MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

THE UNITED STATES ROWING ASSOCIATION

April 15, 2020

**Directors present (by video conference):** Marcia Hooper (Chair), Darlene Disney, Greg Benning, Jamie Redman, Nick LaCava, Steven Shure, Falesha Thrash, Lisa Stone, Nobu Ishizuka, Matt Hughes, Meghan O'Leary, Charlie Haight, Joe Manion

**Absent:** Jimmy Sopko

**Others present:** Susan Smith (Interim CEO), Jim Weinstein (Interim CFO), Andrew Lee (outside counsel)

**The Chair called the meeting to order.**

**Covid-19 Update**
Mr. Lee updated the Board on the organization's response to the USOPC's inquiry into USRowing's compliance with New Jersey shelter-in-place restrictions, including discussion of the letter being sent to USOPC addressing the issue.

Ms. Smith advised that USOPC also had recently requested that USRowing complete an NGB survey seeking data to support a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the impact of the pandemic on Olympic sport. The request was a supplement to a more general survey completed a few months earlier.

Ms. Smith presented an email request from the Chair of USRowing's Safety Committee recommending that the organization immediately cancel all programming through the end of 2020. By consensus, the Board agreed that Ms. Smith should respond that USRowing was not cancelling the rest of the 2020 events at this time and will be closely monitoring the situation.

Ms. Smith also updated the Board on a recent meeting of the Medical Commission and presented its Coronavirus Pandemic Recommendations. Ms. Smith also discussed the status of a potential new lease/license for the PNRA boathouse, and the status of the organization's relationship with the Intercollegiate Rowing Association.

Ms. Smith informed the Board that the ECAC/IRA had given its 90 notice to cancel its current contract with USRowing for race management.

**Finance Update**
Mr. Weinstein presented a financial update to the Board, including a cash flow update and an update on the organization's application for Paycheck Protection Program funding.

**Fundraising/Sponsorship**
Mr. Haight and Mr. LaCava described the organization's current fundraising efforts, and a broad discussion ensued. Mr. Benning and discussed the organization's sponsorship sales program and the Board discussed the same.

Ms. Disney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Ms. Smith seconded, and which passed unanimously.