

Minutes Paddle Canada Annual General Meeting 2014

Saturday, 19 April 2015

Meeting held via (Ring Central) web-based video-conference call



Present:

Blair Doyle, Past President
Jeff Martin, Secretary, Newfoundland and Labrador
Tim White, Nova Scotia
Rob Lemmon, New Brunswick
Bryan Johnson, Manitoba
Matt Curaco, Ontario
Bryan Sarauer, Vice- President, Saskatchewan
Priscilla Haskin, President, Alberta
Mike Gilbert, Treasurer, British Columbia

Non Voting Members
Graham Ketcheson, Executive Director
Richard Alexander
Kenneth Person
Tony Palmer
David Johnson
Donna Kurt
James Roberts
David Wells

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Call to Order by Priscilla Haskin, President: 7:11 pm EST

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the amended agenda for the 2015 Paddle Canada Annual General Meeting.
m/Blair s/Mike r/carried

4. Approval of the April 2014 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the 2014 Paddle Canada Annual General Meeting
m/Blair s/Jeff r/carried

5. Business arising from past AGM Minutes

All motions from the 2013 AGM have been dealt with.

6. Executive Director's Annual Report and briefing on the Strategic Plan

Highlights:

- PPS 2014 was a success
- 14 events across the country: country life, SAR Scene, Provincial Youth Camps, MEC to mention a few.
- Supported 32 paddling events including six cash donations
- Strategic Planning highlights – Public Awareness and Membership –Youth Engagement

- Water Walker Festival and Bill Mason Scholarship
- PaddleSmart and Key Partnerships
- National Paddling Week in 2014
- New look to the PC website
- Busy office staff and reach with social media
- Financial Success and Challenges:
 - Individual members were up considerably
 - Unexpected funding for projects
 - Employment grants
 - Fewer instructor members than 2013
 - Clinics are up (\$ less generated)
 - Ontario Tourism contract wasn't renewed
 - Higher website costs than expected due to aging website
 - CRA tax audit – tax credit system was changed to negatively impact PC
- Courses and Clinics:
 - SUP surf and touring
 - Kayak rolling
 - Waterfront clinics
 - Adult and youth waiver
 - Skill courses and clinics - 7500 overall
 - Instructor courses – 900 overall participants 276 courses

Motion: To receive the Executive Director's Annual Report and briefing
m/Jeff s/Bryan S r/carried.

7. Past President, Board Executive, Regional Director and Committee Reports

Motion: To receive the Board Executive Regional Director and Committee reports.
m/Matt s/Bryan S r/carried

8. Committee Chairs' Reports (Committee Chairs) (submitted in writing)

Motion: To Receive the Committee Chairs' Reports (filed separately).
m/Mike s/Matt r/Carried

9. Acceptance of 2014 Financial Statements

Highlights:

- Deferred revenue from credits and CRA audits led to less revenue for the year and required cash flow generated from early renewals
- Ontario Tourism grant – admin fee absorbed
- Successful approach with SARNIF grants
- Question from the floor:
 - Richard A. What are the big financial challenges for 2015 – Treasurer - course and clinic income model to better extrapolate these revenues and increase membership as well as seeking grants for funding
 - Membership fee increase proposed by RA to generate more revenues

- Translation of PC documents and programs

Motion: To receive the 2014 Financial Statements.
m/Jeff s/Bryan S r/carried

10. Appointment of the Accountants (Treasurer)

Motion: That the firm of Allan Chartered Accountant Professional of Perth, Ontario, currently retained as the Chartered Accountants for Paddle Canada, remain as such for the accounting requirements of 2014.

m/Mike s/Blair r/Carried

11. Elections 2015, Report from the Nominations Committee Chair

- Thank all those interested and those for their exceptional contributions to the board.
 - Matt thanked everyone on the board and that we are all working on the same goal.
 - Tim has indicated it has been his pleasure to serve on the board and thanked all those on the board.
 - Both indicated that they would be willing to work with PC as members.
- New elections – James Raffin, Ontario, Karl Volmer, Nova Scotia, Mike Gilbert, British Columbia, Dan Wong, NWT

Motion: To accept the nominations.

m/Blair s/Brian J r/Carried

12. New Business

a. Board Motion: To acknowledge and thank our outgoing Board members for their commitment and contribution to Paddle Canada during their respective terms.

m/Blair s/Matt r/Carried

b. Motions from the floor

- i. Sea Kayaking Program --- Release of Mentorship Figures (year 2000 to 2014) to membership (Huw Jones – Mem #84196)

To release the Mentorship Figures (year 2000 to 2014) to membership on the instructor website to current instructor members.

m/Mike s/Blair r/Carried

13. Motion to Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm EST

m/Blair