

Cataraqui Canoe Club of Kingston

Minutes, Annual General Meeting

15 October, 2019

Held in the Auditorium, Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston, Ontario. Commodore Peter Bedoukian called the meeting to order at 19:05, with 46 members present.

1. Review and approval of agenda

Agenda was approved as presented, on a motion by Dukke Van der Werf, seconded by Jim MacLachlan

2. Approval of minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 16 October, 2018, were approved on a motion by Gary Birrell, seconded by Yvonne Hawkins.

3. Administrative matters

(a) Boat Rental Policy

Paul Jepson reported that the Board has been working on a policy. A policy has not yet been formally approved, but its basic content will be: only members can rent, only for approved Club trips, fees to be paid in advance.

(b) Instruction Policy

Paul Jepson reported that clinics will be open to members only; advanced ones might have criteria for participants, determined by the instructors. Instructors will be Club members approved by the Board, with no requirement of outside certification. Fees will be payable in advance through usual channels, or to the instructor.

4. Reports

(a) Treasurer

Paul Jepson presented the financial report for the year from 1 April, 2018, to 31 March, 2019. Total income of \$14,315.80 (compared with \$12,816 last year); total expenses of \$7,016.91 (compared with \$8,623 last year); net income for this year of \$7,298.89 (compared with \$4,192 last year); total net equity of \$58,291.73, an increase of \$7,298.89 from last year.

He also stated that we have substantial term deposits, and the following reasons why we might need them:

- Roof was last replaced (partially) in 2008 at \$23,000; remaining replacement, with inflation, could be \$30,000 or more.
- Other building maintenance?

- Dock replacement; we have agreed to pay the KRC up to \$10,000 depending on whether they get a grant from Trillium. If they fail to get the grant, the CCC may have to install one as the current dock is in poor condition.
- Replacement of boats; for this current year, we have spent over \$4,000 on 2 new kayaks and we are planning on spending up to \$1,000 on new paddles.

Paul then presented the following report:

May16, 2019
 Lyla Cho-Kee
 99 Country Club Drive
 Bath, ON
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To: the Board and Members of the Cataraqui Canoe Club

Re: Fiscal year end March 31, 2019 for the Cataraqui Canoe Club

At the request of the CCC Treasurer, Paul Jepson, I have checked the financial records for the Club's fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

Note that this process was just checking, not a formal "Notice to Reader", "Review Engagement" or an "Audit".

I checked the balance sheet items, some deposits, bank statement ended March 31, 2019 and April 30, 2019, expense claims by members and some cheques issued and found no discrepancies. After checking the said items, I found the financial statement to fairly represent the financial position of the CCC fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

Respectfully submitted

Signed

Lyla Cho-Kee

A motion to accept the report, by Pat Wideman and seconded by Mieke Van Geest, was passed.

(b) Membership

Mieke Van Geest reported that we have 249 members; 159 single and 90 family; 103 are new members. Last year we had 214 members; 72 did not renew. She attributed the increase to the ease of web application. She thanked Peter Bedoukian for setting up the online forms. We also might have benefited by the publicity from our cooperation with Kingston Gets Active.

(c) Scheduling

Margaret Wild stated that, as has always been the case, this year we had at least one outdoor activity every week. We scheduled 64 events: 3 parties, 3 overnight excursions, 24 hikes or skis, 6 whitewater and 31 flatwater paddles. Some were cancelled due to weather conditions. She thanked all hosts and trip leaders for all

their efforts, and asked for (and got) a round of applause.

There have been some changes. A monthly e-mail was sent out to members with reminders of upcoming events and other information; for example, Mieke's practical suggestions on how to double up and share rides. We also started scheduling trips in the middle of the week, as many of our members are retired or otherwise available.

(d) Instruction

Jim MacLachlan reported that Gail Pringle had been giving introductory kayak lessons from the boathouse for decades and that in this past summer she had 4 classes with a total of 17 students. He conducted 3 skills improvement classes in kayaking in the past summer (as in the previous two years) with a total of 12 students. He also mentioned that Ed Jezak had given individual instruction on canoeing, as offered on the website, to 3 students.

