



CORA EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA

Sunday November 9, 2008

Jericho Sailing Centre

1300 Discovery St. Vancouver, B.c.

Shane Martin (FCRCC)
Marty Pearce (GRPC)
Cindy Wright (ORPC) (Secretary)
Shannon Marks (VOS)
Doug Mancel (Lotus) (President)
Donna Harrison (Gibsons)
Rob Varnel (Pac Reach)
Jenn Burford (FCRCC)
Jan Chavrie (Jericho)
Brian Johns (Comox) (Board)
Mike Rainslide (Lotus)
Zoey Jirik (Lotus)
Barb Alley (Lotus)
Meghan Macdougall (FCRCC) (Vice-President)
Mike Billy (NVCC)
Kamini Jain (FCRCC)
Peter Forand (Jericho)
Michael Parks (Jericho)
Bob Stewart (Jericho)
Maleska Young (FCRCC)

Welcome

Convened at 10:08

Motion to Adopt Agenda: Rob Varnel

Second: Jan Chavrie

Carried: yes

Presidents Report

Overview Presented:

- Building of the safety manual
- Rebuilding of the website
- CORA Cup and potential revisions

Treasurers Report

In cooperation with Adrienne Scott and Geoff.

Presentation of the 2008 budget and 2009 Projections

Motion: To reduce our insurance line item to reflect our present cost of 5250.00

Cindy Wright

Seconded by Donna Harrison

Carried

Motion to increase the sprint IVF budget to 4000.00: Cindy Wright

The cost will be to hold a sprint camp for those interested in New Caledonia

The costs associated with holding the IVF sprint trails/Nationals in October

To assist in offsetting the costs associated with the IVF representative attending meetings.

Discussion

The budget needs to be redone in order to better reflect the concerns and the appropriate layout for the sprint expenses. Agreed expense needs to be increased, but need details are lacking and should be included

Motion failed

Motion: Propose the budget be tabled until the next board meeting with the treasurer taking the role of revision. Passing the authority to the next board.

Marty Pierce

Seconded: Doug Mancell

Carried

Membership Report

General discussion on the breakdown

We have 28 member clubs with 905 members (as of September 30, 2008).

	CORA CLUBS	CORA Members
1	Calgary Canoe Club	28
2	Comox	34
3	Delta	16
4	Fairport Aquatic (Pickering, Ontario)	1
5	False Creek Racing Canoe Club	125
6	Gibsons	14
7	Gorge Rowing and Paddling	66
8	Jericho	69
9	Kelowna	5
10	Lotus Sports	99
11	Nanaimo Paddle	14
12	Nanaimo Canoe and Kayak	39
13	North Van Canoe Club	9

	CORA CLUBS	CORA Members
14	Ocean River Paddling Club	61
15	Pacific Reach	41
16	Pemberton	21
17	Penticton	34
18	VOS	37
19	Powell River	16
20	River Spirit	15
21	Toronto Sailing CC	1
22	Unaffiliated	66
23	Victoria Canoe and Kayak	24
24	Vernon	24
25	Wai Nui O'Kanaka	42
26	West Bay	3
	TOTAL	904

Communication Report

Discussion: communications needs to be effective and needs a dedicated communications director which can assist with the website, deal with emails and ensure that tasks are delegated. Donna Harrison has agreed to help with facilitating the communications. Cindy Wright has agreed to help monitor the website. Doug accepted questions from the floor

Resolution Voting

Motion to Adopt the Resolution: Cindy Wright

Section 34.1 be deleted and replaced with:

“Notice of General Meetings: Fourteen (14) days’ notice shall be given to each member of any annual or special general meeting of members by written or electronic means, for example by use of email or website communication. Notice of any meeting where special business will be transacted should contain sufficient information to permit the member to form a reasoned judgment on the decision to be taken. Notice of each meeting of members must remind individual members that they have the right to vote by proxy.”

Seconded: Donna Harrison

Discussion

Carried

Safety Report

Doug Mancell provided the backgrounder and overview for the building and evolution of the safety manual.

Policy for Future Boards Regarding the Safety Manual

In order to prevent future boards from revising the safety manual to reflect lesser standards, it was agreed all revisions should be vetted using legal advice.

Motion: Doug Mancell

All future changes to the CORA safety manual must be compiled by the CORA board and forwarded for legal advice, upon which, the recommendations are put back to the board before implemented.

Second: Donna

Discussion

Carried

Vote for 2008 Board Positions (boards positions TBD at next meeting).

