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*PAGAIE
CANADA*

*Thursday April 18, 2019 – 7:00 PM
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1. President: Jeff Martin: Welcome and opening remarks (identify directors can make motions and approve as 2nd, and that all directors and instructor members can vote)

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2018 AGM

Motion: To approve the minutes of April 17, 2018

4. Executive Directors Report – filed electronically

Motion to Receive Executive Directors Report

5. Presidents and Director's Report- filed electronically

Motion to Receive the President and Directors' Reports

6. Committee Reports – filed electronically with Director Reports

7. Treasurer Report – filed electronically with Directors Reports

Motion: To Receive the Treasurer's report as presented.

8. Appointment of Accountants

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 2019.

9. Elections 2018-

- a. Nomination committee report announcing new directors as nominated by qualifying provinces
- i. BC - Fiona Hough b. Election of Executive positions *Motion to accept nominations as presented.*

Welcome to Fiona
Hough

Thank you to outgoing
Directors:

James Roberts: Ontario Daniel
Wong: North West Territories

10. New
Business

11. Motion to
adjourn

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Attendees: Board of Directors: Jarrod McQuillan (PEI), Jeff Martin (NL), Adam Zita (NS), Darren Keith (QC), James Roberts (ON), Dan Wong (NWT), Brian Johnston (MB), Geoff Horn (SK), Lana Ohler-Madsen (AB), Mike Gilbert (BC, President), Priscilla Haskin (Past President, Treasurer) **Executive Director:** Graham Ketcheson **Members:** Edmond Duggan, Brian Raymer, Charles Burchill, Donna Kurt, Steven Weimer, David Johnston, David Wells, Jordan Lamb, Nathan Vatcher (Executive Assistant), Dawn Callan (Event Manager), Karla Handy, Brett Pawlyk, Shawn and Nancy Perry, Rob Lemmon, Rick Wise, Ruth Daber, Becky Mason, Tony Palmer, Glen Brocklebank

Meeting called to order at 7:07
EDT

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1. Mike Gilbert (President): Welcome and opening remarks (identify directors can make motions

and approve as 2nd, and that all directors and instructor members can vote)

2. Approval of Agenda -

Motion (Mike Gilbert): To approve the agenda. Seconded: Brian Johnston Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2017 AGM

Motion (Mike Gilbert): To approve the minutes of May 16, 2017 Seconded: Jeff Martin Motion Carried

4. Presidents Report (*filed electronically*)

5. Executive Directors Report (*Power-point filed electronically*)

Motion to Receive Executive Director's and President's Report as presented (Mike Gilbert) Seconded: Brian Johnston 0 Opposed; 0 Abstained; Motion Carried

6. Committee and Directors Reports

Questions from
Members:

- a. Could a portion of the membership fee (suggested \$10.00) be set aside to be put towards a special project, event, and scholarship? Question will be discussed at a Board meeting.

Motion to approve Committee Reports and Director's Reports as presented (Mike Gilbert) Seconded: Tony Palmer 0 Opposed; 0 Abstained; Motion Carried

7. Treasurer Report –Acceptance of 2017 Financial Statements: Priscilla Haskin (filed electronically)

Question from the membership: a. Can the revenue line of Membership of \$10,771 (budgeted \$12,000) be broken down for clarity? Answer: The membership line is a combination of the following

categories:

Paddling Association Memberships (Clubs) Regional Member Associations
(Provincial associations like Paddle Alberta for example) Individual
Memberships (Friends of PC)

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Instructor memberships and courses are combined in the "Certifications"
line total \$226,324 (\$34,788 over what we budgeted)

*Motion: That Paddle Canada's Year End Financial Report for 2017 be approved as presented
(Priscilla Haskin) Seconded: James Roberts 0 Opposed; 0 Abstained; Motion Carried*

8. Appointment of Accountants

*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 2018 (Priscilla Haskin) Seconded: Adam Zita 0 Opposed; 0 Abstained; Motion
Carried*

9. Elections 2018 -

a. Nomination committee report announcing new directors as nominated by qualifying
provinces

i. PEI: Jarrod McQuillan (Interim) ii. New Brunswick:
Jeremy Cline (Interim) iii. BC: Courtland Kerr *Motion: To
accept the nominees as presented (Priscilla Haskin)
Seconded: Tony Palmer 0 Opposed;) Abstained; Motion
Carried*

b. Nomination and Election of Executive Positions:

i. To be determined at the next Board meeting April 26.

