



CORA Annual General Meeting Minutes Saturday, November 17, 2012

Welcome

Called to Order: 1:05pm

Rob Varnel	Pacific Reach Paddling Club	CORA President
Leanne Stanley	Kelowna Outrigger Racing C C	CORA Vice-President
Cindy Wright	Ocean River Paddling Club	CORA Rules and Regulations
Carmen Varnel	Pacific Reach Paddling Club	CORA Secretary
Sharon Runghen	Vancouver Ocean Sports	CORA Finance
Mel Whittal	False Creek Racing Canoe Club	CORA Director
Christina Obry	False Creek Racing Canoe Club	CORA Director
Jan Chavarie	Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club	CORA Memberships
Donna Harrison	Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club	CORA Sprint Rep
Gralin Doubleday	Fort Langley Canoe Club	
Michael Greenslade	Lotus Sports Club	
Jason Biggin	Delta Outrigger Kanu Association	
John Bohaychuk	Leduc Boat Club	
Ros Borrelli	Leduc Boat Club	
Manfred Preuss	Harrison Paddlesports Club	
Sue Milligan	Powell River Outrigger Canoe Society	
Erik Ages	Gorge Rowing and Paddling Centre	
James Hill	Gorge Rowing and Paddling Centre	
Graeme Galves	Vancouver Ocean Sports	
Pat Pawlette	False Creek Racing Canoe Club	
Judy Quinn	False Creek Racing Canoe Club	
Robyn Williamson	False Creek Racing Canoe Club	
Debbie Silvan	False Creek Racing Canoe Club	

1. Presidents Report – Rob Varnel

Welcome and thank you for taking the time out on your weekend to attend the CORA AGM today, especially those who made the trip from outside the lower mainland. I would like to thank all the current 2012 CORA Board Members: Cindy Wright from Ocean River, Leanne Stanley from Kelowna Club, Carmen Varnel from Pacific Reach, Mel Whittal and Christina Obry from False Creek, Sharon Runghen and Sam Goheen from VOS. They have all dedicated their time and effort for CORA. It's valuable to have different voices from a variety of Clubs coming together to support the sport.

At the start of 2012, the new CORA Website was launched with a fresh look and accessibility to information. Colleen McCarthy who created the original CORA Website did a great job of recreating and maintaining the new CORA Website for us with a Pay Pal on line registration for membership fees.

Last year the CORA Board proposed to look for ways to start giving back to the paddling community and Outrigger Clubs by way of funding grants and sponsorships. This year, CORA started by subsidizing 600 new Race Decals that were made for small boat races and continued to provide Clinic Grants for Clubs up to \$500 per grant.

In addition to this, CORA provided Travel Grants. With this coverage we hope this promoted more Clubs to travel to other Clubs to participate and support their races. CORA also launched a new RME Grant for Clubs. This is the "Repairs Maintenance Equipment Grant" which subsidizes Clubs up to \$1,000 per year. The grant is to be used by established Outrigger Clubs for repair and maintenance of their Club. To qualify the applying Club needs to provide to CORA the quotes, invoices, and paid receipts for their proposed new supplies and repairs. The CORA Board reviews the applications for approval up to \$1,000 to payout to the Club. All \$9,000 in the budget was allocated in 2012. CORA will continue to fund new RME Grants in 2013.

On the growth side, this year 2 new Outrigger Clubs were formed. The Kits Surf and Canoe Club and the Yellowknife Outrigger Canoe Club. More Clubs means more paddlers in OC6s, small boats and SUPs. We wish them all the best.

The 2012 CORA Cup race series ran really well as expected. We were happy to see the return of the Howe Sound CORA Nationals held in Gibsons for the final Championship race. They had many out of town Clubs attending including teams from California, Australia and Hawaii. Two other events on the race schedule were the Fort Langley River Run and the Salmon Arm Survive the Triangle Race.

