

Cataraqui Canoe Club

Minutes AGM Oct. 16th 2014

The meeting was held at the Auditorium, Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston. Commodore Steve Manders called the meeting to order, with 41 members in attendance.

1. Review and approval of agenda

Meeting agenda presented by Steve.

Motion: That meeting agenda be approved as presented.

Moved: Ed Jezak, Seconded: Mary Buchanan. Approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last General Meeting, 24th October 2013.

Motion: That the minutes of the last General Meeting be approved as presented.

Moved: Debbie Twiddy, Seconded: Linda Whitfield. Approved.

3. Reports:

a) Commodore (Steve Manders):

Steve welcomed the members. He continued to review the year's activities. Overall the participation on the trips was good. Steve was able to renew the boathouse license with the City of Kingston for another 20 years for \$1 per year.

The Club is insured through ORCA and all our volunteers and trip coordinators are protected.

Steve has assembled records and other key documents in an archive binder.

b) Treasurer (Ed Jezak):

Ed read the statement of revenue and expenses for the period of April 01, 2013 until March 31, 2014.

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 then proceeded to read the treasurer's report for the period from April 1 to October 23rd, 2014.

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

Moved: Janice Ley, Seconded: Dugald Carmichael. Approved.

c) Schedule (Beth Orr):

A lot of trips were led by the same trip leaders. Beth made a plea for new members to come to the scheduling parties. She mentioned that the number of kayakers is growing and the number of canoeist is declining. Beth thanked all the trip coordinators for their input.

d) Publicity (Linda Whitfield):

Current avenues of publicity include:

Kingston This Week

The Whig Standard

EMC – What's Happening.

The trip descriptions need to be short and concise. All the ads. Include our website address. Only the phone numbers of the trip coordinators appear in the ads. If there is a pot luck it is described. It is left to the trip coordinator to let the person who is inquiring know if there is a limit to the number of participants.

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. Rick Revelle informed the audience that there is an opportunity for free ads. With "Life at Five" presented by CKWS from 5 to 6pm on week days. It is a community forum and he invites the Club to contact him at the beginning of the Canoe season (April/May). It is observed that times are changing. To reach the younger population it would be a good idea to put the Club on Facebook.

Question from the floor: Does the trip coordinator provide a sweep? Steve agrees that we need a strong paddler to be the sweep on every trip.

e) Boathouse (Steve Manders):

An automatic door opener is installed. It is working really well.

Security cameras are working 24/7. Two aluminum boats have been sold to Queen's Elbow Lake.

A new boat was added to our fleet.

f) Volunteers (Jim Lorrimer):

Jim thanked all the volunteers. He mentioned that we open the boat house at the beginning of May until the end of October. There are a lot of nights to cover. Sam Cheng will take over Jim's task as a volunteer coordinator and Jim hopes that club members will continue to volunteer.

g) Instruction (Mary Buchanan):

This year the club offered 3 one-day intro. To kayaking clinics. These were given by Gail Pringle in May and June. The clinics were very successful with 17 participants of which 11 were members. Six individuals participated in the follow-up on the water sessions given by Mary at the boat house location. Ed Jezak and Mike Fisher held an intro. To canoeing. Thirteen had signed up of which 2 attended. Mary thanked Gail, Ed and Mike for their efforts. The Club will be offering courses by certified instructors next year.

h) Membership (Debbie Twiddy):

There are currently 170 memberships, up from 152. There are 131 single, up from 108, and 39 family memberships. There are sixty eight new members, up from 39. Could the increase be due to boat Storage?

4. Motion to amend the by-law:

Steve presents the motion:

"That by-law 5.3 'Each member shall be notified in writing of the time, place, and agenda of a General Meeting at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.' Shall be changed to 'Each member shall be notified of the time, place and agenda of a General Meeting at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.'

Motion: Debbie Twiddy, Seconded: Gary Birrell. Approved.

5. Election of Officers and Board Members:

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

Executive:

Commodore – Steve Manders

Vice Commodore – (No nominations)

Secretary – Gonny Moncur.

Treasurer – Ed Jezak.

Past Commodore (non-elected position) Mike Fisher.

Board Members:

Debbie Twiddy,

Linda Whitfield,

Mary Buchanan,
Sam Cheng,
Harry Burgstaller,
Richard St. Onge.

Retirees from the Board: Beth Orr and Jim Lorrimer.

6. Adjournment of Meeting:

Move to adjourn: Ed Jezak, Seconded: Dave Linton. Approved.