Thank outgoing directors: Mike Gilbert, BC Welcome to Jarrod
McQuillan, Jeremy Cline and Courtland Kerr

10. New Business

Comment from Membership:

A member from Nunavut is interested in representing Nunavut on the Board. Priscilla will follow up.

Dan Wong expressed appreciation to Priscilla Haskin (stepping down from Treasurer and Past President) for her years of service and commitment to Paddle Canada. Agreed and expressed by all.

11. Motion to

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:13

EDT

Paddle Canada 2018 Annual General Meeting Message from the President

Paddle Canada, the national body for recreational paddle sports training, has undergone tremendous growth over the last year with its reach, membership, programming and advocacy for recreational paddlers. This has been a culmination of the extensive support from its membership, partners, sponsors and government support at the provincial, territorial and federal levels.

The organization is coming off a number of years of funding support for the PaddleSmart programming which has created extensive awareness of paddle sports safety and training geared towards youth and the general public. PaddleSmart has created general awareness for Paddle Canada and, thus, has helped the organization become the go to national organization for skills training, as well as the voice for paddlers with federal government departments and industry stakeholders.

The highlights of the past year include:

- Welcomed Jarrod McQuillan (PEI), Jeremy Cline (NB) and Fiona Hough (BC) to the Board.
- Our highest instructor membership ever;

- The highest number of courses, clinics of all time;
- The transition to our new database has been moving along and allows PC to better serve its members;
- Our programming is becoming standardized and some, if not already done, is being translated into French;
- This year we have welcomed our first regional partner in Quebec;
- We are ensuring quality assurance and control with our new Certification Maintenance structure;
- Youth have and will continue to be a priority through support mechanisms, programming, and safety education in paddle sports;
- The Board of Directors, with staff, have been working towards a renewed strategy through strategic planning exercises; and
- The outreach through our social media has been far-reaching and has attracted attention and followers from all over the globe, helping to keep Paddle Canada front and center.

I want to thank every one of our members, our numerous committee volunteers, staff, Board of Directors for your support and motivation to make Paddle Canada a truly national organization that helps foster excellence in recreational paddle sports.

Learn to paddle . . . you'll love where it takes you!

Cheers

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Jeff Martin Regional
Director for NL President,
Paddle Canada

Treasurer Report for the AGM April 18, 2019

Thank you to everyone for taking time to attend the Annual AGM of Paddle Canada. My name is Geoff Horn and I am from Regina SK. I have been the Paddle Canada Director for Saskatchewan the past 3 years and became the Treasurer for Paddle Canada 1 year ago. I have been a Canoe Instructor since the CRCA days and have also been a Sea Kayak Instructor in the land locked Prairies. My true passion for paddling is remote

canoe tripping (now Canoe Camping). I became the Treasurer because I have experience with finances, budgets, and book keeping from my 20 plus years as a business owner.

We do not have the financial statements for the AGM this year due to a Government Audit that is being performed on our books. We are going through the Audit because of the SARNIF grants that we have received the past 5 years, and it is common practice for the Government to audit those that access their Grants. During the process of the audit, our Government assigned Auditor became ill and that has delayed the outcome.

What we do know about our finances for the 2018 year, is that we will end the year in a loss. During the audit we discovered some duplicate expensed amounts from a change in book keepers during the SARNIF years. We have submitted extra receipts to limit the amount that we may have to pay back to SARNIF, however we may have to pay back anywhere between \$0 and \$24,000 depending on the outcome of the audit. In addition to the loss from the audit, Paddle Canada also experienced a small amount of overspending due to more SARNIF expenses then revenues incurred in the 2018 year. The loss incurred in 2018 will be significantly less than the gains we have posted the previous years and therefore Paddle Canada is still in a good position. The Board has also taken steps to realign expenses with revenues now that our Government Funding contract has ended.

We are still experiencing growth in Instructor Membership, and growth in Skill Courses which is helping our revenues increase each year. We attribute some of the growth in membership from exposure to Paddle Canada programs through the SARNIF Paddle Smart marketing.

Moving forward we will continue to apply for Grants applicable to Paddle Canada, however, our main focus is to ensure the needs of members is met through Programming, Office support, and awareness of Paddle Canada by maintaining a baseline of expense/revenue streams.

