

Cataraqui Canoe Club Minutes AGM Oct. 10, 2017

The meeting was held in the Auditorium, Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston. Commodore Steve Manders called the meeting to order with 29 members in attendance.

1. Review and approval of agenda: The agenda was put on a screen and the members were requested to review the agenda as presented. Motion: That the agenda be approved as presented. Moved: Debbie Twiddy. Seconded: Dukke van der Werf. Carried.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM: Minutes were shown on the screen. Motion: That the minutes of the last AGM be approved as presented. Moved: Ed Jezak. Seconded: Jim MacLachlan. Carried.

3. Proposed bylaw amendments by Paul Jepson: Paul presented the bylaws and explained the changes and adjustments that were being made. Motion: To approve the bylaws as presented. Moved: Ed Jezak. Seconded: Clive Hansen.

4. Reports:

a) Treasurer, Ed Jezak: The statement of revenue and expenses for the period of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 was read. There were no questions from the Membership. Peter Bedoukian presented the review of the financial records.

b) Membership Secretary, Debbie Twiddy: There is a total of 154 memberships. 105 single and 49 family. There are 44 new members. A slight decrease in memberships but more families joined so the total numbers of individual members is more or less the same as last year.

c) Instruction and Course Coordinator, Jim MacLachlan: Jim offered 3 clinics this past year. Two of them were conducted in the Pool, one on rescue and the other one on bracing and rolling. The third clinic was on the water to wind up the two previous clinics. There were 6 participants for each session. Jim also had 2 one-on-one paddling sessions.

d) Trip Improvement Project, Peter Bedoukian: An interim report of a work in progress. It became apparent that there is room for improvement on how club sponsored trips are managed. These areas include safety, how trips are scheduled, described, communicated, planned, organized and run, how members sign up and their responsibilities during a trip.

Accordingly the board collected input from the membership and other resources. There were over 100 ideas and suggestions. The board struck a working group of trip organizers and participants to sort through all these and to come up with recommendations.

These recommendations will be grouped according to which constituency would implement the

recommendations. The 3 constituencies are the Club itself, the trip organizers and the club members as a whole. We hope to have approval to proceed before Christmas and have many of the recommendations implemented before next spring.

We will communicate to the membership as we progress.

e) Commodore's Notes, Steve Manders: This has been another successful season with a wide variety of activities, general good weather and participation. Evening paddling at the boathouse has been quite popular this year. Previous years we had Saturday paddling from the boat house, but a lack of volunteers who would spend a whole day there became a problem. Maybe there is a possibility to do it only on the Saturday mornings.

It has been a pleasure to work with the current executive. Our duties have been decided up between many individuals, all who have done an excellent job and in a timely manner.

I would like to thank all our trip organizers for their efforts to provide us a great and varied list of activities for the season.

5. Election of Board members:

The nomination committee consisted of Steve Manders, Mary Buchanan and Peter Bedoukian. The following members of the current Board will stand for election: Commodore: Peter Bedoukian. Nominated by Dave Linton, seconded by Debbie Twiddy Vice Commodore: Jim MachLachlan Nominated by Ed Jezak, seconded by Ib Lauritsen Secretary: Ed Jezak. Nominated by Beth Orr, seconded by Pat Wideman Treasurer: Paul Jepson Nominated by Peter Bedoukian, seconded by Jim MacLachlan At large: Karen Alexander, Mary Buchanan, Clive Hansen, Debbie Twiddy, Margaret Wild. All the candidates were accepted by the Membership.

6. Adjournment