February 1, 2012 CORA Meeting Minutes

Roll Call: Mel, Leanne, Sharon, Christina, Carmen, Rob
Absent: Sam, Cindy
Meeting Called to order at 8:00 pm
Agenda: approved
Last Meeting's Minutes were approved

CORA Grants

3 CORA email addresses were established by Colleen.

Financials

Sharon reviewed the financials with the board and all seems to be in order. Leanne will put the AGM financials to PDF and post on CORA site.

Memberships

As of Feb 17th there were 575 paddler registered and 16 clubs paid. Leanne will email a reminder notice to all unpaid Clubs.

<u>Website</u>

Leanne emailed Colleen to get instructions to post minutes on the new website.

CORA Points

Christine will be monitoring to update the CORA Points log.

Sprint Update

The board questioned what boats will be used for the Sprint Trials, the boats to have the same weight, the quality of the timing of the trials and the fairness of the course. While in Calgary, Mel will meet up with Kristine Malmqvist and Linda Roberts.

The board presented Donna with questions which she answered in the following Sprint report.

Cora sprint website - all the information was brought over verbatim from the old website. I do need to make some updates to all pages including the adaptive. Cora does not have resources for an adaptive program, so not much attention has been put into that page. The info on the 2012 adaptive paddlers is correct and all paddlers would go to the CORA website to register their intent. We do not have enough Adaptive paddlers to consider a V6. I have communicated with the couple who did register it would be V1 only and no qualification is required. We have Burnaby Lake booked for June 2 & 3. Normally time trials are 1 day with a sprint race or clinic scheduled for the following. This year both days are trials to accommodate the numbers. This will be the 3rd time trial I have organized and I think with the experienced volunteers we use, it will be run as good as or better. We have been approved for the permit and the Burnaby Rowing and kayak club will have a 6 lane course set up and ready. They have been great in helping solidify the venue and the use of the Pavilion for washrooms and food setup. I would like to send a detailed report on the time trials with budget and revenue figures separately. The sprint clinics for March and May are Cora club hosted clinics. They are open to all paddlers as stated in the grant application. Clubs are utilizing Kamini to help organize and fill up the clinics. My only involvement was to advertise to those who had shown interest in competing. This is like any other clinic, were participants pay, but there is a subsidy to the club from Cora. Cora has no control over what kind of clinics clubs wish to hold. It is up to the clubs to decide and apply for grants. This year, I would assume clubs would focus on sprint clinics. We do require a 2nd technical adviser, and Graham has tentatively agreed to take on this role. It is exactly the same role Kamini has performed to help seed the time trial heats and decide the streerers for the national crews. It will be a larger job and require more time to communicate positions after trials. During the 4 practice days Kam and Graham would help tweak crews. Coaching was the wrong term as coaching should happen long before race week. Not sure what hard decisions you mean on race day, but yes as far as the national crews, Kam and Graham would decide. I will also find the job description and send to the board. As there is some compensation for taking on these roles along with the AC role, this will be included in the budget report. Hugh Fisher has also agreed to be the Junior National tech advisor, and will be setting the National Juniors boats TT. Finally there will be a team Canada camp in July, there will be a charge, but that should be subsidized by the Cora sprint fund. I have not worked out details for this just yet. We hope to hole a separate camp for juniors only. More to come on all of these topics and other items. Feel free to fire me specific questions as they come up. Donna.

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. The next meeting to be on Wednesday, March 7, 2012