**

#### **Membership Statistics**

Due to Covid-19, high school and introductory programs including Learn to Row and Return to Row for both Juniors and Adults were not offered in 2020. Without Inter club regattas in Ontario, PRC rowers were divided into four categories: Juniors aged U19, U23s, Adults/Master and Trent University Rowing Club (TURC) athletes who joined in the fall.

Juniors: 19 (12 female, 7 male)

U23s: 15 (6 female, 9 male)

Adults/Masters: 24 (12 female, 12 male)

TURC: 31 (21 female, 10 male)

Total Athletes at Club: 89 ( 51 female, 38 male)

Absentees Athletes: 3 (Those away on Canadian teams or unable to participate)  
Coaches, Board Members not included in count, Registered Volunteers: 13

Total Club Members: 105

During the on-water season, each member would check in at their allotted time, pass the COVID screening, follow the protocols set up by the club and after each row every boat and all oars were cleaned and disinfected. Initially all rowing was in singles and as restrictions were lifted some doubles/pairs were able to go out providing they were of the same household. Eights were allowed in the same manner in the fall.

**New at the club**

The AGM, this year was held via zoom as public gatherings were not permitted.

Covid restrictions required spring training to occur virtually, with regular dry land training sessions offered to each athlete category. Members were able to rent club ergometers until on water activity commenced in early June.

In December there was the opportunity for club members to have a physical screening done which checked the flexibility of the participants. A home winter training prep program was supplied to each person allowing them to prep for the new year dry land training sessions to be held at the club.

As part of the planned celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Head of The Trent Regatta and in partnership with the Trent University Rowing Club, the Club purchased a Hudson Predator Eight. Both PRC and TURC also shared the cost for the Purchase of new weight training equipment.

**Performance/Results**

As there was no regattas due to the Pandemic, the club did have a COVID safe event. The Chester Kelly event took place again with rowing taking place in pre established cohorts and a sprint competition in singles was held. In both the Junior and Adult division the Grey teams won.

**Celebrating****PRC Awards**

There were no formal club awards for 2021.

**Row Ontario Awards**

Jen Tuters  
John Nelson  
Roberta Hubble

**RCA Awards**

Head Coach, James Dyer, received an honourable mention by Rowing Canada in their Covid Champions Awards

## **Financial Statement**

2020 was a challenging year financially. Membership fees were down because members were restricted to at home rowing with no competitive or recreational competitions. The Bingo Centre was closed for much of the year and resumed only with machine games, reducing attendance for most of 2020. Consequently, bingo revenue was approximately 50% of 2019 level. The Club operations were funded by spending the accumulated surplus. The December 31, 2019 surplus of \$81,925 was reduced to \$27,809 by December 31, 2020. This reduction in operating capital was replaced with a \$40,000 CEBA loan.

## **Acknowledgements**

<b>Staff</b>	Head Coach	Jessica Reaume Jan-March James Dyer for Jessica's mat. leave March-December
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	Summer Staff	Megan Wurtele Brianna Tombs Joseph White
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## **Board Members**

<b>President</b>	Brian Love
<b>Secretary</b>	Jen Tuters
<b>Treasurer</b>	Terry Kelly
<b>Director</b>	Ken Hoard
<b>Director</b>	Neil Horne
<b>Director</b>	Rayf Shiell
<b>Director</b>	Bev Cameron
<b>Director</b>	Roberta Hubble
<b>Director</b>	Nancy Fischer