



**CORA Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 2, 2015
7:00 PM PDT (8:00 PM MDT)**

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Attendees: Gralin Doubleday, Rob Varnel, Kristine Malmqvist, Graeme Galves, Ron Chin, James Hill, Leanne Stanley, Lynda Roberts, Don Mulhall

Absent: Marianne Pilon, Paul Pilon

2. Adoption of Minutes

- a. December Regular Board Meeting: moved by Gralin and seconded by Rob to accept as distributed. Approved.

3. Confirmation of Agenda/Add New items

4. Standing Items

a. Sprint Director Update – Lynda

- i. Team Canada Update – Work is ongoing for the IVS World Sprints for Team Canada in Australia for May 2016. The team is now complete with the additional 70+ female paddler that was requested to join in December.
- ii. General: IVF has added Long Distance World Championship in 2017 in Tahiti in June and will repeat every second year, opposite of the IVF Sprint Championships. U19, Open and Masters are the categories, one entry per age category per gender. Distance Iron V6 and V1, 25 to 30 km. This, in the future would require CORA to create a selection criteria plan to decide crews to send to represent Canada. **Paul will place the link (www.ivfiv.org) on the CORA website. Lynda will draft selection criteria and pass it out to the board for feedback and discussion.**

b. Financials/Treasurer Update – Rob

Financial will be sent out for review with the next few weeks.

Rob moved that the GIC that is coming up at the end of January to reinvest the GIC back into another. **Gralin** seconded. Approved. **Rob** will action this once the minutes are posted.

c. Membership Updates – Gralin

No activity update yet.

d. Grant Updates – Ron

No updates yet other than the indoor huli clinic from False Creek. More will come as the year passes.

5. Review/Updates of Outstanding Action items

a. Drafting issues update – Don/ /James/Graeme

Don sent out 2 recommendations and a short discussion paper about drafting to the board. The board agreed that the two recommendations below be piloted for the 2016 season, and revisit this at the end of the season by engaging the stakeholders again, particularly the race directors. Moved by: **Don**, seconded: **Rob**. Approved.

Recommendation 1: drafting be permitted in small boat races, but restricted to same class/same gender. For example, a female OC1 racer may draft another female OC1 racer, but may not draft a surf ski, an OC2 or a male OC1 racer.

Recommendation 2: recognizing limitations in resources or ability to enforce any drafting regulations a race director may adopt, CORA strongly suggests a staggered race start as a method to naturally restrict drafting. For example, a race director could organize one start for surf skis and OC2s X time, and then another start for OC1s at X+:15 seconds.

Penalties will not be suggested for the pilot year, as this is for observation only, the board is interested in understanding what the challenges are for racers and race directors. The intent is to ensure that all small boat races have a staggered start between hull/gender classes and/or make it clear that drafting outside of your class is not allowed. This will be drafted by **Don** to communicate to the race directors for 2016.

b. CORA Long Distance rules rewrite update – Graeme

Graeme will contact Cindy and report back to the board at February's meeting.

c. CORA Long Term Initiatives

i. Coaching Resources – Leanne/Lynda

Leanne and Lynda will report back at the February board meeting.

ii. Grant funding for junior crews – Marianne/Leanne

Leanne and Marianne will report back at the February board meeting.

d. Vice President Position

Will be revisited at the February meeting.

e. New CORA Cup awards – Lynda

Rob and Don will work with Lynda on this and will be revisited at the February meeting.

6. New Business

a. Website Updates relating to titles – Kristine

The page identifying the executive needs to be updated to reflect the current board, roles, and bylaws. People who are not on the board but that contribute a significant amount of volunteer time should be recognized here as well. **Kristine and Ron will work on updating this for Paul to update on the website before the February meeting.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM PDT

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 7:00 PM PDT (8:00 PM MDT)