



CORA Monthly Meeting Minutes Draft

Sunday, September 7th, 2025

4:00 PM PST (7:00 PM EST)

Google Meet joining info

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- Welcome and Roll Call

Present:

Ron, Jonathan, Graeme, Rob V., Leanne, Cindy, Richard, Bethany, Dean,

Absent: Erik, Foruzan, Marianne, Rob M.

September Board Meeting chaired by Rob Varnel.

Everyone must submit all their monthly reports at least a week prior to the meeting, please input them into the draft monthly minutes

Adoption of Monthly Minutes from August 3rd, 2025

One correction to the minutes, then adopted.

Confirmation of Agenda/Add New items:

Correction made.

Approved.

- Standing Items - Presented by existing Officers (collaborative effort by Secretary & Board Members)
 - Communications & Technical Update – **Graeme**
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 - Outbound Communications - **Erik**
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- Communications / Website / Google Drive - **Graeme**
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- Membership Update – **Grace / Ron**
 - See Report.

MEMORANDUM

To: CORA Board
From: Grace Morrisette
Re: September 2025 Board Meeting
Membership Update

Date: September 5, 2025

CORA Individual Memberships
1,995 annual memberships

CORA Club Memberships
46 clubs have 2025 CORA Club memberships.
Recent renewals / additions:

- Falcon [Paddling Club]
- Lost Boyz Canoe Club
- Shxwhay Chief Canoe Club (formerty River Spirit)
- Toronto Harbour Va'a
- West Coast Paddling Club

- Administration Update - **Ron**
 - See Report.

MEMORANDUM

To: CORA Board
From: Ronald Chin
Re: September 2025 Board Meeting Administration Update
Date: September 5, 2025

Corporate Filings

No activity.

Safety

Formal Safety Committee still to be constituted.
At June Board Meeting it was suggested that Erik to chair with Rob V. and Dean as committee members.

- Grant Updates – Ron
 - **MOVED BY RON** that the RME Grant Application of Sproat Lake Canoe Club dated August 30, 2025 for OC6 repairs and maintenance be approved in an amount up to \$1000.00, subject to receipt of receipts by October 31, 2025. Seconded by Jonathan.
APPROVED.

MEMORANDUM

To: CORA Board
From: Ronald Chin
Re: September 2025 Board Meeting
Grants Update

Date: September 5, 2025

See 2025 Grants Summary.

- 1) Clinic Grants – No activity
- 2) Coaching Education Grants – No activity
- 3) RME Grants

- a) RME Grant Application received from Sproat Lake Canoe Club.

MOVED BY RON that the RME Grant Application of Sproat Lake Canoe Club dated August 30, 2025 for OC6 repairs and maintenance be approved in an amount up to \$1000.00, subject to receipt of receipts by October 31, 2025.

4) Travel Grants

Vernon	Length of the Lake	\$147.60	Paid Sept 3, 2025
L48	Length of the Lake	\$863.60	Approved Sept 5, 2025
FCRCC	Length of the Lake	\$608.40	Paid Sept 4, 2025
FGPC	Length of the Lake	\$700.00	Paid Sept 4, 2025

5) CORA Cup Draw Prize and Eastern Hosting Grants

- a) Receipts received from TSCC Maka Koa for \$2000.00 TIOC Hosting Grant. In process.

MEMORANDUM

To: CORA Board
From: Ronald Chin

Re: Grants Summary for 2025 **Date:** Sept 5, 2025

The following is a summary of the 2025 CORA Grants to date.