Amongst the busy schedule of the distance Outrigger races, we also had an exciting year for Outrigger Sprints. Calgary did a remarkable job of hosting the World Sprints and we were very proud that Canada had 250 racers entered in the Sprints bringing home 26 medals for Canada. There were a lot of work done behind the scene by Donna Harrison, Kamini Jain, Graham Smith, Linda Roberts and Kristine Malmqvist. Thank you for their strong support and hard work. It was a great success.

Having been on the CORA board for the past 3 years and President for 2011 and 2012 I will be now stepping aside to continue support CORA as the Past President. Thank you to all of you paddlers and Clubs out there who make Outrigger paddling a big part of our lives.

2. Insurance – Rob Varnel

We have negotiated the same terms for our CORA insurance that we had in 2012 with no increase in premium. CORA's insurance provider All Sport pre-determines CORA's insurance premium and race coverage at the beginning of each year based on the number of CORA races, estimated memberships and the number of CORA Clubs therefore any new race application additions appearing during the year needing sanctioning will affect the delicate arrangement set with All Sport. All race proposals need to be approved at the technical meeting. At no time will races be added to the calendar after May 1st 2013.

3. Membership – Jan Chavarie

CORA Club	2011 paddlers	2012 paddlers	Sex	# paddlers	
				2011	2012
1. Calgary Canoe Club	34	56			
2. Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club	52	41	Female	650	747
3. Delta Outrigger Kanu Association	9	17	Male	521	578
4. Edmonton Outrigger Canoe Club	8	26			
5. False Creek Racing Canoe Club	134	159	Division	# paddlers	
6. Fort Langley Canoe Club	42	83		2011	2012
7. Fraser Valley Dragonboat Club	-	11	Junior	57	60
8. Gorge Rowing & Paddling Centre (GO)	79	111	Open	309	309
9. Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club	36	30	Master	321	331
10. Kelowna Outrigger Racing Canoe Club	6	21	Senior Master	333	370
11. Kits Surf Club	-	4	Golden Master	85	209
12. Leduc Boat Club	9	12	Kupuna	66	46
13. Lotus Sports Club	89	63			
14. Maple Bay Ocean Canoe Club	21	14			
15. Nanaimo Canoe Kayak Club	79	86	Total Annual Memberships		
16. Nanaimo Paddle Centre (GO)	18	24	Year	# paddlers	
17. Ocean River Paddling Club	78	77	2001	714	
18. Pacific Reach Paddling Club	40	37	2002	621	
19. Pemberton Canoe Association	-	12	2003	875	
20. Penticton Racing Canoe Club	53	47	2004	988	
21. Powell River OC Society	24	17	2005	1002	
22. Shuswap Assn. for Rowing & Paddling	28	30	2006	875	
23. Spirit Of Aloha Racing (SOAR)	14	9	2007	880	
24. Thunder Bay Outrigger Club	31	26	2008	904	
25. Toronto Masters OC Group	10	3	2009	956	
26. Vancouver Ocean Sports	41	38	2010	1171	
27. Vernon Racing Canoe Club	36	12	2011	1123	
28. Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club	19	22	2012	1325	
29. Wai Nui O'Kanaka	35	43			
30. Wailua Outrigger Canoe Club	36	35			
31. Yellowknife Outrigger Canoe Club	-	32	Online Registrations	157 (12%)	
Unaffiliated	62	127			

CORA moved to a new membership database in 2012, in conjunction with the new web site. There were issues with registrations (both online and for membership coordinators) for the first few months but we believe we have them all sorted out. Thanks to everyone who did register online and please – going forward, encourage your paddlers to use this option. Registration is an ongoing process, with forms and fees coming in online, in the mail, at races or from club membership coordinators. Registrations start coming at the Lotus IceBreaker (Jan) and continue on right through to the Battle of the Bay (October).

CORA has had the biggest membership year with 1325 paddlers. Clubs need to send in their CORA Club Membership cheque in January 2013 so the CORA Insurance provider will know the count. Clubs should encourage their members to sign on line as much as possible.

All Race Reps should continue to email the CORA Membership person (Jan or Cindy) to get the list of paid CORA Members to date and check if they are paid up CORA Members for the race. It was suggested that it would be good to get a reply email from CORA to say you have paid for your CORA Membership successfully on line.

