

**2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
VCRC NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION**

Notice to VCRC Membership:

On October 1, 2018 the VCRC Nominating Committee, Chaired by Mimi Drabit, distributed a Call for Expressions of Interest for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Director at Large on the Board of Directors for VCRC. Interested candidates had until October 23, 2018 to submit an Expression of Interest to the chair of the committee.

The VCRC Nominating Committee has endorsed the following slate of candidates for election to the VCRC Board of Directors at the 2018 Annual General Meeting, to be held on Thursday, November 22th, 2018 at 5100 Patricia Bay Hwy in Saanich, BC.

President

Greg Sedun (2 year term)

Vice-President

Mimi Drabit (1 year term)

Secretary

Scott McDonald (2 year term)

Director at Large

Crystal Edey (2 year term)

Thank you for your interest in supporting VCRC.

Mimi Drabit
VCRC Board Member
VCRC Nominating Committee Chair

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Greg Sedun – President Candidate

I started my rowing career when I was a Jr. C (around 2003) as part of the Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society's (GVYRS) high school league, rowing for my middle school (North Saanich Middle School). I then signed up for the club season with Victoria City Rowing Club (VCRC) and subsequently rowed every season as a junior bouncing between Parkland Secondary (for the high school league) and VCRC; depending on the time of year as club and school seasons occur at different times. Upon graduation, I continued my rowing career as part of the senior team at VCRC under the coaching of Doug White, while coaching for my high school and for the junior program at VCRC.

Fast forward a couple years and I felt it was time to get involved at the organizational level in rowing, starting off with being involved at the LOC level for Duelling Over a Grand and BC Champs/Challenge West. I started my board experiences by becoming a Director-at-Large with VCRC with my mandate being to represent the needs of younger adult competitive rowers. After a year, I became elected to the position of Volunteer Coordinator on the GVYRS board and I also became the Vice-President for VCRC. Fast forward another year and I have now become the treasurer for GVYRS, the President of VCRC, and most recently a Director-at-Large for the Victoria Rowing Society (VRS; oversees the operation of the Elk Lake boathouse). I have had many people ask why I am on so many boards. I answer with my purpose: to instill a passion of rowing and sport into all who try rowing.

Mimi Drabit – Vice-President Candidate

Describe your involvement in the rowing community?

I started rowing in 2016 with the Introduction to Club Rowing. From those first few terrifying moments, I was hooked. Making my way through the Novice Program and now rowing with the Masters. I have been a member of the Adult Committee as well as VCRC Board Member.

Why are you interested in serving on the board?

As a current Board Member, I realize that there is much more that goes on behind the scenes to keep the club viable and sustainable. As this is a member driven club, it feels good to give back to the club.

What characteristics, experiences and skills would you bring to the board?

My work experience has been diverse from creating budgets, developing marketing plans and working on strategic plans.

Scott MacDonald – Secretary Candidate

Describe your involvement in the rowing community?

Frequent rower, occasional volunteer, adult committee member

Why are you interested in serving on the board?

To give the board a broader representation of the community as a currently training competitive group member. Also, to give the board better insight into our current adult director needs as I have been a close friend for 6 years

What characteristics, experiences and skills would you bring to the board?

A knowledge of coaching stresses and needs, previous member of the Kingston Rowing Club Board, previous captain of the Queen's rowing team

Crystal Edey – Director at Large Candidate

How I got involved with rowing: My daughter Isabella started learn to row/row for life almost 4 years ago and then start rowing with the VCRC competitive league 3 years ago.

My involvement or connection with VCRC: I have been an active parent volunteer, mainly helping out with the food trailer and the concession. This past year, I have chaired, organized and ran the food trailer for Maple Bay, Brentwood and Shawinigan. I was also the lead for the concession for BC Champs last year and will be doing it again this year. I also worked with Katie and Brenda last year to put out our first VCRC calendar. Lastly, I am looking forward to helping out with the upcoming World Coastal Rowing Championship, acting as an athlete ambassador. My daughter Izzy also currently rows with the Junior A Girls and coaches with the adult novices and junior learn to rows and summer camps.

Work or community background that may assist the Board of Directors of VCRC: I am an active volunteer coach with Special Olympics and work with children with mental health challenges. I would like to promote more engagement between the disabilities communities and VCRC and see a lot of potential to support Rowing Canada's recent agenda to make rowing more inclusive. I also have experience with grant proposals and community fundraising, as a community volunteer and paid contractor.

Why I am interested in being on the Board: The last 4 years that my daughter has been involved with rowing has been a very positive experience for both of us. I have seen her grow as an athlete, friend, student and coach. It has helped provide her with a framework for life long learning and overall health through the support of excellent coaching, club support, fellow athlete/family support and community involvement. Simply put... the rowing community has become an important part of our family and I would like to do more to give back and support VCRC's continued growth/presence in our greater community. My daughter may be entering her last year in the junior program but I think this is just the beginning of her journey with VCRC, as she is developing a strong passion for coaching; so I will be stumbling around the boathouse for many more years, haha. I would like to bring in my experiences as a junior parent and expand on ways that we can promote and grow our junior promote and also look at ways to retain younger athletes after their transition through the junior programs into our adult programs.