

## SCC Saskatoon Canoe Club Executive Meeting

August 4, 2016

Tom's House

Present: Brendan Haynes, John McClean, Tom Rogers, Ann Popoff, Dwayne Surdo-Miller, Raina Vingerhoeds, Chelsea Lussier, Adam Wilkinson, Trevor Robinson, Kate Germin, Colby Hepburn, Eithan Pillipow, Austin Dyck.

1. 7:11 PM Dwayne calls the meeting to order.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes

**May 16, 2016 SCC minutes: Tom Rogers moves we adopt these minutes as distributed. Chelsea Lussier seconds. Unanimous.**

**June 27, 2016 SCC minutes: Ann Popoff moves we adopt these minutes as distributed. John McClean seconds. Unanimous.**

4. **President's Report:** Dwayne

Dwayne welcomes new members Colby, Eithan and Austin to the meeting. Nothing further to report.

5. **Membership:** Tom

Chelsea Lussier will be looking after membership and orientation during August while I am away.

a) Membership: Currently capped at: 1,287

b) Orientations: slowed down to 2-3 every week. Chelsea had no one show up for orientations last Tuesday. Some volunteers are left without their 4 times for a free membership. I offered to find other volunteer activities for them in the event they were not able to complete the 4 times for which they had signed up. At the end of June we were nearly out of membership cards so I had printed 300 more membership cards to ensure we had enough for orientations and in the event that we open up memberships again (\$13.10). We are now also out of SCC Brochures so if we open up membership again more brochures will need to be printed.

c) Reaction to closing membership: June 30 I sent an email using the Zone4 Communication system to all members advising them that membership was closed at 5pm. I have 15 emails representing about 20 people and several phone calls from disappointed people wanting to be members and wondering if and when membership will open up. One person, Kim Remple is usually a member and was out of the country until July this year. She was interested in attending our executive meeting and I invited her. I have promised to advise all of them the result of the August executive meeting decision. Another noted the 'fantastic setup we have' and noted that when he was there very few boats were out. When I am at

the boathouse, people often stop by asking how to become a member. If we open membership again I estimate we will receive another 100+ members.

d) Vacant Positions: July 14 I sent an email to all members asking for volunteers to fill vacant executive positions for Recreation Director and Kayak equipment manager. In fact Brent Cooper had agreed, as noted in the minutes for the last meeting, to carry on doing kayak repairs but does not want to attend meetings. We had a good response. I am suggesting that all people be accepted and that these roles, which can be too demanding for volunteers, but handled as a team. In that way people who have to be away or circumstances change and they cannot contribute at all, will not cause a problem. I sent an email to the executive on July 18 listing those who responded, and since then one more has responded. I contacted all those volunteering, except Nesha, this week. They are listed again below:

Austin Dyck: Kayak repair. Will attend our executive meeting: TEL:206-715-7637 EMAIL: austin.dyck@gmail.com Will help with Kayak repair. Has experience with purchasing, repair, and coordination in a non-profit organization. Eithan Pillipow: Recreation director/support. Will attend executive meeting. TEL: 639-4841, EMAIL: eithanpillipow@gmail.com. Has canoed and kayaked all his life. Dad was an instructor at SIAST.

Sean Garibay: Kayak repair. TEL: 306-370-4118, EMAIL: seaneg@gmail.com Interested to help. Is at the boathouse almost every day.

Nesha Trenholm: Recreation director/support. TEL: 306-715-2387, EMAIL: nesha.trenholm@gmail.com. Joined SCC this year but started a kayak club at her work last year and purchased kayaks. Would be pleased to serve. Feels she could jump right into the role with a little help from longer standing members.

Colby Hepburn: Recreation director/support. Will attend Executive meeting. TEL: 306-280-7470, EMAIL: colbyhepburn@gmail.com. Canoed/kayaked since a child. Gets out about 10 times a month.

e) Security: We are having security problems. This years' boats have been left out, members were drinking in our boats, members have tried to use the safety boat, damage to boats paddles and even theft of some items has occurred. An \$800 bike has been stolen (last Sunday during marathon paddle. The cable was snipped) from the front of the boathouse. So far this year I have met several non-members trying to use the facilities and equipment. We have a problem with our honour system, which grows as our membership grows. We do not know who is using the boathouse, and what they are doing. In talking to other executive and with members there seems to be two options:

1) Hiring Member Advisors: as an example, we could have 'advisors' at the boathouse 4-8pm weekdays, and 8am-8pm weekends, total 32 hours per week. At \$15/hr cost is \$480/week. At \$20/hr cost is 640/week. We could try this for a few weeks to see how it works. CKS says they can assist in hiring, or we can use a standard contract for people accepting the role. The jobs would be advertised to members and available to members and non-members who have the experience and skill to do the role.

2) Install a Security and Monitoring system: My inquiries suggest that a system which includes, electric door opener and card scanner, monitoring via the internet, with members access cards and video surveillance inside and outside the boathouse would cost about \$10-12,000 plus \$6/member card. Cards could also be attached to boats to monitor their use. Such a system would require communication with the city and other clubs. (They also have security problems and might be interested in sharing some costs).

f) Future SCC Facilities Comment: Our unprecedented growth over the last two years can be a benefit. We are accumulating money and our member numbers give us support in talking to the city about facilities. We might consider working towards a new SCC Boathouse in a new location the next 5 years, or lobbying the city to expand the current boathouse and parking.