Geoff
Horn

Paddle Canada
Treasurer

2019 Regional Member Report for Newfoundland and Labrador

Paddle Canada and its instructor membership, as well as, support from the Regional Member Association, Paddle Newfoundland and Labrador, continue to have a strong presence in the province. This year there were 66 Paddle Canada course offerings in both sea kayaking and canoeing, and courses ranged from basic skills courses to instructor level courses.

- There were 66 courses completed last year
- A total of 611 participants were put through these courses!

The most active course directors were:

- 12 Courses – Gary Thomas
- 12 Courses – Jeff Martin

- 11 Courses – Noah Nochasak

Greatest number of participants per Course Director – Top
3:

2018 Paddle Canada Courses
in NL SUP 0%

Canoeing Sea Kayaking SUP
Canoeing 46% Sea Kayaking 54%

- Gary Thomas – 249 participants
- Corey Locke – 99 participants
- Jeff Martin – 92 participants

NL Activities & Events:

- 2 publications of Ebb & Flow

Safety &
Awareness:

- St. John's Paddle Safety Event -
Central NL Paddle Safety Day

Skills
School:

- 48th year of running Paddle Canada sanctioned, Annual Skills School for training
in kayaking and
canoeing!

Annual PNL Retreat:

- Guest Instructor Dave Woolridge attended the 17th Annual retreat - Activities focused on sea kayaking, lake water canoeing, river kayaking and moving water canoeing.

Paddle Canada AGM April 2019

Manitoba Regional Report By Brian Johnston, Paddle Canada Director for Manitoba

I'm proud to report that Manitoba put a record number of participants through various Paddle Canada courses and clinic last year. It was an impressive 50% increase over the last six years. Congratulations to each and every Manitoba Instructor. I wholeheartedly Thank You.

The most active Course Directors were Brian Johnston, Wilderness Supply Company, Momenta, and Yvonne Kyle.

Manitoba is well serviced across various paddling disciplines. There was Paddle Canada programming offered in Big Canoe, Canoe Poling, Canoe Tripping, Lake Canoeing, Moving Water Canoeing, River Kayak, Sea Kayak, Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP), Style Canoeing, and Waterfront Canoeing.

Manitoba activities and events:

Paddle Manitoba's indoor programs: Grand Canyon by Instructors Ash Dent and Brian Johnston, Paddling Byway Babes, Northern Travel on a Budget by Derek Voth

Manitoba Whitewater Club: indoor pool sessions and June Shindig festival featuring Paddle Canada River Kayak and Moving Water Canoe Instructors and Clinics

Mid Canada Boat Show: Booths by Paddle Manitoba, Red Cross, and PaddleSmart

Paddle Manitoba Trip Leader Clinic: Brian Johnston coordinated a strong presentation team of Paddle Canada Instructors and volunteers

Paddle Manitoba Communication: Ripple newsletter, website, various social media

Paddle Manitoba Advocacy: ongoing with civic and provincial governments

MEC PaddleFest: supported by Paddle Manitoba and Paddle Canada Instructors

Lake Maintenance Clinic: by Instructor Trainers Charles Burchill & Dave Woodridge, endorsed by Paddle Manitoba and Wilderness Supply Company.

Big Canoe Day: featuring Paddle Canada Instructor Dave Woodridge

Paddle Manitoba-Manitoba Pioneer Camp Canoe School: added Canoe Tripping

Paddle Manitoba MEC Club Night: continues twice a year

Reel Paddling Film Festival: Paddle Manitoba booth

Paddle Manitoba Wednesday Night Paddles: by vanguard volunteer Charles Burchill

It has been my honour to serve as the Manitoba Director for 6 years. During that time, I have attended Paddle Manitoba Board meetings and strategic planning sessions, presented at various indoor programs, and volunteered at Paddle Manitoba's booths (Reel Paddling Film Festival, MEC Paddle Fest, etc.). Throughout the years, I have helped facilitate Instructor professional development events, coordinated Paddle Manitoba Trip Leader clinics, ran clinics at the Manitoba Whitewater Club Shindig event, and worked hard as Course Director to share my passion for professional paddling education.

At the national level, I have worked on several committees including the Executive, Canoe Program Development, Strategic Planning, Membership, and Hiring, as well as being Vice President. It has been a busy and rewarding experience.

Hopefully there is Paddle Canada Instructor member who wishes to become the Manitoba Director.

Paddle Canada's paddling program, instructors and supporters are providing leadership and education for the betterment and development of the Manitoba paddling community.