2025 CLINIC GRANTS				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	FCRCC	Warm Water Hull Drill	\$7.10	???
2.	VYPC	Youth/Novice Technical Clinic		In process
3.	VYPC	Youth/Novice Change Clinic		In process
4.	VYPC	Youth/Novice Hull Clinic		In process
5.				
CLINIC GRANTS PAID				
2025 COACHING EDUCATION GRANTS				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Coach / Course</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	Suncoast	Sarah Bacon - Canoe Klds	[\$250.00]	In process
2.	Lotus	Tyler Lee - NCCP Lake Kayak Instructor 1	[\$200.00]	In process
3.	Lotus	Ayden Mikita - NCCP Lake Kayak Instructor 1	[\$200.00]	In process
4.				
EDUCATION GRANTS PAID				
2025 REGIONAL COACH THE COACHES GRANTS				
	<u>Coach / Course</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	Coaches Forum – Duel in the Desert (James Hill & Rob Magus)		\$200.00	Paid
2.	Coaches Forum – FLCC River Run		0.00	Cancelled due to illness
3.	Coaches Forum – Island Iron (James Hill & Leanne Stanley)		\$200.00	Paid
4.	Coaches Forum – Lotus Iron		0.00	Cancelled
5.	Coaches Forum – Comox Nationals			
COACH THE COACHES GRANTS PAID			\$400.00	
2025 TOWN HALL GUEST GRANTS				
	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	
1.				
TOWN HALL GUEST GRANTS PAID				

2025 Clinic Grant Budget Allocation: \$4,000.00
 2025 Coaching Education Grant Budget Allocation: \$2,000.00
 2025 Regional Coach the Coaches Budget Allocation: \$4,000.00
 2025 Town Hall Guests Budget Allocation: \$400.00

2025 NATIONALS HOSTING GRANTS				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	Comox	Nationals (Distance)		
2.				
3.				
NATIONALS HOSTING TOTAL PAID				

2025 Nationals (Distance) Hosting Budget Allocation: \$2,500.00
 2025 Nationals (Distance) Medals/Awards Budget Allocation: \$650.00
 2025 Nationals (Distance) Food & Entertainment Budget Allocation: \$1,500.00

2025 CORA CUP & EASTERN GRANTS				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
CORA CUP Draw Prize Grants				
1.	PPSA	Duel in the Desert	\$800.00	Paid May 23, 2025
2.	Jericho	Jericho Iron	\$525.60	Paid June 2, 2025
3.	FLCC	River Run	\$791.97	Paid July 1, 2025
4.	Comox	Island Iron	\$745.35	Paid July 1, 2025
5.	Comox	Nationals		
CORA CUP DRAW PRIZE GRANTS PAID			\$3137.32	
Eastern Canada Hosting Grants				
1.	Haunani	Defi Haunani Challenge	\$2000.00	Paid June 15, 2025
2.	Sunnyside	Eastern Canadian Sprints		
3.	TSCC Maka Koa	TIOC	\$2000.00	Paid Sept ___, 2025
4.	Rideau	Fall Classic		
EASTERN HOSTING GRANTS PAID			\$4000.00	
CORA CUP AWARDS TOTAL PAID				

