



# Meeting Minutes

## Saskatoon Canoe Club AGM

### Call to order

The [Saskatoon Canoe Club's AGM](#) was held [by video conference](#) on [April 5, 2022](#). Called to order by President Franny Rawlyk at 1901hrs.

### Attendees

**President:** Franny Rawlyk

**Secretary:** Lori Mack

**Treasurer:** Lauren Erickson

**Recreation Director:** Eithan Pillipow

**Marathon Director:** Edith MacHattie

**Equipment Manager-Canoe:** John McClean

**Equipment Manager-Kayak:** Peter Beug

**Social Director:** Tiina Liiving

**Member-at-Large:** Trevor Robinson

**Member-at-Large:** Richard Rance

**Member-at-Large:** Shannon Klatt

**Member-at-Large:** Kathleen Weary

**Member-at-Large:** Daryl Sexsmith

### General Members in attendance:

Inger Pors  
Andrea DesRoches  
Melissa Edge  
Corwyn Shomachuk  
David Troesch  
Ann Popoff

Riley Riffel  
Ruoxi Xiu  
Nancy Howse  
Rob Howse  
Nigel Leach  
Yansun Yao  
Garret Richards

### **Non-Members in attendance:**

Theresa Kotschorek  
Samantha Mark  
Bonnie Reddekopp  
James Young

## **Approval of Agenda**

### **Approval of minutes**

- **Motion: To approve the minutes of April 13, 2021 SCC AGM.**
- Moves: John
- Seconds: Lauren
- Unanimous approval by voting members

Resolved: Minutes approved without modification.

## **Reports**

### **President: Franny**

Another great season under our belts. Following the Health Authority's COVID protocols meant that we started the season again without an open house and members could only take out boats when a staff member was present. We had five staff this year: Lauren Ryan, Stephanie Ritchie, Lauren Erickson, and Ava Henderson came on as Ryan Harder left. This extra staff meant we were able to offer many hours that members could still come and enjoy a paddle. Our staff also began the season disinfecting all equipment after each use, which added a new aspect to the job.

As the season progressed and protocols changed, we were able to open the boathouse up again to members. This presented a slight challenge because members had to receive a new orientation to get the door code since operations had looked so different over the last two years. Feedback from members told us they really appreciated having staff around to help them out and we noticed far fewer repairs needed on boats.

We had a total of 1409 members in 2021, the majority belonging to the recreation division (1111 in rec, 19 marathon, and 51 dual division members) and we had 219 kids registered. We hosted a number of club trips this year.

At members' requests, we expanded the number of paddling courses offered. We are looking forward to focusing again this year on offering a number of beginner canoe and kayak courses, so stay tuned for more information about those. Our blind paddler program had another successful season, which we hope to continue into 2022.

Finally, our newest big project in 2022 is to replace the dock. In coordination with the other two boathouse clubs (the Saskatoon Rowing Club and the Saskatoon Racing Canoe Club), we have been organizing the replacement of the dock for this spring. We have been working on securing grant funding for this project, but there may be some continued fundraising throughout the season.

Our board has started the strategic planning process this year and hope to have a plan by fall 2022. It'll be nice to receive input from both the outgoing and incoming boards as we anticipate some new faces in some of the positions.

## Treasurer: Lauren

2021 was a great year for the SCC. We had planned an aggressive budget and underestimated the number of members in the club (membership is our main revenue stream). Therefore, we ended the year with a surplus budget instead of the forecasted deficit. We received funding from CKS and Sask Sport.

The 2022 Budget is based on a slightly higher membership level than last year. Our budget does show a deficit, but history shows that we have not over-spent in the last several years. If we do go over budget, we have enough cash on hand to cover this deficit.

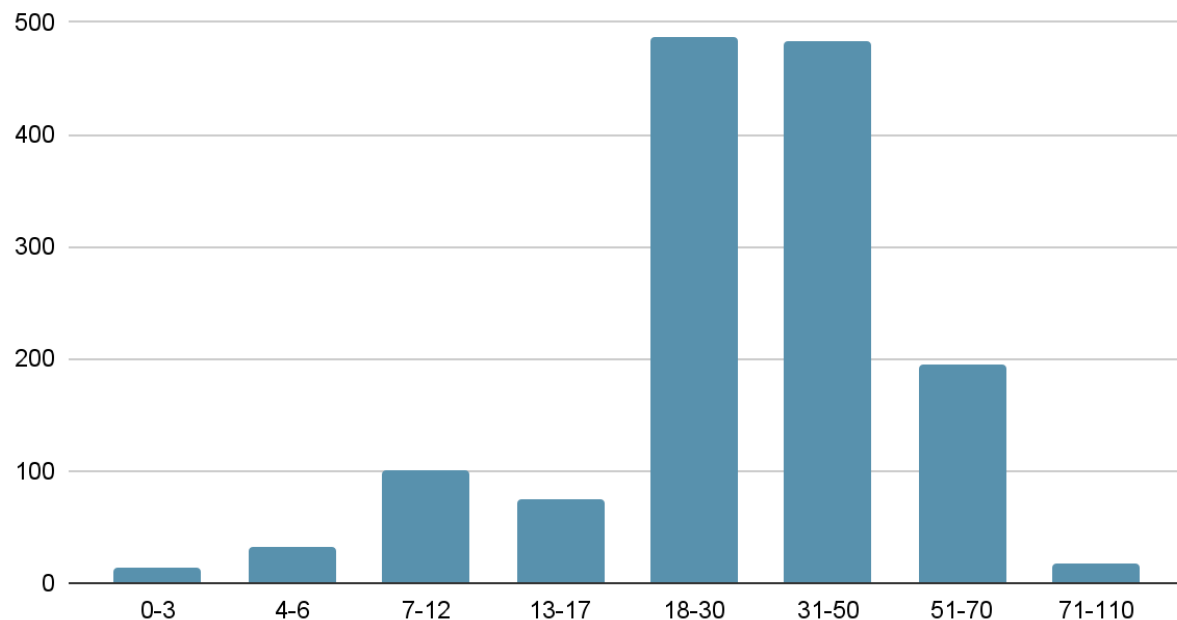
Transparency within the SCC financials is of utmost importance. Questions regarding the financials are always welcome.

## Membership Director: Franny

Here is a summary of our membership numbers: 1409 people registered in 2021

1111	Recreation
19	Marathon
51	Marathon & Recreation
219	Child (under 18) with parent/guardian

## # of members by age category



We gave away 36 single division memberships to volunteers and staff in 2021.

### Marathon Director: Edith

The past two seasons have seen a decrease in membership and group paddle attendance, but the upcoming season looks to be shaping up nicely. Plans are being made for a return to more structured programming. Interest seems high and members started paddling on the river mid-March. People are keen to reconnect with their paddling communities and spend more time outside, and normal numbers and attendance are anticipated this year.

Group paddles were informally led last season on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. This season plans are being developed for more active instruction and coaching on Wednesday evening paddles along with some initiatives for increasing interest in the Sunday group paddles.

Last season the national race calendar remained emptier than usual and none of our members traveled out of province to compete, mostly due to lack of events. Our division hosted a weekend of racing mid-July which was better attended than anticipated with racers traveling from Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario. This upcoming season Nationals are being hosted in our own backyard so efforts will be made to send a good representation of our club to this event. Confirmed races for the 2022 season are:

- Canadian Marathon National Championships – June 17-19, Lumsden SK. Hosted by the Regina Marathon Canoe Club
- Cranberry Punch & Eb's Classic Races – July 16-17, Saskatoon, hosted by Saskatoon Canoe Club Marathon Division
- Saskatoon Rec & Rookie Race – September 11, Saskatoon, hosted by Saskatoon Canoe Club Marathon Division

One club member is training to race in the Au Sable Canoe Marathon in July, one of the elite Triple Crown races of North America. Another member attended the spring training camp, which took place in Florida in March.

The Division's equipment is in good shape thanks to multiple dedicated volunteers who spend time each season repairing and maintaining boats, paddles and more as needed. These volunteers are invaluable and regularly assist with running races and group paddles as well. This season a few members have volunteered to assist with Director duties which will inject some welcome energy into the system.

In an exciting move towards self-insurance the Division put away \$20,000 into trust. These funds are to be added to when possible towards future need. At this time there remains more than enough funds to potentially purchase some new boats and other equipment in the next few years, although supply issues still abound. Boats will be purchased as opportunity arises and according to need.

## Recreation Director: Eithan

SCC's Recreation Division Members showed resiliency with strong membership numbers in 2021. Even through the difficult nature of the pandemic which continued to require added limitations to the club operations, the experience of paddling was still one that members could rely on for outdoor exercise and activity. Boat house staff were on site nearly every day to supply members with sanitized equipment. The Staff efforts throughout the season was most appreciated.

With support of the executive, the expansion of the subsidized lesson scope included kayak instruction as well as some beginner level Paddle Canada certifications. Due to course participant size limitations and ever-changing environments for pandemic safety, the lesson structures and availability had to be reactive to the actual demand for those lessons which had been planned prior. Many higher-level courses which were planned simply did not get enough interest from members, or schedule wasn't possible to have enough members in attendance to run the course planned. A very large thank you to all who contributed to the lesson delivery in 2021, and an even greater thank you to the lesson instructors, BHK Outdoor Experience, Jimmy MacDonald, Franny Rawlyk, Lauren Erickson, Kathleen Weary. Even with limitations, over one-hundred subsidized lessons were provided to members in 2021.

