



INFORMATION ITEM

BOARD/COMMITTEE:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING DATE:	April 29, 2026
AGENDA ITEM:	Bring 'em Up Gala: May 22, 2026
SPONSOR:	Finance Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES:

- The 2026 Bring 'em Up gala takes place on May 22, 2026 at the Conexus Arts Centre.
- The Bring 'em Up organizing committee has sought to partner with RODS to meet its goal of facilitating opportunities for newcomer children to play sports.
- RODS' is associated with the event, so it should be represented.
- Tickets are \$1,500 per table of 8. Any purchase of tickets by RODS should be mindful of RODS' sensitive financial circumstances.
- RODS' Board does not have a policy that addresses this situation.

BACKGROUND:

The 2026 Bring 'em Up gala takes place on May 22, 2026 at the Conexus Arts Centre. The first edition of this event occurred on May 23, 2025.

The event seeks to raise funds to "enhance sport, culture and recreation opportunities for immigrant and refugee youth".

The people behind the event are a loosely affiliated group of citizens that wants to strengthen the opportunities for local newcomers to play sports. There is no government involvement in this event.

Looking more broadly at the Regina community, there is a bit of overlap between opportunities provided by neighbourhood rec leagues and charities such as Ehrlo Sport. Although some overlap exists, key differences here is the exclusive focus on newcomer kids and the barriers to entry they face to playing sports.

The organizing group has experienced some growing pains, and the relationship between the group and RODS has not yet been properly defined.

Tickets for the event are \$1,500 for a table of 8. Last year, two RODS Board members attended, and paid for their own tickets. A third Board member did not attend, but purchased four tickets to allow additional staff and clients to attend.

The \$187.50 ticket price is a big ask for a Board member to pay personally.

An option is to have RODS purchase tickets, with the expectation that Board members who choose to attend (2-4 people?) would be expected to make a donation to RODS to offset at least a portion of the cost of the ticket. For example, a \$100.00 donation would generate a tax receipt that would lower the Board member's net cost to \$56.50.

Given RODS' difficult financial circumstances, any direction to management regarding Board member attendance should consider the sensitivity of utilizing funds for this purpose.

RODS does not have a policy on covering costs for Board members to attend fundraising events. The Board may wish to consider asking the Governance Committee to develop such a policy as part of its 2026-27 work plan.

ADVANCE CONSULTATION:

ED to discuss ticket options for RODS prior to event.

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:

Internal messaging associated with spending to be assessed ED.

REQUIRED APPROVALS:

N/A – information item only

STRATEGY MAP ALIGNMENT:

- 3.2.1: increase alternative revenue sources
- 5.3.2 launch a community engagement strategy.

TIMEFRAME/CONSEQUENCES OF DEFERRING DECISION:

N/A – no decision required, however the event occurs prior to the next scheduled Board meeting.