2025 CORA Cup West – Draw prizes (5 x \$800)
 2025 CORA Cup East – Hosting & pricing (4 x \$2000)

2025 CANOE TRAILERING GRANTS				
	Club	Race	Amount	Status
1.	Suncoast	Crazy 8s	\$700.00	Paid March 15, 2025
2.	Comox	Crazy 8s	\$128.40	Paid March 17, 2025
3.	Haunani	TIOC	\$672.00	To confirm in September
4.	Maple Bay	Island Iron	\$201.60	Paid June 25, 2025
5.	Leduc	Duel	\$700.00	Paid
6.	Lotus	Duel	\$459.60	Paid
7.	Calgary	Duel	\$700.00	Paid
8.	FLCC	Duel	\$618.00	Paid May 23, 2025
9.	Pacific Reach	Duel	\$480.00	Paid
10.	FCRCC	Duel	\$474.00	Paid May 25, 2025
11.	L48	Jericho	\$700.00	Paid June 2, 2025
12.	Comox	Jericho	\$700.00	Paid May 26, 2025
13.	Vernon	Duel	\$135.00	Paid June 2, 2025
14.	FLCC	Jericho	\$85.20	Paid June 6, 2025
15.	FGPC	River Run	700.00	Paid June __, 2025
16.	Kelowna	Duel	\$84.00	Paid June 6, 2025
17.	Kelowna	River Run	\$422.40	Paid June 6, 2025
18.	L48	Island Iron	\$306.00	Paid June 25, 2025
19.	Pacific Reach	Island Iron	\$700.00	Paid July 1, 2025
20.	FGPC	Island Iron	\$234.00	Paid June 25, 2025
21.	Calgary	Freshwater Challenge	\$676.80	Paid June 29, 2025
22.	Star Nation	Island Iron	\$700.00	Paid July 3, 2025
23.	FCRCC	Island Iron	\$700.00	Paid July 1, 2025
24.	FCRCC	Bowen 360	\$211.75	Paid July 1, 2025
25.	Sunnyside	Defi Haunani Challenge	\$637.20	Paid July 3, 2025
26.	River Runners	Defi Haunani Challenge	\$219.60	Paid July 15, 2025
27.	Penticton	Lotus Iron	\$542.40	Paid July 31, 2025
28.	FGPC	Lotus Iron	\$674.50	Paid July 31, 2025
29.	FLCC	Lotus Iron	\$179.40	Paid July 31, 2025
30.	Vernon	Length of the Lake	\$147.60	Paid Sept 3, 2025
31.	L48	Length of the Lake	\$663.60	Approved Sept 5, 2025
32.	FCRCC	Length of the Lake	\$608.40	Paid Sept 4, 2025
33.	FGPC	Length of the Lake	\$700.00	Paid Sept 4, 2025
34.				
35.				
36.				
TOTAL PAID			\$15861.45	

2025 Canoe Trailering Grant Budget Allocation: \$18,000.00

2025 RME GRANTS				
	Club	Subject Matter	Amount	Status
2025 Eligible Clubs RME Applications				
1.	Leduc	Trailer repairs	\$10 00.00	Paid May 14, 2025
2.	Aumakua	OC6 repairs, supplies, fan for storage trailer, maritime radio	\$10 00.00	Paid July 2, 2025
3.	L48	OC6 iakos	\$10 00.00	Paid June 2, 2025
4.	Lotus	OC1/V1 racks for trailer	\$10 00.00	Paid June 2, 2025
5.	Calgary	Trailer repairs and maintenance	\$10 00.00	Paid July 15, 2025
6.	Comox	Canoe rack	0.00	Ineligible in 2025.
7.	Sproat Lake	OC6 Maintenance & Repairs	\$10 00.00	Received Aug 30, 2025
8.				
ELIGIBLE 2025 GRANTS APPROVED OR PAID			\$60 00.00	
2025 Open Call RME Applications				
9.				
10.				
OPEN CALL GRANTS PROPOSED				
TOTAL PROPOSED, APPROVED OR PAID				

2025 RME Grant Budget Allocation: \$7,000.00
 plus \$4800.00 carried forward into RME Protected Fund from past years

2025 TOTAL GRANTS SUMMARY			
	Budgeted	Paid or Approved	Balance
Clinic Grants	\$4,000.00	\$1807.10	
Coaching Education Grants	\$2,000.00	\$650.00	
Regional Coach the Coaches	\$4,000.00	\$400.00	
Town Hall Guests	\$400.00	\$0.00	
Distance Nationals Hosting Grants	\$4,650.00	\$0.00	
CORA Cup Draw Prizes	\$5,000.00	\$3137.32	
Eastern Hosting Grants	\$8000.00	\$4000.00	
Canoe Trailering Grants	\$18,000.00	\$15861.45	
RME Grants		\$6000.00	
RME Grants (Open Call)	\$7,000.00		
TOTALS	\$53,050.00	\$31855.87	

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- Financial Report September 2025 - **Jonathan**
 - No questions from Board
 - ROB MOVED THAT the Board accept Jonathan's report.
 - APPROVED

Treasurer's comments on financial statements at August 31, 2025

I'm pleased to present another report to you.

The balance sheets are healthy – don't worry about the difference showing on the bank statements compared to the Balance sheets. They do reconcile, just that the latest income from Square won't arrive until 9/2.

