



CORA Annual Technical Meeting Minutes
Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 1:00 pm PT
Via Zoom Video Conference

Attending: Ron Chin, Leanne Stanley, Rob Varnel, Mony Sy, Valerie Simmons, Rob Magus, Erik Ages, Cindy Wright, Marianne Pilon, Grace Morrisette, Irene Loh, Penny Steely, Don Mulhall, Graeme Calves, Launa Maundrell, Tony Vukasovic and Jonathan Wilkins

The Technical Meeting is a CORA Board meeting to discuss forward-looking issues surrounding racing, development of the sport of outrigger, promoting and facilitating both individual and club members.

The CORA membership is invited to observe and provide input into the operational aspects of CORA's mandate.

It is not a substitute for the AGM although line items will have overlap with AGM topics.

1. Welcome and Roll Call (Ronald Chin)
 - a. This meeting is being recorded
 - b. Agenda approved
2. COVID-19 (Ronald Chin)
 - a. Increase in vaccination has freed up paddling for crews, over the course of the summer we have had a number of small boat races and some big boat races.
 - b. Increasing vaccination requirements being imposed CORA has developed and issued a policy that they consider that all of their membership be fully vaccinated in order to participate in OC6 activities.
 - c. CORA board has approved the resolution that for 2022 all participants for CORA sanctioned races must be fully vaccinated.
3. 2022 CORA Event Schedule (Ronald Chin)
 - a. See attached race schedule
 - b. With travel now opened up, paddlers can now attend the races in the States. However, paddlers from the states still face restrictions.

- c. New initiative - in order to prepare for the World Sprints, CORA will spearhead the National Sprints in the lower mainland, which will be held sometime late April. The Sprints will be held at Burnaby Lake, which has been newly renovated.
 - d. IVF Sprint Trials - more information at CORA AGM
 - e. IVF Distance Trials - more information at CORA AGM
 - f. CORA Cup Series races are well spaced:
 - i. May 7-8 Duel in the Desert
 - ii. June 4 - 5 Island Iron
 - iii. July 2 Lotus Iron
 - iv. Potentially at the end of August - CORA Distance Nationals in Comox.
4. Discussion of ongoing and new initiatives
- a. Coaching Resources (Leanne Stanley)
 - i. Looking ahead a lot of people are on their own without being coached,
 - ii. CORA is wanting to help coaches grow
 - b. Online coaching initiatives via Zoom (Leanne Stanley)
 - i. Coach to coach on line, clubs can nominate a certain number of paddlers to receive coaching.
 - ii. Development of the curriculum with the goal of going out and being boots on the ground to develop coaches bring their skills up to help other coaches learn. Covering things to learn, leadership, technique, ethics and safety. All parts of Canada to be included to provide more support
 - c. Junior / Novice support (Marianne Pilon and Tony Vukasovic)
 - i. See report
 - d. CORA Off-the-Water Video Conference Series via Zoom (Leanne Stanley)
 - i. A lot of positive feedback for Information Sessions and Town Halls.
 - ii. Will continue with the Town Hall series, but may not have as many. Welcome all support
 - iii. Have a great lineup of topics: OC steering, technical, seat roles and race directors.
 - 1. Race Directors Guidebook is being worked on
 - e. Communications – Website / Facebook / Email (Erik Ages, Graeme Galves)
 - i. Report will be presented at AGM
 - ii. Spent last year enhancing outbound communications, particularly this past year due to COVID.

- iii. Policy announcements were kept to a minimum, always clear and meant to be useful
 - iv. Provided platforms for Town Hall meetings
 - v. Providing sparingly email outbound communications. Looking into using a member wide email system. Thanks to Paul Barton for enhancing our Zoom, webcam and Facebook capacity.
 - vi. Next year more information will be disbursed through Facebook
 - vii. General flow of enquiries into CORA inbox are being handled, through the website and is now self serviced.
 - 1. Grant applications
 - 2. Event applications
 - 3. CORA membership
 - viii. This has helped with Race directors getting the membership list for races in order to ensure that participants are CORA members.
- f. Insurance - Coverage for CORA-sanctioned events (Ronald Chin)
- i. We have changed our insurance broker to BFL Canada, this company is more familiar with paddle sports.
 - ii. Policy stays the same, although we are working on getting wording tweaked.
 - iii. Policy deals with 3rd party liability insurance, covers claims where the insured causes damages to a 3rd party and other bodily injury. For example you cause injury to someone else during a CORA sanctioned activity
 - iv. We have asked for clarification regarding the policy for some comments.
 - 1. One thing we need to make sure that if the member club is relying solely on 3rd party insurance they need to make sure that all of their individual members are annual CORA members.
 - 2. Coverage applies to claims arising during club sanctioned events (as long as the club is a member in good standing and all members are in good standing)
 - 3. CORA hosted and sanctioned events are covered
 - 4. Any clubs requiring express approval for an event must seek approval from the CORA board to be sanctioned.
 - 5. CORA board is developing a process whereby all CORA clubs must submit to CORA an outline of all activities that their club runs or is involved with. Such as if dryland training is included this

needs to be mentioned, which type of watercraft, recreational training, competitive training, etc. Included in this process will be:

- a. The intent is that there will be framework of activities for the club's to select in a drop down menu
 - b. Assets
 - c. Do you have another insurance provider
6. Recreational paddling is included in the insurance policy. For instance if you have a recreational program, this also allows for paddlers to train at other areas or clubs.
7. Coverage does not apply if the activity is not sanctioned by your member club. For example if a bunch of individual paddlers get together for a paddle this is not sanctioned as it is not part of the program.
- a. Of note if a group of paddlers are going out on a regular practice day and are doing a recreational activity they are covered as long as the club discloses that this is a regular practice period.
 - b. The theory is to bring activities that have in the past been quite broad to more specific.
8. For Unaffiliated members (who are not members of a club) there are no affiliated club activities for which you are covered. You would only be covered if you are participating in CORA sanctioned events. However, if you are on one of the IVF teams you would be covered as this is a CORA sanctioned event.
- a. The only way an Unaffiliated paddler can be covered by CORA insurance is for them to join a club and pay a club fee. Otherwise, they will not be covered for regular participation in club activities (they may be a 'guest' on occasion, but not regularly).
 - b. Note - if someone is living in a remote location they can still be a member of the club, they will simply be training in a remote location.
 - c. Of note we do have Unaffiliated paddlers.
 - i. A notice will be posted for Unaffiliated members - will not be covered by insurance except for participation in CORA sanctioned events.
9. Note if you are injured you are not covered by the BFL insurance since the coverage applies to injury to third parties.

10. CORA club may invite guests who are not CORA members, such as introduction to outrigger, those people are included under the policy without having to pay a CORA fee. This is not intended to be a substitute for club membership, this is considered a one-off situation. Clubs have to report the number of guests to CORA annually.
11. We have requested a plain language explanation for the insurance policy which we can then post to the CORA website.
12. Contagion - any injury to a third party caused by COVID is not covered.

g. Meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm