

Cataraqui Canoe Club

Minutes AGM Oct. 12, 2016

The meeting was held in 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:** Copies were distributed and Ed requested members to review the agenda as presented.

Motion: That the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved: Herb Helmsteadt. Seconded: Dukke van der Werf. Carried.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the last AGM:** Copies were distributed. Correction of item 3e: Jim wasn't offering a course but individual instruction to meet a need/interest expressed by a student. He had 1 student.

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

Moved: Joan Mercier, Seconded: Debbie Twiddy. Carried.

3. **Reports:**

- a) Commodore, Ed Jezak:

One big development was my assuming this position in March, when the elected Commodore resigned.

In May we managed to convince Jim MacLachlan to join the Board.

Harry Burgstaller was asked to review our bylaws, and in the process he discovered that a new law governing incorporated non-profits (like us) was passed in Ontario. It is yet to be put in force, but will affect us. The bylaws produced by Harry, based on a model suggested by Ontario, is over 20 pages long. We shall be voting on the new bylaws in the next AGM or possibly the one after.

Matt is taking over as Newsletter editor.

The Club functioned reasonably well. A few problems with our boathouse were weathered without major disruptions. This was due to the diligence of Board members, trip coordinators, volunteers at the boathouse, hosts of our potlucks and members in general. On behalf of the Club, I thank you all.

b) Treasurer, Ed Jezak:

Bylaws require to have the Club finances reviewed by a CPA. If there is anyone who can do that or knows someone who can, please let me know.

The statement of revenue and expenses for the period of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 was being read and questions answered.

Motion: That the financial report be approved as presented.

Moved: Ed Jezak. Seconded: Steve Manders. Carried.

c) Membership Secretary, Debbie Twiddy:

There are 164 memberships. 120 single and 44 family. There are 72 new members.

Membership numbers are stable and we are happy to report an increase in new members. This turnover in members holds great promise for the Club to thrive well into the future.

d) Volunteer coordinator, Gonny Moncur:

A big Thank You to all the volunteers! Ed checked the schedule from mid October, 2015 to the present and found that Janice Ley and Robert Tolley coordinated 4 events, Bob Clooney and Susan Feltman coordinated 5 each and Dugald Carmichael did 6 events. Dugald was presented with a free CCC membership for the year.

e) Instruction and Course Coordinator, Mary Buchanan:

Club volunteers offer clinics and one-on-one instruction on an annual basis. Gail Pringle, a long time volunteer with the Club, offered another successful "Intro to Kayaking" clinic this past June. Nine people attended, mostly non-members. It is our hope that those individuals will become members. In addition to Gail's clinic, Ed Jezak and Jim MacLachlan offered one-on-one instruction to individuals wishing to improve their paddling skills. A few members took advantage of this opportunity. I would like to thank Gail, Ed and Jim for their ongoing efforts with instruction.

f) Boathouse Manager, Steve Manders:

Looking after the boathouse was relatively easy this year. We had a problem with the lock on the small door. The combination lock is broken and is being repaired. There is new sign over the big door thanks to Ed. Part of the roof is about to be replaced. That's being done together with the Rowing Club, when they have the funds.

g) Publicity: Matt Shepherd:

We tried some different ways of advertising the Open House this year. The posters distributed turned out to be very successful but the radio advertisement didn't work out. The website is revamped. It is somewhat simplified and easier to use with a place for photos and videos on the front page.

A survey was conducted among the membership. About 60% of the respondents were 60+. There is a preference for email over the phone. A majority is in favour of getting Club emails if we don't overdo it. A Facebook presence is being suggested.

A line about sharing contact info is added on the membership form.

Consent about photos being taken on trips is added on the waiver.

Would there be any interest in opening the boathouse between 6 and 8am during the Summer? There was not much interest from the floor.

h) Scheduling: Ed Jezak:

Rather by default I wound up with coordinating the schedule. We had a full one, although some events were cancelled due to bad weather. On behalf of the Club I thank all the trip coordinators and potluck hostesses.

4. Election of Board members:

The following members of the current Board will stand for election:

Commodore: Steve Manders

Vice Commodore: Jim MachLachlan

Secretary: Gonny Moncur

Treasurer: Ed Jezak

At large: Mary Buchanan

At large: Debbie Twiddy

At large: Matt Shepherd

And we have been fortunate to have three new candidates:

At large: Peter Bedoukian

At large: Clive Hansen

At large: Paul Jepson

All the candidates were accepted by the Membership.

5. Adjournment: Ed Jezak then gave the chair to Steve Manders who adjourned the meeting.

Motion: Matt Shepherd. Seconded: John Telgman. Carried.