

Saskatoon Canoe Club

Executive Meeting

August 9, 2012

YWCA Community Village

Present

Trevor Robinson Dave Peters
Erin McVittie Hannah Pierson

1. Dave opens the meeting at 7:19pm.
2. The agenda as distributed is adopted.
3. Minutes of previous May 31 meeting adopted as distributed.
4. President's Report

Policy Email Discussion.

The email as written accurately states the policies of the canoe club.

- Dave got one response to the policy reminder email stating that the responding member was in favor of the policies.
- Richard received several inquiries regarding the policies. The main concern was 'what should you do if you want to introduce your friends to canoeing before they become a member?'
- Only CKS members in good standing are covered by the insurance policy.
- If we make exceptions (ie, allow non members to use club equipment, even on a one time basis) people will rationalize their use of equipment for non-members and non-member usage will likely escalate.
- Our members may demonstrate the wealth of equipment available to current members, however, it is unwise for our members to teach non-members or encourage non-members to use club equipment.
- We can do more to provide opportunities to non-members to 'try before they buy', however, active pursuit of new members is a lower priority than serving our current membership base. We should focus our attention toward club activates.
- The current impression is that we get the majority of our new memberships through word of mouth, rather than through try before you buy efforts.

Committee to create a budget for the upcoming year

The goal is to increase the activities for next year while reducing the load on the executive. The options discussed were:

- 1) Increase in membership fees
- or

2) Reallocation of funds, and use of grant programs such as the 'hire a student' program. We may be able to get funding for promoting the sport or we may be eligible for funding to hire staff. This would be a great opportunity for a high school student, whom enjoys paddling, to earn some extra money and build their skill set. We may also consider hiring someone to conduct a stroke improvement clinic twice per month for the marathon division and or plan day trips for recreational paddlers twice per month. Dave believes that we should be eligible for CKS funding for both of these activities. We need to poll the membership to gauge interest in paddling clinics and day trips. We need to set out a job description for the individual that may be hired.

Committee:

Dave –committee leader

Hannah , Erin and Trevor will be available through email contact to assist Dave. Other executive members are encouraged to contribute as well.

2013 Executive nomination

Action should be taken now to recruit new executive members. Erin will advertise to recruit new executive members through the next news letter.

Issue tabled for next meeting.

Online membership database changes

Richard and Dave will continue to maintain the membership database and are open to suggestions regarding improvements that can be made. Any changes are expected to be implemented before the end of the calendar year.

5. Membership Report – Richard Jackson (via email)

Member applications are still being received on Tuesday nights. Five applications this week and seven or 8 last week. We currently have 554 members, last year we ended with 438. So are membership is up 26% so far this year over last. But we are still down from our record membership of 676 in 2010.

6. Treasurer: Joe Welter (extracted from email)

We currently have over \$2000 in the marathon account based on the allocation of memberships. Marathon MAP and equipment grants are not yet received.

The recreation division balance is 16,900. The \$1,500 self-insurance sum has not been withdrawn yet. The recreation MAP grant is not yet received.

The administration account currently contains a \$4,000 balance.

1. In July 2012 the Canada Revenue Agency sent a statement to the club indicating that the club is still on a February 31st to January 31st fiscal year. At that time they had not yet received the authorization to change our fiscal year end to December 31st. They have, however, recently received authorization and are currently processing our return. We expect to hear back with in six weeks.

7. Recreation: Dave

The recreation MAP grant has been filled out by Dave and will be filed the week of August 13th.

We need to start thinking about what equipment purchases will be made for the upcoming season. Suggestions are to be directed to Dave, Russell or Kendra.

Trevor suggested that some vendors may offer discounts on equipment if the order is placed far in advance of the delivery date. Dave would like to put the orders in this year, as soon as possible.

8. Marathon: Trevor

We have had some interest in the boats that are listed for sale. Trevor will take one of the 'for sale' boats to Regina next week to show it to a potential buyer.

Trevor will work on fixing the damaged marathon boats in the next few weeks.

Hannah has filled out the MAP grant application and will submit it to CKS next Monday.

Hannah and Trevor will discuss marathon purchases for the upcoming season.

Trevor will host a paddling clinic this Wednesday from 6:00 – 9:00.

9. Equipment Manager: Kendra (via email)

All new equipment has been paid for and entered into the inventory. Of the outstanding equipment yet to be received at the last meeting, the skirt for the infinity has come in, and the order for 2 canoe paddles, and 2 bilge pumps has been cancelled at TOAC. Those items can be replaced as part of the upcoming fall order.

Repairs – There have been very few to deal with this season. Canoe #3 has been recently placed on the rack, but I have not been able to get to the boathouse to take a look at it yet; apparently it has 2 broken thwarts on it.

Rentals – I have had several requests for boat rentals, however, no one seems too bothered that we have not been renting equipment this season.

10. Social/Publications: Erin

Erin will print the final news letter on September 14th. Submissions are due to Erin by September 7th. Marathon race results, trip reports and advertisement of executive positions will be included.

Erin will plan a club potluck for the weekend before Thanks Giving, location to be announced

11. Other Business

Regarding Richard's comments about North Woods Trailer repair: Dave will address Richard's comments via an email addressed to both Russell and Richard.

Richard would like to increase security of the online database and paddle cabinet by changing passwords and lock combinations. Tabled for discussion at the next execution meeting.

Trevor and Hannah need to post safety signage in the boat house.

Trevor will draft 'sign in / sign out' forms on waterproof paper. We will plan to have the sign in / sign out book in effect for next season

14. Next Executive Meeting

Brunskill music room, 7:15 pm, September 20th

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.