Sincerely, Brian Johnston, Paddle
Canada Director for Manitoba

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Alberta Director's
Report

Submitted by Lana
Ohler-Madsen

This has been a busy year for Paddle Sports in Alberta. There have been many successful skills and instructor programs completed in a variety of disciplines. Below is a tally of the courses (I may have missed a few!)

Waterfront Canoe: 3 skills programs registered; 20 Instructor
Programs

**Lake
Canoe:**

Skills: Intro 29; Intermediate Skills 12;
Advanced 1 Instructor Courses: 10 Intro; 1
Intermediate

Moving

Water:

Skills: Intro 13; Intermediate 2;
Advanced 2 Instructor: Intro 7;
Intermediate 3

**Big
Canoe**

Skills: Intro Paddle 50 (thanks to Priscilla
Haskin) Leader: Intermediate Leader 5

**Sea
Kayak**

Skills: Intro 25
Basic Instructor
1

**SU
P**

Skills: Intro 26; Advanced Flatwater 12; River 1 -6;
River 2 -1 Instructor: Advanced Flatwater 4; Instructor
Basic 1

River Kayak: Skills 2; not instructor
programs

Some of the above courses were clinics and were for youth, but the numbers are
impressive.

Thank you to Priscilla Haskin, Haskin Canoe; Tony Palmer, Undercurrents, and to a
variety of other independent providers for their efforts to get Albertans paddling.

Paddle Alberta is a strong provincial body with a mandate of assisting and supporting
instructors. I sit on the PA Board as the Education Chair. The main focus of PA's activities for
the past year, and continuing into this year is supporting youth initiatives, providing avenues
for support and advocacy for the environment and supporting Paddle Canada Instructors.

In 2018, PA supported Moving Water Maintenance clinics, and provided opportunity for Paddle
Canada to invite members from other provinces to join a MW clinic to ensure consistency

across the country. This season, PA is dedicated to providing opportunities for Instructors of a variety of disciplines and levels to attend maintenance clinics. We are currently collecting data regarding which of our members need what MC, and will assist in either arranging the clinic, or supporting the instructor's attendance.

Supporting Women's programs was also a focus, and PA supported a women's paddling retreat in Central Alberta in August. Approximately 20 women participated in the paddling weekend, which included an introduction to both lake and river paddling.

Paddle Alberta also sees a need to provide opportunity for remote locations to access courses and instructors and will assist in the fees and arrangements for providing rural programs. This is a new initiative for 2019.

Paddle Alberta recognizes that canoeing has been the main focus of efforts, and is dedicated to expanding this to other disciplines during this season and following seasons.

In summary, Albertans love to paddle; Paddle Alberta is dedicated to make the easy and accessible to all.

I enjoy working on both the Paddle Alberta and Paddle Canada Board of Directors.

Thank
you

Regional Rep report from Saskatchewan April 18, 2019

As we busily prepare for another paddling season we pause to reflect on the past year. As SK is without a regional body our instructor members are not as well connected as other regions. I have tried to make efforts to engage members concerns and try to help answer member service questions when I can. I would like to see a better way to communicate to all the SK members rather than the current method of sending messages through the ED, which then get sent out.

A hot topic for our region was the creation of the new Camping program. Our members raised issues ranging from axe use to pilot program questions. They did appreciate reviewing the draft program but did raise the point as why they could not be involved in a similar review process more times through the creation of the program.

The lack of PD clinics is also being raised in our region yet when clinics have been offered by Jim Macdonald or myself, we have interest but no sign ups. Once we get closer to their expiry dates I am sure we will get more interest/urgency. I would like to work with neighbouring provinces to advertise more PD clinic options.

Geoff
Horn

SK Director Paddle
Canada

Assemblée générale annuelle de Pagaie Canada, le 18 avril
2019 Rapport régional du directeur de Québec Darren Keith

L'année 2018 était encore une fois très active pour les cours pratiquants et les cours d'instructeurs au Québec. Nous avons ajouté 92 nouveaux instructeurs dans toutes les disciplines dont 75 sont les nouveaux instructeurs de planche à pagaie (SUP). La traduction du manuel SUP est complétée. Les manuels de kayak de mer et Introduction canot duo en eau vive sont en cours de traduction. Notre page Facebook –Membres instructeurs de Pagaie Canada du Québec – nous fournit une plateforme pour discussion en tant que communauté d'instructeurs. Nous sommes maintenant 469 instructeurs et 21 formateurs d'instructeur dans la province dans toutes les disciplines.

