

# Saskatoon Canoe Club

Executive Meeting  
Brunskill School  
September 20, 2012

## Present

Dave Peters	Erin McVittie	Trevor Robinson
Richard Jackson	Kendra Worman	Russell Lawrence (7:46)
Hannah Pierson	Joe Welter	Ann Popoff

1. Dave opens the meeting at 7:16 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda is accepted as amended

3. Adoption of previous minutes

Minutes from August 9, 2012 previous executive meeting are adopted as distributed.

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

a) Executive Director's job description: possible additions-candidate could also manage communications, like the web site; equipment repair (depending on skill level-could at least do regular inspections).

This is a new full time job on a casual basis (ie straight paid hours, no benefits, say \$15/hour). The president would be the direct supervisor of this person.

Suggestion: ask for an over 20 yr. old (rower or university student with car).

We will propose this to CKS mid. October and apply for a govt. grant for funding also.

Dave will make additions to his already lucid job description and put together a proposal, including pay.

Ways to finance an executive director: increase fees, govt. grants, CKS funding.

b) Executive Nomination Committee

Hannah, Kendra and Russell will no longer be available to serve on the executive. Erin, Dave, Richard, Ann and Trevor will stay on in current positions. New members needed to fill vacant positions (marathon co-director, equipment manager, and recreation director).

5. **Membership:** Richard

580 members all together. This is 32% up from last year's total members (438). 68% are new members and 24% renewed.

We are at 86% of our high, which was 676 members in 2010.

#### 6. **Treasurer:** Joe

We've received 50% of the funding for our grants: \$648-marathon  
 \$2,478-rec. The other 50% will follow when we send in our receipts.  
 Dave asks Joe to find receipts for \$5,000 worth of rec spending.  
 Our tax return is done. It was received today. We are now lined up with the calendar year.

#### 7. **Recreation:** Russell

We are missing a few outstanding receipts from instructors. At the top end, 50% of kayak lessons were filled and 40% of canoe lessons. So now we know how many lessons to offer.

Bryan and Cliff charge a large premium price so hiring these outside contractors is very expensive for us to subsidize. Bill and Garrot offer more reasonably priced lessons. OR we could back out of offering lessons altogether and suggest people talk to our supporters (Bill, Eb's, Bryan, Think Outside etc.) and make their own arrangements. It is very complicated and time demanding to handle lessons, cancellations and refunding.

Discussions: the difference between a group organized paddle and a coached clinic: our insurance covers both.

Equipment suggestions: Everyone likes the Tripper with 3 seats. Kendra suggests getting rid of the solo guide, which no one uses, and purchasing more tandem kayaks rather than solo (replace solo with trippers).

**Motion: Kendra moves we sell the Mad River Guide Solo boat, using the same format as last time. Richard seconds. Unanimous.**

Kendra and Russell will get together before the next meeting and decide what to sell and what to recommend for ordering.

#### 8. **Marathon:** Trevor/Hannah

Marathon still has 3 boats to sell, and sufficient funds to purchase at least 1 boat before the end of the year. Hannah and Trevor will come up with a list of proposed purchases to order before the end of the year.

There is a potential for funding if we have a division race here: one including two or three provinces.

Also, it would be good to have a marathon person on the CKS board.

#### 9. **Equipment:** Kendra

No outstanding purchases. Orders for some equipment were cancelled. Safety gear was not compromised.

Boat repairs: There was a work bee last week-3 thwarts were repaired and a kayak fiber glassed. #19 has a crack and needs repair.

Dave asks Kendra for a summary of club trips and boat usage.

**10. Social:** Erin

**Newsletter** will go out on the weekend after the symphony.

**Pot Luck and Trip Tales:** Saturday October 13, after Thanksgiving. But we are looking for a new location.

**11. AGM time and Location**

**Thursday, November 8, 6:30 Brunskill School.** Hannah or Erin will order pizza.

Every executive member is to provide a summary of activities involved in his/her job responsibilities.

Dave will provide the agenda.

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**12. Free memberships**

Discussion: People volunteer to give back, not to earn a free membership. A recognition (not financial) might be a good idea instead of offering free memberships: a special night for volunteers for next fall. Directors need to keep track of volunteers.

**13. Time and Location of next meeting**

October 18, Brunskill School, 7:15PM.

**14. Other Business**

Put throw bags in white cabinet for counting.

15. Meeting Adjourned 9:23PM.