

Saskatoon Canoe Club – Executive Meeting  
May 4, 2010  
**7:30pm** @ Victoria Park Boathouse

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Cathy Peters

Present:

Russell Lawrence- President	Richard Jackson – Membership Director
Dave Peters – Webmaster	Bob Farthing – Co-Marathon Director
Kendra Worman – Treasurer	Trevor Robinson – Co-Marathon Director
Randy Chapman – Member at Large	Valery Chirkov – Member at Large
Ann Popoff – Member at Large	Cathy Peters – Club member

Absent:

Graham Parsons – Secretary	Wes Deptuch – Recreation Director
Karrie Orr – Co-Publicity Director	Mark Lafontaine – Newsletter
Bryan Sarauer – Co-Publicity Director	Jim MacDonald – Equipment Maintenance

Cathy called the meeting to order and requested a secretary to take notes in the absence of regular club secretary Graham. Dave volunteered to take notes this evening.

Cathy started the meeting by asking Dave to provide an overview of what has happened to date.

Dave's Report:

Dave reported that during the open house on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, it was determined that the new PFDs were not certified by a Canadian agency, the PFDs had only been certified by the US Coast Guard. As the PFDs are not certified by a Canadian agency the PFDs are not considered acceptable safety equipment by the Canadian Department of Transport which places the club members using the PFDs at risk of fines and the club executive at risk for knowingly providing certified equipment as safety gear. After some discussion between Randy, Bob, Dave, Graham, Bryan and Kendra it was decided to remove the PFDs from public access to minimize risk. The PFDs were locked in the marathon cabinet before the end of the open house and the all the certified PFDs available (a total of 5 adult and some miscellaneous child sizes) in the boathouse were placed on the rack.

Dave sent out an email to the entire executive that evening detailing the activity of the day (email attached) and discussions about what to do were carried on amongst various executive members.

On Monday Jim suggested that keeping the PFDs in the chest may result in inadvertent use by a marathon member and may result in the PFDs picking up any odors present in the chest. Jim also requested that pictures be taken of the PFDs that showed the marking/labeling identifying the PFDs as SCC property sent to him to help him determine what extent of the marking.

Dave visited the boathouse on Monday evening, removing the PFDs to his garage, took some pictures of a PFD showing a sample of the marking and distributed the pictures via email.

At this point general discussion on the points above, including club and vendor liability went on for several minutes. At the end of the discussion it was determined by consensus to send a letter to CanadaWest Paddlesports from the SCC Executive detailing:

- What the executive expects from the vendor
- When a response is required
- Why the PFDs do not match SCC requirements

Further debate ensued, the details were worked out and Dave was tasked to write the letter (attached) and Trevor was tasked to deliver the letter.

The debate next centered around what to do in the short term to ensure sufficient PFDs would be available for the membership in the meantime.

**Motion.** Randy moves that Bob loan the club 12 PFDs for the next two weeks. Bob seconded the motion and the motion was carried. It was noted that Bob had committed the PFDs to a school outing on May 11/12 so there would be a short period where his PFDs would not be available.

Discussion then turned to what the next step would be. It was decided that another executive meeting would be held on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am to discuss the response from CanadaWest Paddlesports. If a response was received prior to Friday evening the response would be circulated amongst the executive for comment. All comments are to be sent to Dave for collation and discussion at the Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion:** Randy moves that no money be given to CanadaWest Paddlesports and the SCC receive no goods from CanadaWest Paddlesports until after Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Richard. Motion carried

Russell reported that the Youth Resource Centre had enquired again regarding rental of the club equipment for a youth trip and that this would need to be dealt with prior to mid-July when the trip is scheduled.

Russell then submitted his resignation (letter attached) from the position of president and from the Saskatoon Canoe Club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Saskatoon Canoe Club  
Box 7764  
Saskatoon, SK S7K 4J1

May 4, 2010

Dear Executive:

Please accept this as my resignation from the Saskatoon Canoe Club, effective immediately. I regret the inconvenience it will cause, but circumstances have left me no choice. In addition, I will not be hosting any of the Club trips that I have advertised in the Club's communications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Russell Lawrence".

Russell Lawrence