

Delta Outrigger Racing Canoe Club
Annual General Meeting - 18 November 2016

Minutes

Attendees: Wanda Wessell, Carmel Currie, Jason Biggin, Marguerite Townrow, Karen Hutton

Meeting was called to order at 1915.

There was no formal agenda. Discussion focussed on the problem with low membership and difficulty getting enough paddlers for regular OC6 practices.

There is some interest from Ft Langley members for weeknight evening paddling, although they are committed to Ft Langley practices on weekends. One of the Ft Langley coaches is leaving, and we may get more interest from some of their members who live closer to Deas Slough.

A suggestion had been made to get more OC1s. This would benefit associate members in the short term and all members in the longer term. However it was decided to monitor the use of boats for now, and revisit this purchase later into the spring or summer as warranted. The old OC1 has been cleaned up and appears to be serviceable, so we have 3 OC1 and the OC2, as well as the SUP.

There was some concern that the keys to our lockup were available to others (School District). Suggestions included all members having a key to the lock-up. That seems a bit unwieldy. We could put a combination lock on one of the metal lockers for people to leave their keys while on the water, but that does not address others having access to our PFDs, paddles, etc. No solution was arrived at. Open to more discussion.

Jason presented the yearly financial report. Membership is our only source of income, and because membership is low, our balance is slowly decreasing. Margie suggested we discontinue our postal box and use her home address as our club address. This will save about ½ a membership fee each year.

To attempt to increase club membership we discussed having a reunion of all past and current members in the spring, probably a pub night, possible at the RiverHouse. People will be encouraged to bring a guest/potential new paddler.

Also suggested was a 'bring a friend' to a weekend paddle.

There was also discussion on when to paddle, and a suggestion to change the weekend OC6 paddle to Saturday. We will need feedback from the membership to determine the most convenient time.

Goals for the year were discussed and included:

Getting a coach in for approximately 4 sessions. This will require paid commitment from at least 5 paddlers.

Getting the OC6 out for 3 practices each week

Entering at least 2 races, probably in the 10km range
Action items:

Everyone to think of how to increase membership.

Karen will look into purchasing new plugs for the OC1s and OC2.

Karen will look into getting the small boats serviced/tuned up at Western Canoeing. CORA will pay towards boat maintenance every 2 years. Karen will look into this.

Jason to close out the postal box and ensure changes to the address are sent to those necessary, as well as changing it on the website.

The executive will stand for another year.

Meeting adjourned at 2000.

Operating Statement
2016

Revenue

Membership	\$890.00
Interest	\$2.80
Total Revenue	\$892.80

Expenses

Boat Insurance	\$1,358.00
Cora Club Membership	\$125.00
Mailbox	\$185.00
Society Act Filing Fee	\$25.00
Supplies	\$12.05
Total Expenses	\$1,693.00

Net Cash Flow -\$800.20

Closing Balance – Nov 2016 \$4,165.63