(e) Volunteers

Stacey Airhart thanked all volunteers who assisted at the boathouse, and at other events. The Volunteer Appreciation dinner is scheduled for 17 November. We had a busy year: on 28 April we hosted a hike for Kingston Gets Active month; on 7 and 8 May we had a great turnout at our Open House; on 14 June we invited members of Kingston Velo Club for a paddle from the boathouse; on 21 June Mary Buchanan organized the third annual event for new members; on 22 September we hosted our second Kingston Gets Active event.

We had 40 sessions paddling from the boathouse. There were 134 individuals using our boats; 347 times boats were taken out (for 8.7 average per evening); the average boat use was 2.6, but Jonathan Leung & Mark Ouseley were out 11 times, and Marianne & Jean Clipsham were out 14 times.

We purchased 2 kayaks: Delta *15s*, and Perception *Carolina 14*. We also purchased 5 new kayak paddles.

(f) Boathouse

Steve Manders reported that things were going well at the boathouse. Most rental spaces were filled. He replaced a winch on one of the lifts.

(g) Communications

Clive Hansen made a short statement, "I answer e-mails."

(h) Commodore

Peter Bedoukian stated that we had an outstanding year, a great year; lots happened. He said that he chaired a great Board, and asked for (and got) a round of applause for the Board.

5. Election of Board Members

Peter Bedoukian stated that Mieke Van Geest was leaving the Board. He thanked her for her service.

He stated that we had a slate of candidates prepared; then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Peter will remain on the Board as Past Commodore.

He presented the following slate:

Commodore Jim MacLachlan

Vice Commodore Stacey Airhart

Treasurer Paul Jepson

Secretary Ed Jezak

Stephen Abbott

Mary Buchanan

Clive Hansen

Steve Manders

Margaret Wild

A motion to elect this slate by acclamation was made by Joan Mercier and seconded by Yvonne Hawkins, voted on, and carried.

Our new Commodore, Jim MacLachlan, took the floor; thanked all present for their support; stated that we had a great Board, and that the Club was running well. He invited members to feel free to contact any Board member for information or with suggestions.

6. Adjournment of formal meeting

The Past Commodore adjourned the meeting at 20:05.

Guest Speakers

There was a short intermission, after which Peter Bedoukian introduced our speakers, Carol VandenEngel and Glenn Green, and the title of their talk,

Tripping across Canada - an adventure in fundraising

Peter then introduced Mara Shaw, Executive Director of The Loving Spoonful, for which organization Carol and Glenn were raising money on their trip; who told us a bit about the organization, and how the cooperation came about.

In their presentation, Carol and Glenn told us about some highlights in their adventure, illustrating with a selection of slides. They made their traverse of Canada in three stages. The first year they paddled their canoe from Ottawa to the east coast. In the second year they paddled from Vancouver to Winnipeg (with one lo-o-o-ng portage over the mountains). And this year they paddled from Winnipeg to Ottawa and then Kingston.

In lieu of an honorarium, Carol and Glenn requested a donation be made to the Loving Spoonful. A cheque for \$500.00 was therefore presented to Mara Shaw on their behalf.

Peter Bedoukian
Jim MacLachlan
Stacey Airhart
Paul Jepson
Ed Jezak
Stephen Abbott
Mary Buchanan
Clive Hansen
Steve Manders
Margaret Wild
Mieke Van Geest

Members present:

Karen Alexabder
Gary Birrell
Lois Birtch
Paul Blanchfield
Gerard Bondt
Carolyn Brintnell
Annette Burfoot
Dugald Carmichael
Samuel Cheng
Robert Clooney
Colin Eckbo
Janice Firth
David Forkes
Karen Graves
Glenn Green
Yvonne Hawkins
Gunter Heyland
Monica Ishihara

Jane Knibbs
Ingrid Lacis
Ib Lauritsen
Jim Lorimer
Curtis McKague
Joan Mercier
Gonny Moncur
Doug Moncur
Cathy Polk
Ernest Rae
Dukke Van der Werf
Carol VandenEngel
Liz Whelpdale
Mark Wideman
Pat Wideman
Don Workman
Susan Young