

December 3, 2009

Attending: Jason Biggin, Richard and Patti Salary, Kat Town, Fred and Tammy Hartmann, Karen Hutton

President's Report (Jason)

1. Successes
 - Delta Sprints
 - Coaching
 - CORA Championships (Kat had the fastest time in Canada in her age group (even beat Rani!))
 - Kudos to Bonnie and Moe for their efforts with respect to Rec. paddling, which added several new paddlers—Toy, Heather, Rosalyn, Theresa

Participation Stats...

- highest success rate, March, April, May, June. Chart showed number of paddles scheduled and those attended, which included both competitive and recreation paddlers
- Richard added that he thought commitment was higher for race teams
- expectations need to be clear with respect to committing to a paddle once signed up
- group discussed reasons for low number of folks paddling September/October/November, when typically these are busier months
- current membership = 30

Safety Report (Karen)

- nothing to report
- all safety equipment in tact
- We NEED to do a Huli drill
- People have been more diligent in remembering to pack/bring a cell phone
- We need a new board AND record when we go out and expected time of return

Financial Report (Patti)

- term deposits have come due and have decided not to 'tie up' funds
- we also anticipated needing money for things like a 'compound'
- also faced with decision with what to do about boat acquisitions—we are down to one OC-1
- we have a fair amount of money sitting there
- we made money on Delta Sprints (about \$700)
- did not do a budget for this year—Club goals?
- we have not had any large expenses—insurance is largest expense (\$1300 for boats, and CKVC costs Club approx. \$500 for flat water insurance, in addition to individual cost—insurance covers boats and members)

Equipment Report (Richard)

- OC-6s in pretty good shape; last year aikus were re-done
- Need to touch up hulls (filling and patching—scrapes from dock)
- OC-1 (Challenger) was cracked beyond repair—not worth repairing
- Need to do something about our boat supports

ACTION: Jason will organize a 'work party' luau to build boat supports (horses)

- Tear in one cover
- Richard will get hoops cut
- Numbers of paddles okay, but perhaps need more steering blades—something durable
- Okay with PFDs

To do:

- buy an additional steering—perhaps two? (check and see what we've got)

ACTION: check to see lengths of steering blades and purchase one or two new steering blades (Patti)

- need to re-do gel coat on OC-6s

ACTION: 1) check with Lotus—when will they be doing their boats so we can piggy-back (Richard)

2) Check with Crescent Marina re: costs and availability

New boats?

We intend to buy another boat; check pricing on OC-4 versus OC-2 pending facilities/storage issues

Facilities Report

ACTION: check with GVRD—now Metro Vancouver regarding storing an additional boat (Jason)

ACTION: check with Western Canoe re: costs of OC-4 (Fred)

Jason reported he had attended meeting at Metro Vanc'r; last year it was decided that if all parties agreed, Metro would support addition of structure (extension of fence) to accommodate Delta Outrigger. This would enable us to store our boats in a locked compound.

Communication was difficult with Delta Rowing Club. There were plans being developed regarding building plans, but nothing materialized. Where to from here? We would like to pursue secure storage for our boats.

ACTION: talk to Ken and Moe about 'current knowledge/understanding' with respect to building secured storage and then, re-engage the Rowing Club and Delta School District, then sell the idea to Metro (Jason)

There has been some discussion about engaging the Nichomekl Rowing Club and store one of our boats at their site...

Pros...

- more of a recreational rowing club; friendly
- ample parking
- single gravel road that goes to ramp, next to small marina on site
- boat ramp for launching OC-6
- there is enough water in the center of the channel for paddling
- because it is so protected, the channel is okay during bad weather for 'nervous' paddlers
- two choices of routes (20 mins) to get boat to open ocean
- good location for recruiting new members—close to people
- washroom facilities
- exposes outrigger paddling to another/larger community

Jason suggested we explore the idea. Agreed

ACTION: check into re-locating one OC-6 to Nichomekl (Jason)

CORA Report

- insurance an item on agenda; concern about numbers of paddlers affecting insurance costs—in the end, costs will remain virtually the same.
- Jason suggested we continue to have two levels of insurance (status quo—CORA and CKBC). Currently we charge each and every person who comes to paddle \$5 (CKBC). When we pay our CORA Club membership for Delta Outrigger, the Club is covered by Allsport.
- They changed age categories... added 5 years to everything, effective Jan. 1, 2010 (?)
- Masters = 40+, Sr Masters = 50+, Golden Masters = 60+, Kapunas = 65+
- Ryan Pogue is stating that he is building boats that is below the 400 lb range; he wanted an ‘open light weight’ category (320 lbs); CORA agreed.

Defined Roles for Executive Team

Jason presented ‘roles’ he developed to help clarify expectations of each role, up for discussion. Karen asked if Constitution mandated executive team. Yes, we need 5 directors. Will add, VP of Equipment and Safety—role to be determined at first executive meeting.

Jason suggested this information be added to our website as a ‘private’ page. Richard reviewed roles of each position, historically

ACTION: send out roles and call for nominations (Richard)

President: Jason nominated and accepted.

VP – Safety and Equipment: Gord nominated (Richard to confirm)

VP – Membership: Karen Hutton has agreed to stay on, unless other interest

VP – Treasurer: Patti agreed to stay on until position filled.

VP – Secretary: Tammy (nominated and accepted)

Coaching/Novice Paddler Development/Learn to Paddle

Jason suggested we designate two months—first month for brand new paddlers, doing Learn to Paddle with coach; next month is race development (April) for novice and/or other paddlers wanting coaching, perhaps March/April. Coaches: Kominy (if available)

Group discussed possibilities for how long/when to do coached sessions.

ACTION: contact Kominy to check her interest and availability. If NOT, Kominy, contact another coach. (Jason)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20. Next meeting: December 10, 2009 (next Thursday)

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