There were several trip opportunities made available to the membership this past season as well. Trips are always encouraged and promoted to all members.

This was Eithan's final year as Recreation Director, which he has served since 2016. He thanks the club executive past and present for the opportunity of responsibility, for always being supportive, and to always have engaging conversation about how best to tackle any challenge at hand. It is a group of people with like-minded goals for success and a mandate for reaching more people to share the joy of paddling. The Recreation Director role is truly rewarding and can have major impacts on the memberships experience, equipment and asset expansion or renewal. Eithan looks forward to assisting the next director to step into a role that is flexible to be shaped to their own skills and vision.

## Equipment Manager Canoe: John

Club members logged 1510 person-trips in Recreation Division canoes at the boathouse in 2021. This was 30% of the overall Recreation Division day-use person-trips. Canoe C63 (Nova Craft 16' Prospector) was used for 351 person-trips, more than any other SCC boat in 2021.

There were no major recreation canoe equipment purchases made for the 2021 paddling season. Staff and volunteers completed minor repairs and maintenance such as fixing cracked/chipped gelcoat and refinishing/replacing thwarts on a number of canoes. For 2022, the club has purchased two Saskatchewan-made Kisseynew canoes: a Prospector 15 and a Prospector 17, both in the expedition kevlar layup. The Prospector 15 is well suited for both tandem and solo paddling. The Prospector 17 has a third seat just in front of the yoke, and this seat can be left in place or easily removed according to whether one wants to fit more people or gear, respectively, into the boat.

The lighting system on the SCC's 6-place canoe trailer was upgraded in the summer of 2021, with new LED tail-lights flush-mounted in rubber grommets in heavy-duty steel boxes. Plans for 2022 include acquiring a fitted tarp cover for the cargo box on the 6-place trailer and starting the procurement process for a new 6-place trailer for delivery in 2023 to replace the club's 4-place trailer. As the Recreation Division continues to expand its fleet, we will be moving more boats into off-site storage; these boats will still be available for use on club trips or for use at the boathouse when other boats are away on club trips. Thank-you to Storage-Mart for supporting the club's off-site storage needs.

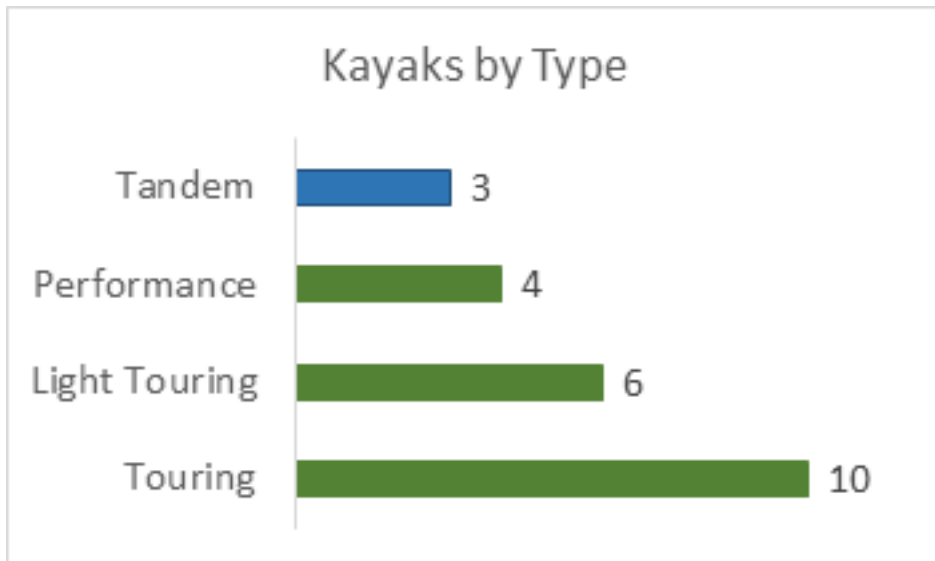
In spring 2021, the club once again placed our floating platforms with Transport Canada *Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations* signage in the river near the Buckwold Bridge at the downstream end of the area where power-driven vessels and vessels driven by electric propulsion are prohibited. Inland Marine Technologies kindly donated their services to remove the platforms from the river in the fall, stored them over the winter, and will place them back in the river once the ice melts this spring. The SCC has taken note that the City of Saskatoon plans to close both the public-use and emergency services-use motorboat, launches near the Broadway Bridge as the City develops its new permanent outdoor festival site in that area. The City has not announced where it will move those launches to.