**Motion: Tom Rogers moves we open membership. Adam Wilkinson seconds. 9 in favour. 1 opposed. Motion carried.**

6. **Treasurer:** Kate

Account Totals:

Admin Account: \$22098.65

CKS Account: \$ 1240.00

Marathon Account: \$ 1073.95

Recreation Account: \$36457.95

Rec Insurance: \$ 6000.00

The Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan (CKS) Account will soon be empty once they invoice us for the last load of members from June 25th to date. The membership fees to CKS are paid in 3 instalments during the season. The first was in May for \$1,830.00. The second one was paid on July 3rd, 2016 for \$16,500.00.

The Marathon MAP Grant has come in, \$678.61.

We have paid the Post Office Box rental for the year, \$163.80.

License for the home built canoe trailer is paid, \$81.00. The other trailer license is due this month.

We paid the Victoria Boathouse rental for the year, \$2189.85.

We have paid for the Kiskeynew canoe that will be delivered in the spring of 2017, \$3038.76

7. **Recreation**

8. **Marathon:** Trevor presents Edith's report

## Saskatoon Races

July 16 and 17 races went really well, we had racers from Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan come to race. Trevor Robinson and Mike Vincent put on marathon clinics both days which were well attended and there was a lot of positive feedback. We mostly broke even with a little money to spare (\$231.68).

Financials are in a separate document.

I secured funding for a coach's honorarium (\$500) to be split between Trevor and Mike; this has been promised us by CKS but I have yet to see the cheque.

At the moment we have not paid the \$5 per racer fee to CKS as the Director (Kia Scholler) is researching whether this is still a practice in place. I would like to know the reasons behind this payment to CKS and where that money is going; this may be something to discuss at a later date.

## SCC membership with CKS

Kia Scholler followed up her visit at our last meeting with a letter to the SCC executive (separate document). She outlines what CKS can do for SCC Recreation to make it more worthwhile being members of our provincial paddling body. She sees CKS benefiting SCC members in the following ways:

1. Education (sessions at open houses, instructional sessions at other times)
2. SCC member specific sessions with CKS and Sask Parks: CKS has been working with Sask Parks to offer entry level paddling experiences to people at no cost
3. Provide payroll services to SCC if we wish to hire someone
4. Provide information on coaching courses through Paddle Canada
5. Continue to provide MAP grants

Kia wishes to continue the conversation.

## Group Paddles

Group paddles continue to be well attended; we usually have 9-10 C2's on the water every Wednesday. There are a number of new, younger paddlers who are showing up consistently which is encouraging for the future of the division. Some of these new paddlers are trying out racing – also encouraging.

## Au Sable Canoe Marathon

Saskatchewan sent three teams to the Au Sable Canoe Marathon in Michigan this past weekend. Graham Smith, Trevor Robinson and Edith MacHattie of SCC joined Mike Vincent of Regina, and Solomon and Real Carriere of Cumberland House to post some outstanding results at this 15-16 hour all-night marathon. Graham and Mike came 10th out of 96 teams, Edith and Trevor came 14th and were first mixed team overall, and Sol and Real came in 17th. This is a great showing of Saskatchewan talent in a major international paddling race.

## **9. Equipment:** Brendan

C63 boat is in Fresh Air Experience in Regina. Trevor can pick it up.

#### 10. **Social:** Raina

Paddle Smart can run dry land course in the Fall: an introduction to trip planning, and a safety course designed by Search and Rescue. This can be done with Paddle Canada.

Newsletter coming. Raina will get more information on Reel Paddling film festival.

#### 11. **Outstanding Action**

Membership-open

Re our CKS funding-Our Recreation Director can figure this out over winter, referring to Kia's 5 points outlined in Edith's Marathon report (see above). CKS used to be primarily focussed on high performance activities. In the past, when we applied to CKS for additional funding (specifically for youth programs and for club administration in dealing with increase in membership), CKS refused us funding. Kia is learning her new role in the newly re-organized CKS so our relationship may improve.

12. **Time and location of next meeting:** Tom's home, Sept. 12, 7PM

#### 13. **Other Business**

##### **Recreation Director:**

**Tom Rogers moves we open the floor for nomination for recreation director. Ann Popoff seconds. Unanimous.**

Tom Rogers nominates Colby Hepburn for Recreation Director. No further nominations. Nominations closed. By vote nomination, Colby Hepburn is the Recreation Director.

Colby can consult with Brendan, our Equipment manager, as he gets oriented.. Eithan will help Colby. The recreation director will a) oversee weekly Thursday night paddles, b) oversee trips, and c) is in charge of the recreation budget.

Trevor nominates Eithan Pillipow as Member at Large (MAL) and Austin Dyck as MAL in charge of Kayak equipment.

Policies: Policies were decided in the past. Ask Dave Peters.

14. Adjournment: 9:20. Chelsea Lussier moves we adjourn. Austin Dyck seconds. Unanimous.

Minutes respectfully presented by J. Ann Popoff