Brian Johns continuing (island membership)

Adrienne Scott nominates Jenn Burford as Treasurer: Jenn Burford accepted

Colette Heneghan nominates Kathleen Burton (accepted)

Shannon Marks nominates Ryan Pogue (accepted)

Meghan Macdougall nominates Shane Martin (accepted)

Michael Parks nominates Peter Forand (accepted)

Jan Chavrie nominates Donna Harrison (accepted)

Jan Chavrie nominates Robin Roots (this nomination needs confirmation by secretary) to come

Additional Non-Board Support

Jan Chavrie will be doing membership (ex-past President).
Doug Mancell (past-president)

Sprint Report: Donna Harrison

Review of Results

15 medals

1 gold (which was also a WR)

8 silver

6 bronze

The national selection process allowed for national boats and club crews to be able form the strongest Team Canada.

130 racers

34 Finals

The goal is to continue to build a strong sprint contingency as we build into 2012.

New Caledonia is 2010 with the time trials/Nationals in October 2008.

Goal forward is Penticton 2012 with the Penticton coming online and have offered resources to assist with the development and promotion of the event.

Insurance

Discussion

In September, All Sport approached CORA wanting to update its records to get a firmer picture of “what they were protecting.” This led to the questionnaire on the 2009 Club Membership form. It also came to light that All Sport had little understanding on how CORA actually operated which led to All Sport reconsidering the risk that CORAs operations presented, namely the issue of Clubs reporting only “racing” members and what the risk “non-members” presented to them (primarily from clubs without secondary insurance). They see the recreational paddler who may belong to a CORA club, but individually is not a CORA members, as an unnecessary risk. Unfortunately, there has been a pervasive assumption (which is incorrect) in the paddling community that you do not have to personally belong to CORA if you do not race, and the vocal complaints to All Sport by recreational paddlers has caused All Sport concern.

As a result, All Sport presented three options to CORA:

- Option 1: CORA purchase an insurance policy with protection limits as shown above. The policy defends only the 8 Board Members for their Organizational & Administrative duties and does not include the operation of any Paddling activity. All Sport Insurance have minimum policy premiums. The minimum on \$5M is \$3,500.
- Option 2: CORA purchase an insurance policy with protection limits as shown above. The policy defends the 8 Board Members for their Org & Admin duties and INCLUDES the operation of 39 Outrigger Races annually with approx 200 Paddlers at each. The 200 Paddlers at each Race consist only of the 1,000 "Members" listed on the current policy we have with you. Calculated premium: \$3,900.

- Option 3: CORA purchase an insurance policy with protection limits as shown above. The policy protects CORA & its Board along with the 28 Member Clubs and each of their Boards. Protection extends to the 39 annual Races with 200 Paddlers per (comprised of the current 1,000 Racing Paddlers currently listed on the policy) for a total of 7,800 Racing Paddlers (Bodies). Protection also extends to the 28 Member Clubs with an estimated 200 "Recreational Paddlers" each for an additional 5,400 Bodies. The Operations budget for CORA is estimated at \$19,00, with an average estimate of \$15,000.00 operating budget per club. Estimated cost based on average number of "recreational paddlers: \$15,000.

The issue is that any option other than option 3 leaves the clubs vulnerable by forcing them to either cease operations or purchase their own individual insurance at considerable cost.

Motion:

CORA and the members at the AGM accept the Option #3 put forth by All Sport to provide liability insurance for CORA Board, Clubs and Individual paddlers for the year 2010: Cindy Wright

Seconded: Shane Martin

Discussion

Carried unanimously

Race Schedule

Race schedule established. ORPC and GRPC to discuss a joint holding of Nationals and report back to the board.

Budget Revisited

Motion to reopen the Budget: Jan Chavrie

Seconded: Marty Pierce

Carried

Discussion

Meghan Macdougall in discussion with Adrienne Scott via telephone, was able to clarify some of the budget items. The budget for 2009 is based on no growth, should we approve the budget as is as it includes an increase in membership fees for individuals and for clubs and that a second increase next year. The new board will be tasked with determining how the future increases should be clarified to the membership and administered in order to allow for a recouping of the insurance premiums from the fees and also address the enforcing of clubs on their paddlers to pay their CORA Individual membership fees.

Motion to increase of \$5.00 (from \$20.00 to \$25.00) for individual membership and \$50.00 (from \$75.00 to \$125.00) for club membership fees:

Meghan Megdougall

Second: Doug Mancell

Carried unanimously

Motion:

To accept the revised tabled budget presented by Meghan Mac. for the 2009 fiscal year.

Shane Martin

Second: Bob Stewart

Carried unanimously

Closing Comments

Meeting Adjourned at 1:40.