Note the significant increase in membership income.
Adult annual are up 23% over 2024, 30% over 2023.
Club are up 18% over 2024, 42% over 2023.

IVF Brazil will have a few more expenses to come in, I predict, but Sherry has not submitted them yet. The loss on this program has already been mitigated by only charging 11 months of Sherry's pay. The balance of the loss will be covered by a small surplus from Hilo.

As all the expenses are covered by the competing paddlers, the final account will show as a zero loss. To achieve this, I am very slowly building a small balance of funds in the IVF account to carry over from program to program.

The huge disparity of numbers attending sprint and distance events generate wildly varying incomes and expenses, viz:
2022 London sprint c150
2023 Samoa distance c70
2024 Hilo sprint c250
2025 Brazil distance c40
2026 Singapore sprint estimated 260,
so there will be a small amount of subsidy from the sprint program to the distance.

Although I do present an income and expenditure statement for Singapore 2026, it doesn't really say much, at the moment, other than the fees for registration are starting to be received. For the first time, the Elite paddlers will be obliged to have Team Canada coaches. This will certainly have impact the finances, and I plan to present a clear image of this to the Board.

With the IVF insisting that there will not be a World Championships in 2027, CORA will have further financial decisions to be made in spring, 2026 regarding the IVF programs.

I welcome questions. Please send to questions@flush.it as usual.

Jonathan September 1, 2025

- Junior Update - **Marianne**
 - See Report
 - Marianne submitted a report on the Junior clinics.

Junior Report to CORA – September Board Meeting

The event, although smaller than was hoped for, was a success. Several clubs who were contacted about the event expressed interest as well as comments that they would put it on their calendar for next year. I had looked through the list of juniors and realized that several of them were:

Jericho – one day event attendees

Unaffiliated – thus hard to track down

Pearson College – students go home for the summer

Pemberton – most paddlers from this club are students and have plans for the summer. However, the secretary for Pemberton advised that after talking to some of the Pemberton paddlers that if they had known about it sooner they would have come.

After counting through the numbers of registered juniors there were just under 50 with clubs who I was able to contact.

Many thanks to:

Sproat Lake Canoe Club - without their volunteer support, outrigger canoes, site, equipment, escort boats, first aid attendants and able paddlers this event would not have happened.

Sproat Lake Landing Resort – providing a place to tent

Oddball – supplying the team shirts. Escort boat drivers commented how easy it was to see the shirts from a great distance.

VCKC – providing outrigger canoes for training as well as participating in the event.

VYPC coaches and volunteers – this event required a lot of volunteer hours to put together, being both a clinic and race.

We had 35 people in attendance for the clinics, some able to physically take part and some to watch and learn.

Two teams raced off against each other in spec boats. The final times were:

Team Blue: 1:33:27

Team Green: 1:36:43

In response to my queries to paddlers and coaches regarding, how can CORA help juniors to get on the water, I received the following responses:

- Events such as this help to bring juniors together to be with other juniors
- The camping aspect was great, it gave juniors time to talk, bond and discuss future events together
- Being on site was easier as driving was not required
- Site was great, it even had a store for coffee trips
- Lake water was great to practice and race in
- Sproat Lake Canoe Club was great

I am already receiving requests for this event to happen again next year, looking forward to making it bigger and better.

Marianne Pilon

- Town Hall Update - **Leanne / Erik / Ron / Foruzan**
 - See Report.
 - Graeme discussed a Town Hall with Kelowna Paddle Club on **Youth Program Development** for Sunday, October 19th. Contact Fraser McIntosh at KPC.
 - Town Hall for Hall of Fame Awards - Sunday, November 9th.

MEMORANDUM

To: CORA Board
From: Ronald Chin
Re: September 2025 Board Meeting
Town Hall Update

Date: September 5, 2025

1) Video Conference Series

a) No activity.