The SCC welcomes input from members on which boats and equipment you would like the club to have. If there is something that you think the club should acquire, or you have any other questions or concerns regarding SCC equipment, please bring it to the attention of the appropriate equipment manager.

After 6.5 years on the executive, John has made the difficult decision to not seek re-election. He will remain available to help with the transition to the new executive and is looking forward to being engaged in the strategic planning process that the SCC is undergoing this year. Thank-you to all the SCC members, volunteers, and staff for your many insightful conversations and contributions to the success of the club over the past several years!

## Equipment Manager-Kayak: Peter

The 2021 kayak fleet consisted of 23 kayaks that can be classified into 4 categories: tandem, light touring, touring and performance. Tandem kayaks accommodate two paddlers while the rest of the fleet take a single paddler. Light touring are light-weight kayaks (less than 45 pounds). They are very popular because they are easier to carry from the boat house to the dock. Performance kayaks are designed for experienced paddlers. Their narrow width makes them more responsive and faster though less stable. The rest of the kayak fleet is made up of general touring kayaks.



In the 2021 season, 799 recreational club members went out 3,521 times in a kayak. Of the 799 active kayakers, 208 members went out just one time, while 135 members went out more than seven times in the season. The most active member completed 79 kayak trips!

The most popular kayaks were the two light touring Delta 12.1's (K04 and K71), which went out 594 times. The second most popular boats were the two blue Delta 14's (K05 and K06) which went out 504 times in the season. We added two new boats in mid-season, the very popular Eddyline Sandpiper 12 (K11) and the Perception Caroline 14 (K11). At the end of the season, two new performance boats arrived: Boreal Design Storm 16 and Baffin T2. If members have suggestions or feedback on the fleet, please email the kayak equipment manager.

### Social Director: Tiina

Socializing was still restricted in 2021. SCC regular annual events, the spring Open House in May and the Trip Tales with potluck in October, didn't take place due to COVID-19.

In late autumn we organized the first SCC photo contest, which went relatively well with 31 participants and 44 pictures.

It seems that 2022 will become a great year and our club's big events can start again.

John Young, member for the 2021 season would like to see printed ID badges, as he had encountered difficulty with proving his membership status with other members.

## Review of Financial Statements and Budget

- **Motion: To approve the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, as prepared by Chartered Professional Accountant Gabriel Ng.**
- Moves: Lauren
- Seconds: Eithan
- Unanimous approval by voting members.

Resolved: 2021 financial statements approved.

- **Motion: To adopt the budget for 2022 as presented.**
- Moves: Kathleen
- Seconds: John
- Unanimous approval by voting members.

Resolved: 2022 budget adopted.

Accountant Gabriel Ng was consulted in doing a financial audit vs review. He feels it is not necessary to have an audit done at this time. This meets the government requirements with The Non-profit Corporations Act. A financial review is much less costly than an audit by about 60%.

- **Motion: That the SCC, elect not to appoint an auditor for the 2022 fiscal year and rather appoint Gabriel Ng, Chartered Professional Accountant, to conduct a review of the SCC's financial records for 2022 in accordance with section 150(4) of *The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995*.**
- Moves: John
- Seconds: Richard
- Unanimous approval by voting members.

Resolved: Motion approved.

Accountant Gabriel Ng has advised the SCC to have a motion indicating that the members accept the board's actions throughout the 2021 year.

- **Motion: The SCC members accept the actions of the board throughout the year of 2021.**
- Moves: Garnet
- Seconds: Lauren
- Unanimous approval by voting members.

Resolved: Motion approved



## Executive Elections:

### **The following positions filled by election:**

President: Garnet Richards (1 abstention, all other voting members in favor)

Secretary: Theresa Kotschorek (unanimous approval by voting members)

Treasurer: Lauren Erickson (unanimous approval by voting members)

Recreation Director: Yansun Yao (unanimous approval by voting members)

Marathon Director: Edith MacHattie (unanimous approval by voting members)

Membership Director: Corwyn Shomachuk (unanimous approval by voting members)

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Member-At-Large: Richard Rance

Member-At-Large: Kathleen Weary

Member-At-Large: Riley Riffel

Member-At-Large: Ruoxi Xiu

Member-At-Large: Nigel Leach

Member-At-Large: Andrea DesRocher

Member-At-Large: Tiina Liiving

All members-at-large voted in by unanimous approval by voting members.

## Adjourned

- **Motion: AGM to be adjourned.**
  - Moves: Eithan
  - Seconds: Trevor
  - Unanimous approval by voting members
- Resolved: Meeting adjourned at 2048hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Lori Mack

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Secretary

Date of approval

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