

Cataraqui Canoe Club

Minutes AGM Oct. 14, 2015

The meeting was held in the Auditorium, Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston. Commodore Steve Manders called the meeting to order with 28 members in attendance.

Regrets: Linda Whitfield and Gonny Moncur.

1. **Review and approval of agenda:** Copies were distributed and a projection was visible on a screen. Steve requested members to review the agenda as presented.
Motion: That the agenda be approved as presented.
Moved: Debbie Twiddy, Seconded: Ed Jezak. Carried.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last AGM:** Copies were distributed and a projection was visible on a screen.
Motion: That the minutes of the last AGM be approved as presented.
Moved: Sam Cheng, Seconded Mike Fisher. Carried.
3. **Reports:**
 - a) Commodore, Steve Manders:
Steve reported that the Club had yet another successful year with a full and varied range of trips. The boathouse now boasts another forklift and the electric power operated door is well equipped and our boats experienced lots of use during the summer and fall. He thanked members of the Board for their diligence and efforts over the year and informed the membership that Linda Whitfield, Richard St-Onge and Sam Cheng would be retiring from the Board. He thanked them for their contribution and valued efforts over the year. He also thanked all those who volunteered their time and energies to make the Club the vibrant organization it is today.
 - b) Treasurer, Ed Jezak and Harry Burgstaller:
Ed presented his financial report for the period April to October 2015. The report was circulated and Ed commented on each item then asked for questions from the floor. Harry Burgstaller then presented his review which expressed the fact that it did not represent an audit. He concluded that no material modifications to the report needed to be made and that the finances are in order.

c) Membership Secretary, Debbie Twiddy:

Debbie reported that the numbers were relatively stable over the past few years and that there are at present about 160 memberships. She commented that the number of renewals was healthy but we should perhaps put some energy into attracting more youthful members.

d) Volunteer coordinator, Richard St-Onge:

Richard thanked all the volunteers and in particular:

- Stacey Airhart, Matthew Shepherd, Phil and Debbie Jacobi as well as Margaret Wild and Robert Tolley who had each volunteered 3 times.
- Dougald Carmichael who volunteered 4 times.
- Robert Clooney who volunteered 5 times. Robert was rewarded with a free CCC membership for the year.

He thanked "Trailhead", "Atmosphere" and "Smith Army Surplus" for contributing prizes and gifts and offered to assist whoever succeeds him in the volunteers position.

e) Instruction and Course Coordinator, Mary Buchanan:

Mary reported that each year the Club tries to offer basic instruction for new paddlers. Gail Pringle, a long time Club member, offered a 4 hour "Introduction to kayaking" clinic in June with 7 participants. Ed Jezak and Mike Fisher offered an "Introduction to Canoeing" course but there seemed little interest. Jim MacLachlan offered his expertise to run a course in June but only one person expressed interest.

f) Boathouse Manager, Sam Cheng:

Sam expressed satisfaction with improvements such as the electric door opener which has made life much easier for many boat users and the additional lift which has eased the problem of access to boats stored at the upper levels. He reports that the wash room floors are in need of attention and the roof may need repair in the near future. However, the boathouse is well organized with documentation up to date. He thanked all those who assisted him during the year and wishes his successor well.

g) Newsletter Editor, Harry Burgstaller:

Harry reminded members that he is always in search of articles and photographs for the newsletter. Contact information is on every newsletter.

4. **Executive:**

Commodore: Mike Fisher

Vice Commodore: Ed Jezak

Secretary: Gonny Moncur

Treasurer: Ed Jezak

Past Commodore: Steve Manders

Other Board Members:

Harry Burgstaller

Mary Buchanan

Debbie Twiddy

Mathew Shepherd

5. **Adjournment:** Steve Manders then gave the chair to Mike Fisher who then adjourned the meeting.