4. Communications

We did not have a main Communication person for this year. This will be covered better in 2013.

5. Safety - Cindy Wright

Cindy reviewed the Buoy Turn Ruling. At the Bridges race Cindy adopted SCORA's rule; with any overlap, the boat has the right of way, with less than 2 boat lengths to the turn. If there is any overlap at all then the inside boat will have the right of way. The 50% overlap rule caused more problems at the turns. If there are incidents the stern should make a protest in this regard and also contact the Race Director after the race weekend to discuss the matter. Cindy suggests that CORA adopt SCORA's Rule as a one year provisional rule and advertise at the races for 2013. She can change it later in the CORA Rules.

It was suggested that the Turns infractions be more severe and that CORA reinforce the turning rule to the Race Directors and post it on CORA Site. It was mentioned that CORA should have a stricter policy for boats that caused incidences and hazards at the turns. CORA will come up with a proposal for infractions to get out to the CORA Club Reps and strike a committee for a guideline for the Clubs.

6. Sprints – Donna Harrison

At the Calgary World Sprints 250 paddlers was the largest contingency we have had. There were 150 volunteers and live streaming provided to view the races. Randy Brooks managed the transportation logistics. The Aboriginals were very impressed by the Ohana from the paddling community at the Opening Ceremony. 5 Anti-dope tests were done. Canada won 26 medals.

7. New CORA policies – Rob Varnel

Rob proposes that CORA adopt a Policy on Harassment. Jan has volunteered to look at this.

8. Finance Report – Sharon Runghen

Sharon explained the line items in the budget. In the first 8 months of 2012, Revenue increased from \$38k to \$65k. The Sprint account now runs separate from the CORA general account. The Sprint account currently has a balance of \$4,400. CORA gave out \$2,000 in Clinic Grants. The RME Grant of almost \$9,000 has been fully granted out for 2012. Website fees incurred as a result of the new CORA Website, maintenance and pay pals costs. The savings in the account will be put into GICs for future use.

For 2013, the budget will be similar anticipating about the same approximate number of CORA members. The RME grant will remain the same. The Travel Grant will be increased to cover all the outrigger races, not just the CORA Cup races. This applies to races across the country for all CORA Sanction Races with over 100k in travel distance or with ferry. CORA will increase the Travel Grant to \$250, and \$350 for with Ferry.

CORA will add in a new 2013 budget line item of \$4,500 to fund the production of CORA Outrigger Videos to instruct several important topics: Bailing, huli recovery and Safety, rigging, water changes, steering. Lori Vesilek of FCRCC will be co-coordinating the production of these videos for CORA.

Calgary Budget: Lynda Robert's budget was reviewed. Approx. \$11k will be coming to CORA once the last of the OC6 used for the Sprints are sold. The \$5000 loan to Calgary Canoe Club will be repaid in the near future and this money will be allocated for paddler development in the form of funding the new video project. Cindy put forward that CORA accepts the budget presented by Lynda from CCC.

9. Long Range Planning Committee – Rob Varnel

Rob suggests CORA have a long range committee for CORA to plan out the next 5-10 years in terms of finances and the future of CORA. Cindy will strike a committee on this.

10. New business

In regards to CORA supporting Outrigger Clubs, seeing the rise of new Clubs and small Clubs, there are smaller Clubs who have 15-20 members not seeing growth. CORA would like to help with growth in these Clubs. CORA could use a community outreach person to communicate with these Clubs who are not growing, who have a desire to be part of races and be a greater part of their own community, not only the Paddling Community. This will be included in the Long Range Planning Committee.

11. 2013 CORA Board Members Elections

President – Cindy Wright

Past President – Rob Varnel

Secretary – Carmen Varnel

Finance – Sharon Runghen

Directors: Christina Obry, James Hill, Leanne Stanley, Paul Pilon

Membership Co-ordinator – Jan Chavarie

Sprint Rep - Donna Harrison

Motion to adjourn at 3:15pm by Cindy. Seconded by Donna.