

Cataraqui Canoe Club

Minutes AGM Oct. 24, 2013

The meeting was held in the Auditorium, Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston. Commodore Mike Fisher called the meeting to order, with 42 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: Debbie Twiddy, Seconded: Janice Ley. 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: Mark Whideman, Seconded: Don Smithies. Approved.

3. Reports

a) Commodore (Mike Fisher):

Mike thanked each member for their time and input. He remarked that the club is moving satisfactory thanks to the experienced Board members. Ed has held most positions on the Board at one time or another. Gonny keeps recording and distributing the minutes. Beth is back on the Board with lots of experience. Debbie, also experienced, keeps records of the memberships. Linda has been on the Board for quite some time and keeps us on our toes regarding safety issues and insurance. She looks after the advertisements. Mary is a quiet listener but when she speaks up we pay attention as to what she is saying as she is usually right. Jim is very active on our Board as well as on other Boards. Steve did wonders with the boat house. Harry is an expert on financial issues. Mike thanked all the Board members for their time, expertise and input. That has made his job as Commodore very easy this past year.

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, 2012 until March 31, 2013.

Reviewer report: Review undertaken by Harry Burgstaller. Copy of the review distributed with the financial report for the members to peruse. Ed thanked Harry for the review. Ed then proceeded to read the treasurer's report for the period from April 1 to October 23, 2013.

There was a question from the floor: Is the club a charity. Answer: No.

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

Moved by Debbie Twiddy, seconded by John Stevens. Approved.

d) Publicity (Linda Whitfield):

Current avenues of publicity include:

- Kingston This Week – gone well

- Whig Standard – OK and more consistent – try to get it there and hope it goes in a Friday paper for a Saturday event, so the readers have a heads up for the day

- EMC – What’s Happening – we get good coverage and maximum number of words.

Have had to shorten trip descriptions for the newspaper ads but have included website address for people to get more information. Only the phone numbers of the Trip Coordinators appear in the ads. If there is an open potluck it is described. If the numbers are limited due to space, then it is left to the Trip Coordinator to let the person who is asking for information about the trip know about the potluck and the limited numbers.

Larger ads are placed in the Fall and Spring Leisure Guide and in the Spring Activity section of the Whig, where a 250 word description of club activities can be placed, along with a club action picture. There is a club booth at the Spring Leisure show but not the Fall show. For events such as AGM speakers and Open Houses several posters are placed about town. Publicity ideas that members may have are always welcome.

e) Boathouse (Steve Manders):

We have created 12 more spaces by moving things around and cleaning out the junk.

Security cameras are installed. The motion detectors have night vision. The equipment is working well. Steve is in contact with the Rowing club regarding the water bill. An automated door opener will be installed shortly.

f) Volunteers (Jim Lorimer):

There were volunteers for all the 32 days the boat house was open during the summer. Thanks to all of you who helped out.

g) Instruction (Mary Buchanan): . This year the club offered 3 one-day Intro to Kayaking clinics. These were given by Gail Pringle, one of our members. Thanks to Gail for giving these workshops for several years. At our Open House we surveyed the membership regarding Canoe paddling instruction. There was insufficient need expressed to offer clinics this year. The few individuals who contacted Mary were advised to take the 1 day clinic given by Carolyn Bonta, one of our members, at Frontenac Park. Some people took advantage of that opportunity. We will continue to survey the members next year and offer clinics based on interest and volunteers available.

h) Memberships (Debbie Twiddy):

There are currently 152 memberships. 108 single and 44 family memberships. There are thirty nine 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.

i) Schedule (Beth Orr):

The club was involved in several community activities: a walk-a-thon fundraiser for Rock Dundar, The Loughborough Poker Run, also a fundraiser and we participated in the Kingston Shoreline Awareness activities.

7. New Business:

The pollution under the floor of the boat house: The city dug a moat around the boat house and put a substance in it which absorbed the poison. The work is done and all is well.

8. The acclaimed members of the Board of Directors for the year 2013-2014 are as follows:

Executive:

Commodore – Steve Manders

Vice Commodore – Jim Lorimer

Secretary – Gonny Moncur

Treasurer – Ed Jezak

Past Commodore (non-elected position) – Mike Fisher

Other Board Members:

Debbie Twiddy

Linda Whitfield

Harry Burgstaller

Mary Buchanan

Beth Orr

The new Board of directors takes office immediately.

9. Adjournment of formal Meeting John Tegmann moved to adjourn. Seconded Linda Whitfield.
CARRIED.