2) CORA Town Hall – Live

Regional Coaching Roundtables at the CORA Cup races on the CORA website:

- a) Saturday, May 10 (in conjunction with Duel in The Desert)
Successfully held.
PPSA opened it up to all attendees at the race and the crowd remained manageable.
- b) Saturday, May 31 (in conjunction with River Run)
Cancelled due to illness.
- c) Saturday, June 14 (in conjunction with Island Iron)
Successfully held.
- d) Saturday, July 26 (in conjunction with Lotus Iron)
Cancelled due to difficult parking logistics.
- e) Saturday, September 27 (in conjunction with CORA Nationals)
To come

- Insurance Update - **Ron / Erik / Jonathan**
 - See Report.

MEMORANDUM

To: CORA Board
From: Ronald Chin
Re: September 2025 Board Meeting
Insurance Update

Date: September 5, 2025

1) Race Certificates

- a) Race Certificates for August and September races requested and received: Length of the Lake, Lotus Poker Paddle, TIOC, Team Canada Sprint Trials and CORA Nationals (Comox).
- b) Race Certificates for October races requested and received: L48 Bridges, The Fall Classic and FLCC Fall Small Boats Race. Change of venue changes forthcoming for FLCC Fall Small Boats Race.

2) Miscellaneous Enquiries

- a) Enquiry from Fraser McIntosh, KPC regarding coverage for outside coaches.

- Education Update - **Dean**
 - Last coaching session at CORA Nationals
 - Leanne, James, Rob M to moderate between awards and dinner.
- Historical Update - **Graeme**
 - See report



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- Standing Items - Presented by existing Officers (collaborative effort by Secretary & Board Members)
 - Historical Committee Update - Graeme
 - Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap (Kamloops; Vernon; Kelowna; Shuswap) Club Legacy document completed and distributed to Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap Club Reps for review.
 - Alberta (Calgary / Edmonton / Leduc) Club Legacy document progressing well with contributions from Calgary Canoe Club members.
 - Geronimo Club Legacy document in-progress.
 - Following-up with Jeanette Callahan regarding late-1980s BC canoeing, 1990 Molokai Na Wahine, 1992 Sacramento IVF Sprints, 1994 Molokai Na Wahine with FCRCC.
 - Following-up with Sue Milligan with regards to historical perspective on IVF / Team Canada participation since 2018.

 - Awards Update - **Graeme**
 - See report
 - Everything is going fine.



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- Standing Items - Presented by existing Officers (collaborative effort by Secretary & Board Members)
 - Awards Committee Update - Graeme
 - A CORA Website media release recognizing each of the Inductees for this year has been published.
 - Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame plaques for each of the Inductees for this year has been ordered from Kerr Recognition.
 - The CORA Website Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame perpetual page has been updated with the Draft Bios for each of the Inductees for this year.
 - The Draft Bios have been distributed to each of the Inductees for this year (or someone close to the Inductee in the event of a posthumous Induction) for review/update.
 - The Draft Bios have been updated by each of the Inductees for this year (or someone close to the Inductee in the event of a posthumous Induction) for review/update.
 - Guest Speakers for each of the Inductees for this year are being invited to attend an upcoming CORA Town Hall.
 - Comox will be having a Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame presentation at the CORA Cup Series Championships event dinner and Inductees have been communicating their intent to attend.
 - A CORA Town Hall in November (likely Nov-8/9 weekend) 2025 is to be coordinated with the CORA Town Hall Committee shortly.
 - New Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame nominations have already arrived for the 2025/2026 annual cycle.
 - 2025 Race Committee - **Graeme / Ron / Rob M / Cindy**
 - See Report.



