

Cataraqui Canoe Club

Minutes AGM Oct. 17, 2012

The meeting was held in the Auditorium, Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston. Commodore Mike Fisher called the meeting to order, with 27 members in attendance.

1. Review and approval of agenda Meeting agenda presented and copies distributed for review. Mike Fisher requested members to review agenda as presented. Motion: that meeting agenda be approved as presented Moved: Marilyn Freeman, Seconded: Ed Jezak. Approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last General meeting, 10 October 2011. Motion: That the minutes of the last General meeting be approved as presented. Moved: Steve Manders, Seconded: Harry Burgstaller. Approved.

3. Reports

a) Commodore (Mike Fisher):

Mike started to introduce all the members of the Board and their functions. He thanked each member for their time and input. He thanked the trip coordinators and Jo_Anne Becket for her work on the newsletter and the refreshments for the night. The new rules of Transport Canada posed somewhat threatening for the Club as is. Fortunately we were able to continue our activities as usual. There is a proposal to gain more publicity for the Club via Facebook. The discussion on that subject is still on-going. There was also a proposal to change the name of the Club, which seems to be a regular occurrence. This is an issue that has to be presented to all the members. The issue is put to rest for now.

b) Secretary (Gonny Moncur): Minutes are duly noted and approved. There is a copy of each set of minutes on line and the secretary keeps a hard copy which can be obtained by any member.

c) Treasurer (Ed Jezak):

Ed read the statement of revenue and expenses for the period of April 01, 2011 until March 31, 2012.

Reviewer report: Review undertaken by Janice Ley. Copy of the review distributed with the financial report for the members to peruse. Ed thanked Janice for the review. Ed then proceeded to read the treasurer's report for the period from April 1 to October 16, 2012.

Motion: That the financial report and review be approved as presented.

Moved by Debbie Twiddy, seconded by Bob Tolley. Approved.

d) Publicity: No report as Linda Whitfield was not present.

e) Boathouse (Steve Manders):

Steve has put up various charts in the back hallway. There is now a pic-nick table to be used and enjoyed by all members. Marilyn thanked Steve for providing the forklift. There was a question

from the floor as to who owns the water. The taps etc. are owned by the Rowing club. What about boathouse security? That has not come up yet. We have not had a problem so far. This issue will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

f) Volunteers (Jim Lorimer): Jim thanked all volunteers for their continued support and assistance with trip leading, boathouse duty, behind the scenes activities and Board work.

g) Instruction (Mary Buchanan): . In May and June of this year club volunteers offered introductory canoe and kayak clinics, open to members and non-members. A good number of new paddlers took part in these clinics. Gail Pringle provided 3 three hour Intro-to-Kayaking workshops on weekends.

Caroline Bonta did a full day Intro to canoeing on a Sunday in June at Frontenac Park. Ed Jezak offered an Intro to canoeing on weekday evenings, comprised of 5 two-hour sessions. Ed also kindly offered to do a full day clinic for a group of new paddlers in preparation for their paddle of the Rideau System.

Mary would like to thank these three instructors on behalf of the Board for so generously giving their time to instruct newcomers to paddling.

h) Memberships (Debbie Twiddy):

There are currently 158 memberships. 108 single and 50 family memberships. There are fifty eight new members. We have a fairly stable membership community which shows a slight decline. We don't seem to be able to consistently attract families. Perhaps our trips seem too difficult and parents with younger children are intimidated, especially when they are novices themselves.

We sent an email in late spring to non-renewing members to see if there were shortcomings in the CCC that we could correct. Most of the responses indicated that non-renewing members had either moved away or had gone on to other activities and there were no significant complaints about the club.

4. Ratification motion (Not required, but customary for this club.)

That the members ratify all the acts and decisions made by the Board of Directors of the Catarqui Canoe Club of Kingston on behalf of the club during their term of office which expires on 17 October, 2013. Moved: Gonny Moncur, Seconded: Mary Buchanan. CARRIED.

5. Election of Board of Directors (Ed Jezak) Mike remains as commodore. Ed has taken on the treasurer position. Beth Orr volunteers to join the Board as a member. No election process required.

6. The acclaimed members of the Board of Directors for the year 2012-2013 are as follows:
Executive: Commodore – Mike Fisher Vice Commodore – Jim Lorimer Secretary – Gonny Moncur Treasurer – Ed Jezak Past Commodore (non-elected position) – Ed Jezak Other Board Members: Debbie Twiddy Steve Manders Linda Whitfield Harry Burgstaller Mary Buchanan Beth Orr The new Board of directors takes office immediately.

7. Adjournment of formal Meeting Mary Buchanan moved to adjourn. Seconded Dukke van der Werf. CARRIED.

