

CORA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Present: Cindy, Rob, James, Carmen, Paul, Christina

Absent: Sharon, Leanne

Meeting Called to order at 8:00 pm

Agenda: approved

Last Meeting's Minutes were approved

CORA Website

Cindy will have the busy February Schedule on CORA website next week regarding CORA grants and upcoming races.

The CORA website, twitter and Facebook appear to have a good following and visited by many viewers.

Finance - No updates given.

CORA Cup Races

Christina will have the CORA Cup Rules on the website as a reminder for members.

Cindy has and will continue to email Race Directors in advance for each CORA Cup Race to be aware of the details and CORA point status involved if the race is one of the CORA Sanctioned Cup Races for 2013.

Insurance

Race directors needing insurance certificates for their upcoming race should all email Rob Varnel directly with the details. They should not be contacting the CORA insurance company directly. Rob is the main CORA representative to communicate and deal with All Sport matters and arrange for race coverage certificates.

If PNWORCA cannot produce a copy of their insurance coverage from their insurance provider to CORA to show that all their paddlers are insured when they come up to Canada to race, the paddlers will be required to pay the \$10 CORA Day fee or the \$25 CORA annual Membership for 2013. PNWORCA mentioned their paddlers are covered but CORA needs to have this in writing from their Insurance Company to satisfy our arrangement with All Sport for racing liabilities. Without this process in place, all racers at CORA races are required to pay a CORA Membership fee.

RME Grants

ORPC has been approved for their RME application.

Communications

The changes and updates on the CORA site is looking good keeping the site refreshed. Paul and Christina will continue to monitor the incoming communications from members.

Membership

So far, there are over 700 Paid CORA Members to date. 2/3 of the CORA Memberships were paid on line early in the year. Only 1/3 of the memberships had to be input manually. This is a good progress for the new CORA on line membership system.

CORA teleconferencing costs

Christina contacted Telus to inquire on the CORA teleconferencing account which was started as a personal account by Donna. The cost seems to have escalated lately. Rob will assist with this to look at getting costs savings from Telus for the CORA account.

Carmen will follow up and acquire details on the charges as well as obtaining new authorization to be given to Christina to be the rep contact for the account.

CORA Goals

Cindy will have a list of CORA Goals for the CORA website for members' information.

Short Term Paddler Development

The first 3 videos to be produced for CORA have been approved by the Board to proceed.

Long Term Development for CORA - Discuss in March when Rob returns from Montreal.

Safety and CORA Rules

All the upcoming race directors will be contacted to provide their race details for the CORA site. Race directors are to read over the CORA Rules of Racing and be very familiar with the New CORA Buoy turn rules, huli recovery, race protest policies and infractions, the necessary registration criteria for racing in an Unlimited OC6 in races, and the process required to prepare for CORA Cup points if they have been grant to be a CORA Cup Race by the CORA Board.

CORA will look to set up a YouTube for short videos on CORA Turn rules, overtaking rules, protest rules and any other subject that can be shown on a video. Christina to look into web conferencing that CORA can host a meeting for all race directors to attend so we can educate them all in one meeting and be recorded so it can be archived to see by others later.

New Business

Rob recommended to the Board to establish a new CORA Community fund for emergency and as an assistance program for our paddling community. He will look into some options on how CORA can implement raising funds for this new program. The Board will review and discuss this further at the next March meeting.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 6, 2013 8:00pm