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- Standing Items - Presented by existing Officers (collaborative effort by Secretary & Board Members)
 - Race Committee Update - **Graeme / Ron / Rob M / Cindy**
 - CORA Canoe Registry:
 - Previously unaccounted for Vernon Paddle Centre Hydra Unlimited OC6 (Monashee) added to Canoe Registry.
 - Previously unaccounted for Vernon Paddle Centre Hydra Unlimited OC6 photos added to Canoe Photo Registry.
 - Previously unaccounted for Fairway Gorge Hydra Unlimited OC6 (Thetis) added to Canoe Registry.
 - Previously unaccounted for Fairway Gorge Hydra Unlimited OC6 photos added to Canoe Photo Registry.
 - Star Nation does not have 2 ARE Matahina OC6s. They have added Salish First Nations decals to their original white-hull/white-deck/white-ama ARE Matahina OC6 that makes this OC6 look completely different.
 - Published CORA Canoe Registry PDF Main Tab of 200+ Canoes to CORA Website Documents And Archives page - link below:
 - <https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/CORA-Canoe-Registry-As-Of-2025-Sep-5.pdf>
 - CORA Race Results Updates Moved To Race Committee:
 - Sunnyside Eastern Canada Sprints (OC6 & Small Boat), and VYPC Island Water Changes (OC6), and Penticton / Vemon Length Of The Lake beach-relay (OC6) located / formatted / standardized / published.
 - CORA Youth Support:
 - Collected from Oddball Workshop the 8 Gift Certificates for the Junior / Novice OC Paddle Draw and a sample OC paddle for photo-ops at the CORA Distance National Championships 2025.

- CORA Distance National Championships 2025:
 - Collaborated with Dean on scheduling of CORA Awards/Prizes Initiative (Hugh Town Memorial Builder Trophy; Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame Plaques; Junior/Novice OC Paddle Random Draw) at Comox Awards Presentations.
- CORA Sprints National Championships 2026:
 - Burnaby Lake Pavilion reserved with \$500 Refundable Deposit for May 9th (Saturday) and May 10th (Sunday) 2026. See Google Drive Folder Sprints Venue 2026 Burnaby Lake.
 - Burnaby Lake Pavilion Main Parking & Overflow Parking reserved with \$0 Deposit for May 9th (Saturday) and May 10th (Sunday) 2026; Costs will be incurred if the Burnaby venue is a go. See Google Drive Folder Sprints Venue 2026 Burnaby Lake.
 - Burnaby Lake Racecourse reserved with \$0 Deposit for May 9th (Saturday) and May 10th (Sunday) 2026; Costs will be incurred if the Burnaby venue is a go. See Google Drive Folder Sprints Venue 2026 Burnaby Lake.
 - Met with Burnaby Lake Rowing Club (BLRC) staff to review logistics for potential CORA 2026 Sprints National Championships event.
 - Burnaby Lake Rowing Club (BLRC) has collaborated with City Of Burnaby such that non-profit organizations that book the BLRC Racecourse and the Burnaby Lake Pavilion for the same dates are eligible for the reduced rate of \$65/hour versus \$2000/day.
 - Sport Burnaby Hosting Assistance Grant Application with maximum \$5000 funding for potential CORA 2026 Sprints National Championships event completed and awaiting review before submission by October 31 of the current year (for events happening from beginning of April the following year to end of August). See Google Drive Folder Sprints Venue 2026 Burnaby Lake.

- Eastern Update - Foruzan
 - Bethany - Eastern Sprint Championships. About 140 racers. First year for V1s. Range of ages represented - including a M70+ crew.
- New Business
 - Location of 2025 CORA AGM - **Ron**
 - Jonathan - Concept was to host the AGM in Eastern Canada while eastern races were happening. That's unlikely timing now. Three Directors would have travelled to eastern Canada.

- Graeme - In support of an eastern Canada presence, but not practical during the eastern Canada race season.
 - Bethany - Would like to see us travel to the east.
 - Leanne - What is a venue that could host us?
 - Bethany - Toronto Sailing Canoe Club could be the venue. Bethany can look into the cost of renting.
 - Jonathan - Would we just be transferring a Zoom call from Vancouver to Toronto?
 - Bethany - TIOC has paddlers in waves. So attendance would be better if held the next day.
 - Ron - We still could use the 26th floor Video Conference Room (windowless).
 - Rob V. - Would favour a junket to do an eastern tour over a few days to develop participation and goodwill.
 - Dean - Could go as a CORA Team and race.
 - Cindy - Send out a Google poll as to AGM dates in Vancouver.
 - Graeme - Bullet point - Maybe have/require representation by Clubs at the AGM.
 - Ron - Can Clubs provide an annual report/presentation to the AGM?
 - Jonathan - Can we get more Club involvement at the Technical Meeting?
 - Cindy - used to have more attendance at the Technical Meeting.

