

Cataraqui Canoe Club of Kingston Report of Annual General Meeting Wednesday, September 26, 2007

The meeting was held in the Auditorium of the Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston. Vice-Commodore Carolyn Bonta (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with 36 members in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

"That the agenda, as presented, be approved."

Moved by Margaret Kluensch, and seconded by John Telgmann. CARRIED.

Minutes of the Last General Meeting

"That the minutes of the meeting held on October 19, 2006 be approved, as published and read aloud to the assembly"

Moved by Charlie Hannan, and seconded by Maureen Beamish. CARRIED.

Committee Reports

Michael Johnson (Treasurer) reported that for the year ended March 31, 2007, revenues (\$14,924.22) exceeded expenses (\$8,126.69) by \$6,797.53; and total assets amounted to \$33,916.26. Appended to his printed statement was the report of an independent audit conducted by Peter Kopp, who found the records to be complete and accurate. There were no questions or comments. Mike moved acceptance of his report, seconded by Jane Knibbs.

CARRIED.

Dukke van der Werf (Membership) reported that numbers are down slightly this year (286 individual members and 190 memberships), compared to last year (316 members and 260 memberships). Interestingly, the numbers show that the proportion of family memberships is substantially increased.

Debbie Radloff-Gabriel (Volunteers) expressed thanks to all volunteers for their efforts in making each of the various club activities so successful, and as a tangible show of appreciation she organized a draw to select a winner of a free club membership for 2008-2009. Calling on a member of the audience to make the draw, she read out Bob Clooney's name. In addition, there were two separate draws for booklets of Tim Horton coupons, which were won by Margaret Wild and Dugald Carmichael. Congratulations, Bob, Margaret and Dugald!

Jo Matyas (Publicity) mentioned the Spring Leisure Show as the main event, with regular publication in both KTW and the Whig-Standard of scheduled trips.

Dugald Carmichael (Recreational Schedule) pointed out that there were six new trip leaders included in this year's schedule, among a total of twenty-four who had led trips since the last AGM. This is a good improvement over last year's schedule which relied rather heavily on veteran leaders. And - once again - the year was free of accidents. He also expressed thanks to those members who hosted scheduling parties in their homes.

Carolyn Bonta (Courses and Clinics) reported that the club offered the usual paddling sessions this year. The only significant change was that a certified canoe instructor, Barry Irish, was hired as chief instructor for the canoe courses, and these were given on weekends rather than evenings. The change in time went reasonably well, but the plan is to offer both evening and weekend courses next year.

Margaret Wild (Special Events) commented that Open House, which is intended mainly to attract new prospects, seems to draw more regular members and fewer prospects than formerly. Nevertheless, new members do come along later, though gradually.

Commodore's Report

In Ed Jezak's absence, his brief report was read to the assembly by Carolyn Bonta. In it, he referred to the fact that the boathouse roof is leaking again, and is being repaired again. He expressed thanks to all volunteers, in whatever capacity, for running the various club functions, and to the board members who kept it all on track. His closing line reads "Since this is my second year as Commodore, I am obliged to retire into the Past Commodore position. Good luck to the new Commodore!"

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 September 26, 2007"

Proposed by Charlie Hannan, seconded by Dukke van der Werf. CARRIED.

Election of New Board of Directors

As chair of the Nominating Committee, Debbie Radloff-Gabriel announced that there are four resignations from the existing board, including both Secretary and Treasurer. Citing conflict of interest, Debbie requested that she be relieved of the task of conducting the election process. Thus, on Debbie's behalf, Carolyn presented nominees for Commodore and Treasurer individually, inviting other nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations for these positions, nor for the positions of either Vice-Commodore or Secretary, Carolyn then presented a list of eight nominees for election by secret ballot for five Director positions. Votes were counted under the supervision of two scrutineers from outside the Board, Beth Orr and Christine Sweetnam. The results of the ballot showed that two nominees were tied for fifth place. To resolve the tie, and given that two vacancies remain on the Board of Directors, the Chair proposed the motion:

"That both persons tied for fifth place be declared elected".

The motion was seconded by Rick Zamora. CARRIED.

Accordingly, the members of the Board of Directors for the year 2007-2008 as chosen by election are as follows:

Commodore - Carolyn Bonta

Vice-Commodore - (vacant)

Secretary - (vacant)

Treasurer - John Telgmann

Past-Commodore (non-elective position) - Ed Jezak

Other directors - Maureen Beamish, Dugald Carmichael, Peter Hodgson, Phil Jacobi,

Debbie Radloff-Gabriel, Jennifer Spencer.

The new Board of Directors takes office immediately. The primary task for the new Board will be to fill, by appointment, the two vacant positions on the executive.

Door Prize

A pair of tickets for entry to the permanent exhibit of the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough was won by Jane Knibbs. Paddle on, Jane!

Adjournment

At 8:30 p.m., Kim Turner moved adjournment of the business meeting, seconded by Jane Knibbs. CARRIED.

Postlude

The eminent geographer, Professor Emeritus Brian Osborne, Queen's University, presented an illustrated talk entitled *The Rideau Canal: Past, Present and Future*, which was both timely and topical, given the recent UN declaration of the Rideau Canal as a World Heritage Site on the 175th anniversary of its opening.

In dealing with the past, Prof. Osborne brought to light many details of its construction and operation that are not generally known. In dealing with the present and the future, he left much food for thought in regard to the broader implications of the "Heritage" designation, some of dubious communal benefit.

The sustained applause at the conclusion demonstrated the audience's appreciation of Professor Osborne's good-humoured, colourful, and insightful presentation.