

# **Cataraqui Canoe Club of Kingston Report of Annual General Meeting Monday, October 19, 2006**

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston, with Commodore Ed Jezak in the Chair. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m., with 44 members in attendance.

## **Approval of Agenda**

"Moved that the agenda, as presented, be approved"  
Proposed by Gary Birrell, seconded by Debbie Twiddy. CARRIED

## **Minutes of the Last General Meeting**

"Moved that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on October 3, 2005, as published and read aloud to the assembly, be approved."  
Proposed by Charlie Hannan. Seconded by Dukke van der Werf. CARRIED

## **Reports**

The following paragraphs show six reports given by those responsible for various activities of the club.

### **Treasurer**

Michael Johnson distributed copies of his financial report for the year ended March 31, 2006, and reviewed its details. In summary, revenues (\$15,056.64) exceeded expenses (\$10,042.66) for a net gain of \$5,013.98. Total assets at March 31, 2006, amounted to \$28,226.48.

Appended to the printed statement was the report of the independent audit conducted by Janice Ley, who found the records to be complete and accurate.

"Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted."  
Proposed by Michael. Seconded by Peter Kopp. CARRIED

### **Courses and Clinics**

Carolyn Bonta reported that all usual events took place, with good attendance, with special mention of the canoe safety and kayak roll clinics held during the winter at the Artillery Park

pool. Unfortunately, the sea kayak course introduced in 2005 was not given, and a new instructor is being sought for next season.

## **Volunteers**

Carolyn Bonta enumerated the several different club activities where volunteers are essential, and expressed thanks on behalf of the club to the 35 individuals whom she identified as having played a role during the 2005-2006 season. As a gesture of appreciation, she organized a draw to pick a winner of a free club membership for 2006-2007. Calling on Derek Paul to draw a paper slip from the jar, she read out Peter Kopp's name. Congratulations Peter!

## **Recreational Tripping**

Dugald Carmichael noted that the scheduled events are highly varied in character, and still expanding, which is a good thing in that it keeps all members both interested and active. He emphasized, however, the need for new trip leaders, to help share the burden carried by the relatively small number of members who have carried the club in recent years. The Board of Directors is developing a training plan designed to address this matter.

## **Membership**

Dukke van der Werf reported that numbers remain stable. At the end of September 2006, there are a total of 260 paid memberships, and a total of 316 individual members.

## **Commodore's Report**

Most of what Commodore Ed Jezak wished to say, he has already written in the last issue of the Newsletter. Otherwise, he informed the meeting that a potentially serious leak in the boathouse roof has been repaired at minimal cost (see Treasurer's report). Secondly, the Saturday afternoon Paddling from the Boathouse has not been very successful this past summer; on some days there were no more than four or five people, on other days none at all. Hence the need for a re-evaluation. He expressed special thanks to those persons who make a major contribution to the club in important roles, but that get little attention, namely Newsletter Editor Sharon Ferguson, Boathouse Managers Dave Ferguson and Mark Hughes, and Telephone Listings Manager Judy Skeggs.

He also thanked all board members for their contributions, and especially Jane Knibbs, who is resigning this year, for her work over the past three years. Finally, he voiced the thought that there should be more interaction between the general membership and the Board of Directors, which is essential for the continuing vitality of the club.

## **Ratification Motion**

"Moved that the membership ratifies all the acts and decisions made by the Board of Directors of the Cataraqui Canoe Club of Kingston on behalf of the Club during their term of office which

expires on October 19, 2006."

Proposed by Janice Ley, seconded by Beth Orr. CARRIED

## **Appointment of New Board of Directors**

As chair of the Nominating Committee, Charlie Hannan described the procedure in electing the new board annually at the AGM, and proposed the list of selected nominees. In accordance with the By-Laws, other nominations were invited from the floor for each board position, individually.

"Moved that in the absence of further nominations, the nominees be declared appointed by acclamation."

Proposed by Charlie. Seconded by Debbie Twiddy. CARRIED

Accordingly, the following are the members of the Board of Directors for the year 2006-2007:

Commodore - Ed Jezak

Vice Commodore - Carolyn Bonta

Secretary- Charles Hannan

Treasurer - Michael Johnson

Past Commodore (non-elective position) - Dukke van der Werf

Other Directors - Dugald Carmichael, Mike Fisher, Phil Jacobi\*, Jo Matyas, Margaret Wild

\*new member

## **Door Prize**

A ceramic canoe crafted by Karen Twiddy Taylor, and donated by her sister Debbie Twiddy as a door prize, was won by Phil Jacobi. Luck of the draw, Phil!

## **Adjournment**

At 7:50 p.m., Derek Paul moved adjournment, seconded by Cam Hodges. CARRIED

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## **Postlude**

Following a short break for refreshments, Dugald Carmichael and Carolyn Bonta presented, jointly, an illustrated talk on the Salmon River and its watershed. The well-received presentation covered the geology, biology, ecology, and hydrology of the Salmon River system, not forgetting the recreational use of this beautiful river for both flatwater and whitewater paddling. Dugald dwelt briefly on his participation in the work of the newly formed group "Friends of the Salmon

River". Copies of the group's newly published book were available for sale after the meeting ended.