Durant la dernière année je me suis engagé dans les activités suivantes en tant que directeur de Québec sur le CA de Pagaie Canada :

- Membre du comité de développement du programme (CDP) canot en eau vive.
- Collaborateur sur à la rédaction du nouveau manuel Introduction canot duo en eau vive.

- Leader, comité de traduction pour le nouveau manuel Introduction canot duo en eau vive.
- Membre du comité plan stratégique.
- Membre du comité d'embauche pour un nouveau Directeur exécutif.
- Participant à la séance de planification stratégique à Kingston.
- Assisté à une réunion avec la directrice et le directeur technique de La fédération canot-kayak Québec.
- Assisté à une réunion avec la directrice et le directeur éducation de notre partenaire régional Eau Vive Québec.

Bonne saison de
pagaie,

Darren
Keith

Paddle Canada AGM April 18, 2019 Quebec Regional Report by Darren
Keith, Paddle Canada Director for Quebec

The year 2018 was once again an active one for Paddle Canada skills and instructor courses in Quebec. We added 92 new instructors in all disciplines of which 75 are new SUP instructors. The translation of the new Stand-Up Paddle manual is complete and the new Sea Kayak and Introduction moving water canoe tandem canoe manuals are currently being translated. Our Quebec Instructor Member Facebook Page provides us with another place to communicate as an instructor community. We now have 469 Instructors and 21

Instructor Trainers active in the province in all disciplines.

The following are the highlights of my year as the Quebec Director on the Paddle Canada Board of Directors:

- Member of Moving Water Canoe Programme Development Committee (PDC).
- Collaborating as a co-author of the new Introduction to Moving Water Canoe Tandem manual.
- Leading the translation committee for the new Introduction to Moving Water Canoe Tandem manual.
- Member of the Strategic Planning Committee.
- Member of the Executive Director Hiring Committee.
- Participated in the Strategic Planning Session in Kingston
- Met with La fédération canot-kayak Québec Executive Director and Technical Director.
- Met with Paddle Canada partner Eau Vive Quebec Executive Director and Education Director.

Have a good
season,

Darren
Keith

Nova Scotia Regional Directors Report
2019

2018 was another successful year of paddling courses in Nova Scotia. There was an increase in instructors and the number of skills courses offered in Nova Scotia. Although we are still in need of more canoe, SUP and river courses we still saw some more of those courses being offered on

the east coast. There were an impressive amount of waterfront canoe instructors certified due to our efforts to connect camps to PC programming.

Here are some quick numbers:

Total PC course Participants: 1006 (172 youth) - 904 people took skills courses in NS in 2018

New instructors
(102)

20
SK

1 Lake
Canoe

10
SUP

68 Waterfront
Canoe

3 Waterfront
kayak

The glaring and unsettling omission in 2018 is the fact that there were no Instructor Trainers trained in NS for any stream. It will be my goal to consult with ITs within and outside the province to fill these gaps in order to increase courses and the number of instructors in NS

The success of Paddle Canada on the east coast is a direct result of the efforts of our Instructors offering a variety of courses from kayak rolling clinics to advanced canoe courses. We also have a variety of paddling meet-ups, festivals and symposium that highlight the paddling opportunities available in Nova Scotia.

The tireless volunteer efforts of the members of Canoe Kayak Nova Scotia contributes to showcasing Paddle Canada courses and where people can find the course that fits their need. Their volunteer board works hard to help promote the awareness of the importance of paddle courses and how it contributes to the safety of those venturing onto the waters of Nova Scotia. Not only that, but also the recreational value of paddling to the province and how it contributes to the health and wellness of those living in this ocean playground.

I look forward to what 2019 holds for paddlers and future paddlers in Canada and I look forward to working with the PC board to increase our ability to promote safe, fun and

sustainable outdoor endeavours for everyone in Canada.

