

Saskatoon Canoe Club

Executive Meeting

June 2, 2011

J.S. Wood Library

Present

Clyde Bersky	Trevor Robinson
Russell Lawrence	Erin McVittie (7:12)
Dave Peters	Steve Zdunich (7:20)
Randy Chapman	Kendra Worman
Ann Popoff	Graham Parsons

Graham opens the meeting at 7:05.

1. Graham Parsons moves the minutes of April 28, 2011, be adopted. Ann Popoff seconds. Unanimous.

2. **Financials:** Randy

Lesson instructors have not been paid yet. Invoices were not yet sent to Randy.

3. **Tuesday Night Update:** Clyde and Kendra

To facilitate cash control, Clyde would prefer that cash go directly to Randy and just memberships to Richard (last Tuesday we were out a bit of cash). Conclusion: Best to leave things as they are.

Clyde: Can cash then be left in the locked cabinet? Yes. Leave all materials in locked cabinet. Clyde and Richard will work things out.

Tuesday evenings good otherwise: Clyde does a safety talk.

4. **Lesson Update:** Clyde

Brian and Bill have said lessons are going well. They are being given on Erindale Lake. There is waiting list of at least 25 who want lessons. Bill can't start lessons until the end of June.

Brian sent a list of possible instructors so we can put on more lessons.

Clyde suggests a fixed rate for lessons. After some discussion, Clyde will arrange additional lessons at a fixed rate.

5. **Safety Policy**

Russell wants it made public that on May 3 his rowing boat and a kayaker both went over and the kayaker could not get back into his own boat. Therefore the rowing coach had to help the kayaker, thereby leaving the rowing club boat to crash into the rocks at River Landing. This was when the river rate was 400 cubic meters/sec. Let this be a warning.

Discussion of how to keep people safe now the water is over 900 cu.m/sec. Mandatory lessons? Longer waiver blurb?

You can't keep people off the water. The river is now Class 2 or even just Class 1.

The issue is to convince people to take fewer risks: education and practice are important.

Trevor: Safety orientation important. Follow guidelines and educate people more. Our club is an adult club predicated on adults making their own decisions.

Concern: 90% of our club membership is basically rookies. We have canoeists and kayakers with little experience.

Dave: Racing canoeists and rowers are different from us: they go with a boat and are training on lakes right now (with the water at this higher than usual level).

We can never eliminate all risk, but we do not want to prevent experienced people from being on the water.

Conclusion: Place a sign in the club:

If you have never put a life jacket on underwater, WEAR IT ALWAYS.

If you have to ask if it's safe, DON'T GO.

Orientation offers additional information. Notes will be put on the racks, on the website, and we will continue with safety talks during orientation.

Motion: Dave Peters moves Dave and Kendra construct a sign to be put on the club's racks detailing the club's policies regarding safety procedures with respect to the club's equipment. Randy Chapman seconds. Unanimous.

Dave Peters moves that Dave add the same information to the front page of the SCC web site. Russell Lawrence seconds. Unanimous.

Dave Peters moves that Erin send the same information out to the club membership on e-mail. Russell Lawrence seconds. Unanimous.

Clyde will draft a safety briefing to be distributed to the executive members to use Tuesday evenings.

Graham will forward Trevor's response to Chris's e-mail to the executive.

6. Media Response

Trevor will talk to Molly at CBC and Danny.

7. Trailer Update

Old Sold Trailer: Steve says the trees on this trailer, which he purchased for \$500.00, are broken, the springs are too light, and the trailer is not in decent enough shape to be hauled down Saskatoon streets, plus he wouldn't put a boat on it (though the frame looks good).

New trailer: It will be completed in just a few days.

Russell is assuming the transport cost will be approximately \$500.00. He will e-mail us the cost.

8. River Users Meeting Results: Erin McVittie

- a) Police will have an increased presence on the river in the fire fighter's boat, but their main concern is alcohol. They will look into markers on the river to clarify usage.
- b) Bridge Construction: Within 2 months the peninsula on the west might be gone, and they will be building one on the east side of the river.

c) The peninsula on the water intake plant will be shortened.

9. River Lights Festival

This is a celebration of the river, to be held the same weekend as the WakeRide event. We are NOT participating.

10. Fiscal Year End

Randy has re-issued the T2 short. He adjusted the balance sheet and income statement using January 31 as the year-end. Revenue Canada accepted the amended T2.

Clyde will draft a letter to Jan Hansen, executive director of CKS asking why it is advisable for the Saskatoon Canoe Club to change the year-end to December 31. Work must still be completed to have both the Corporate Registry and Canada Revenue Agency change our financial year-end in their records.

Randy has the form to register the Saskatoon Canoe Club with the Corporate Registry of the provincial government.

11. Maintenance and Repair

Dave and Bryan have been working on repairs: most major repair work is done. Minor things that can be done in the boathouse still remain to be completed. All kayaks are repaired, except the one on the repair rack. Canoe 13 still has cracked ribs which need to be reinforced. All other remaining jobs are minor.

Trevor: The new marathon boat came in and cover material has been ordered.

12. Presidential Problem

Graham is likely to be studying at the University of Manitoba so may have to submit his resignation on August 31st.

13. Outstanding Items

Mission and Vision statement: ready for review

Conduct Committee: ready for review

Emergency Repair Kit: Kendra still checking on whether it's necessary

Boathouse space: ongoing

Repair of Kayak #1: complete

Marathon boat rational: done

Racks: done

Insurance policy: continue to accumulate money to be self-insured. Current insurance is due in 2 weeks

Outstanding Equipment Order: complete

Recreation Lessons for 2011: second order

Executive positions update: committee re-evaluating

Detailed Equipment Maintenance tasks and plan: Kendra and Dave have started. They plan to have it all ready for July.

Wilderness First Aid Course Planning: in progress

Nature Lakes Escape response: complete

Purchasing Policy Review: in progress

Trailer Transportation to Saskatoon: some progress-decision to be made my e-mail

Trailer maintenance Details: Fountain Tire checks every 2 years for approximately \$200.00. We can get them to do it every two years. Needed: \$50.00 to regularly supply new rope. Total suggested cost: \$250.00.

Compound Use Agreement: Done, but for employees, not owner's family members.

Sale of old trailer: done

14. Next Meeting Date

Thursday, July 7, 2011.

15. Adjournment

At 9:08 Erin moves we adjourn. Trevor seconds. Unanimous.