

SCC-AGM November 9, 2015

Annual General Meeting of Saskatoon Canoe Club

Cabela's Conference Centre

Preston Crossing, Saskatoon

Present: Dave Peters, Kate Germin, Tim Rogers, Edith MacHattie, Ann Popoff, Dwayne Surdu-Miller and 9 club members.

7:08 Dave Peters introduces the executive and gives a brief history of the club since its beginnings in 1972.

1. Dwayne opens the meeting.
2. Review of 2014 AGM Minutes

Motion : Ann Popoff moves acceptance of SCC 2014 AGM minutes. Tom Rogers seconds. Unanimous.

3. Reports

President: Dwayne Surdu-Miller

This was a growing year that presented challenges for a president's first term in office. The executive met regularly starting in January, and was effective at planning and running events. Once the Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club vacated the premises, new shelving was constructed to house boats. The executive is reviewing whether to make changes in this space.

Having more than 900 members created some problems with broken paddles and improper care of equipment. Good weather and low river waters, plus allowing new members to sign up late in the year perhaps accounts for so many memberships.

Treasurer: Kate Germin

Kate enjoyed her first year working with the club. The SCC is solvent: with \$52,000 in our coffers we are in a good financial position. The budget presentation will show details.

Membership: Tom Rogers

This year SCC has the largest membership in its history. Membership numbers have ranged from 524 in 2008 up to 627 members in 2014. This year membership rose to 917, a 32% increase.

There are a few possible reasons for the large increase in membership. The river levels were ideal from the start to the finish of the year. The low registration fees (\$50/adult with their under 18 children free) are attractive to members. Membership has always been very convenient. Purchase of a membership

and attendance at an orientation briefing gives the person/family access to club facilities 24 hrs a day for the year via a confidential door code. The club's facilities are in a beautiful setting on the river bank at the city boathouse. All equipment for canoeing, kayaking, and marathoning is provided in the boathouse. Group paddles with experienced members are offered Thursdays at 7pm and earlier as the year progresses.

MEMBERSHIP IMPROVEMENTS:

The large number of members and the paper based registration system together with manual entry of registration data is overly burdensome for volunteers requiring upwards of 200 hours work. The club advertises that people may register at the opening the first Sunday of May, and Tuesdays from 7-7:30pm until the end of August. Because of the high demand this year we decided that anyone wanting a membership was accepted. That meant that memberships on Tuesdays were accepted often from 7-8:30pm, and often on Thursday often from 7-8:00pm.

The system is also overly burdensome for the Treasurer who tracks all payments which are made by cheque and cash, then deposits the money, reports membership and makes payments to Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan.

ONLINE REGISTRATION PAYMENT AND REPORTING SYSTEM PLANNED

Because of the burdensome time required by the current registration, payment, tracking, and reporting system, movement to an online registration is planned to be in place for the 2016 year. A first draft of the requirements for the system has been prepared and is attached to this report. This draft will be reviewed by the executive and other members for improvements. Together with some volunteers from our membership the Membership Director will be evaluating at least three systems in the context of the requirements and making a recommendation to the executive for the system to be used. The systems currently being considered at Zone4 (www.zone4.ca), Sportical (www.sportical.com), and a one from a local company, Numa Technologies (www.numacorp.com)

Marathon: Edith MacHattie for Catherine Trask

Mentoring Sessions: This has been a very good year offering plenty of shallow water training opportunities. Weekly mentorship sessions were held from the beginning of May. During these training sessions a short explanation would demonstrate techniques to be worked on, then a group paddle would follow with everyone staying together and more experienced paddlers mentoring new ones. Sunday paddles were less formal and more social.

Saskatoon races: We hosted 2 Saskatoon races-The Cranberry Punch Saturday and Eb's Classic Sunday in July. These were well attended and we broke even. Our September Rookie and Recreation race was a good family event.

Purchases: We purchased one new marathon boat, and new paddles and foot braces.

International events: Several members participated in and placed well in international events.

Coaches: Three new coaches have been certified (Edith McHattie, Catherine Trask and Graham Smith) and two more are pending certification.

Recreation: Dave Peters for Brendan Haynes

Thursday night recreation group paddles continued from the beginning of May until the end of September. New people were partnered with experienced. These were well attended, with anywhere from 4 to 10 boats participating, depending on the weather.

Tripping: John McClean led two trips, one a white water trip with Rick Driediger, the other a 7-day trip from Stanley Mission to Pelican Narrows. Both were successful and had good weather though the water was low for the Stanley to Pelican trip.

Equipment: vacant

Four recreation boats were sold. A Delta, with less to go wrong than other canoes, was purchased. We must aim for purchasing kayaks with fewer moveable parts (and consequently fewer parts to break and need repair).

Member-at-Large(MAL): Edith MacHattie

Edith helped Catherine with mentoring Wednesdays and helped organize all our events.

Social: Publicity/Newsletter: Vacant

The social Director organizes the Open House the first Sunday in May, and Trip Tales the end of the year. This director also handles publicity and helps with events.

Budget: Dave Peters

Dave explains the budget and announces the \$5per person increase in fees that is necessary to enable on-line registration.

Motion: Dave Peters moves we adopt the budget as presented. Ann Popoff seconds. Unanimous.

Motion: Edith McHattie moves we wave the audit for the 2015 fiscal year. Chelsea Lussier seconds. Unanimous.

Motion: Kate Germin moves that HNG Accounting Group do the review for the 2015 fiscal year. Edith McHattie seconds. Unanimous.

4. Election of Directors

President: Dwayne Surdu-Miller

Past President: Dave Peters

Treasurer: Kate Germin

Membership Director: Tom Rogers

Marathon Director: Edith McHattie

Recreation Director: Brent Cooper

Equipment Director: Kayaks: Cathy Reaume

Canoes: Brendan Haynes

Social Director: Raina Vingerhoers

Members at Large: Trevor Robinson, John McClean, Adam Wilkinson, Minna Liang, Chelsea Lussier

Secretary: Ann Popoff

5. **Next business meeting:** Monday, November 23rd, 7PM. Location to be announced. Kate will arrange a meeting room.
6. Adjournment: 8:58PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by J. Ann Popoff