Respectfully
Submitted,

Adam
Zita
Canoe Program Development Committee
Report Submitted by Priscilla Haskin
Chair April 2019

Moving Water Program - Intro Tandem program
skills, completed and launch - feedback accepted for
future review - 2019/20 winter work for Intermediate
Level

Lake Program - 2019/20 winter work for
Intro Tandem Level

Big Canoe Program - Big Canoe Intermediate Leaders need to
re-certify every 4 years

Style
Program - no
updates

Coastal
Canoeing - no
updates

Camping Program - Canoe Tripping Instructor and Instructor Trainers:
transfer process underway

Call for Lake Canoe PDC and sub committee members. - working committee, time
commitment beyond conference calls required - send notice of interest to the Chair
of the PDC. - 2019/20 work on rewrite of the Lake program following the Moving
Water program

Paddle Canada Adaptive and Abilities Group AGM Report APR 19

Timeline Reviewed We came together a year ago to discuss the potential of creating this committee. **March** we officially existed and the drafting of terms began. Meetings to occur every 3 months **April** Old Manual Circulated

Web based process confirmed **May - Mid Sept:** Summer Hiatus (Staff laid off - Undertook Arctic Water Safety Initiative)

***During Hiatus - designed the committee PowerPoint for outreach October:**

Meeting held with limited attendance re ACA Adaptive Summit **November:** Attended ACA summit - Amazing! **December:** Welcomed members from Quebec! Joined Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability, Researched some grant ops **January:** ALACD meeting, Toronto Boat Show with Marine Police, Began grant applications, welcomed more Members from Quebec! Grant: Have confirmed translation assistance for up to 60 aboriginal languages from Prince's Trust ***Paddle Canada Board/ED** confirm the proposed working group structure of the committee provided that the Staff member is to coordinate this committee for the first two years during the process and policies development phase. **Feb:** Assisted City of Winnipeg to commit to and design an accessible boat launch **March:** Assisted Instructor with PTSD instructor candidate (with service dog)

Out/In Reach Process: Continue listing Dawn as the contact on the website and she will direct needs to individual committee members Associates, Advisors, and Members who are unable to attend meetings due to work or conflict of obligations may review meeting summary notes in google docs, and forward comments or supplemental information

General discussion will not be a part of the minute process, unless deemed vital by those participating in order to resolve or create a new initiative. Anyone may choose to join in any sub group or forward and support materials, items or ideas to the committee through Dawn who will circulate an update one prior to the meeting

Communicating Interactively Ring Central Meetings as the call method for computer, iphone and regular phone **Google Docs for collaborative doc sharing** - can forward word doc to those not using this platform **Paddle Canada Landing page:**

<https://www.paddlecanada.com/adaptive-paddling/>

Update on the committee status and goals:

- o Aboriginal language translation offered for short items in partnership with the Prince's Trust

- o Web support resources for accessibility *rural/remote - time to begin developing o DIY for individual accessibility the safe self help tips for independent paddlers with challenges
- o Index of accessible sites and programs for travelers o Welcome all partners from across North America: blend resources and standards o Set up a Canadian Symposium (16 – 24 months?) move every other year o Feature local demo days, clinic process for varying comprehension/abilities o Recommend guides, standards and training trainer expectations to be processed through Paddle Canada board

Grant Proposals: *Seeking Committee Partner Sponsor*

- o **Budget: Appendix 1** Proposed Budget for Grant apps attached – suggestions welcome

New Business Prince's Trust Aboriginal Translation Partnership - free translation to 60 languages for small items First work PaddleSmart and Survive Outside Cards *Our French speaking members are willing to help with French requests for assistance translation as well a limited small translation tasks

Adapt 2 Achieve Invitation to training Camp from Julianne Mills - Dawn is accepting this invitation

Outdoor Canada Symposium and Standards: Outdoor Canada wants to accept Paddle Canada's and this committee's recommendations for standards as they arise

Fundraising Suggestions

- Regional Hands Across the water events during or following National Paddling mid June
- Fun Paddle Relay Challenges (Able experiencing disabled paddling or mixed teams) with local charities/partners

Actions Dawn to sent Florida symposium information to our PQ sup people + eec

Send around Outdoor Canada Info (attached)

Coming online 2019: Eligibility Criteria (ACA) Program Referrals

Instructor Referrals Simple Tweaks and DIY, Mentor Assistance

Post 2019 Coming Next: “How To” videos and download,
Equipment Sourcing / DIY Sharing and Travel Resources

Paddle Canada Volunteer Recognition Awards 2018

The Membership Committee reviewed the nominations from the committee chairs and would like to award the following members the **Board/Committee Volunteer of the Year Award**.

David Johnston for his work on the Camping Program on behalf of the Program Coordination Committee.

Dave Woolridge for his work on the Big Canoe Program, contribution to teaching methodology and his leadership as chair of the Canoe PDC for many years, on behalf of the Canoe PDC.

David Johnston, the Kirk Whipper award for his outstanding commitment to Paddle Canada for over 20 years on behalf of the Membership Committee.