- IVF Representative Update – **Jonathan/Leanne**
 - Resignation by Jonathan Wilkins from HPC
 - Cindy - No problem having another person appointed to the HPC, but wait until after the chaos leading up to the Calgary Trials. Hard to on-board anyone at this time.
 - Remaining members are Cindy Wright, Yvonne Sharpe, Mel Conard, Andrea Dillon
 - Decisions made by the former adhoc coaching committee are being made by the HPC.
 - There is still a lot of work for Sherry leading up to Calgary that needs to go to the HPC.
 - No OC6 race-offs at Calgary so far. Waiting to hear back from Clubs.
 - 70 or more on the V1 list and 50 or more on the Elites list.
 - Calgary logistics are under control.
 - Cindy is willing to act as liaison between the HPC and CORA Board in Jonathan's place.
 - Cindy is the unofficial Chair of the HPC. Cindy provides direction to Sherry. Jonathan was appointed Chair as the HPC.
 - Richard - Can OC6 crews who did not register before Calgary still apply to race in Singapore? Cindy says there is a 2nd call in November to fill the 6 age division slots for Canada. HPC would approve based on past racing experience.
 - Rob V - Will need to address process at the HPC and appoint a new Chair.
 - Jonathan - Actions taken outside the Board so he wasn't fully aware of the process.

- Graeme - Since Jonathan is stepping back, who is Sherry's supervisor / who does she report to?
- Cindy - Doesn't need to be solved tonight. If the process is sorted by October that will be fine. Jonathan agrees.
- Leanne - Need someone communicating back to the Board, and if that is Cindy, that allows another from the general membership (rather than a Director). Do not open up until after Calgary Trials and after CORA Nationals in October.
- Ron - Comfortable with waiting til October.
- Jonathan - Comfortable with waiting til October.
- Rob V. - Jonathan's resignation is a substantial red flag, so needs to examine whether the HPC is running properly. We should get on this after CORA Nationals as a high priority item.
- Jonathan resigned from managing Sherry. Who is to supervise Sherry?
- Dean - Recommended that Ron be the liaison between Sherry and the Board.
- Cindy - Until Calgary Trials, Sherry can report to HPC and will still submit invoices to Jonathan and reports to the Board liaison (now Cindy).
- Jonathan - Sherry has indicated she will be in Calgary.
- Leanne - In the interim, Sherry should report to the HPC since they know what needs to be done.
- Final - In the short term, retain Sherry reporting to the HPC.
- Calgary Trials
 - Supply of V1s from Hana Hou
 - HPC news to take on roles from the previous coaching committee.
 - Why are some stronger athletes taking alternate routes - not coming to Elite or going to the US (dual citizens).
- IVF Calendar Survey Response
 - Fallow year options - 1 in 3 , 2 in 4 or status quo.
 - Thanks to the communications team (Erik & Paul).
 - Comments in the report can be examined in strategic planning in future.
 - There seems to be mixed answers. 50 or so responses out of 1800 members.
 - Jonathan - The proposed change is more about easing load for IVF staffers.
 - Dean - It will be tough for IVF to make a decision.
 - Bethany - Didn't have a chance to review.
 - Richard - Didn't receive a survey.
 - Cindy - Did read the report. Responsibility to address what Members want and a duty to members who do IVF duties. What is better for CORA as an organization? Cost and effort whenever we send racers to IVF events. Is 1 year off sustainable?
 - Ron - IVF Worlds has decimated local / regional races in BC during August.
 - Richard - Will there be a CORA National Sprints that could be used as a qualifier for IVF Worlds?

- Leanne - The registration timelines are very early and trials provide an even selection footing.
 - Leanne - Which option do we want?
 - Ron V - Having a fallow year is good for athletes and good for Clubs (hard on them to have athletes disappear for Worlds). Not sure if it's good for CORA.
 - Graeme - Liked the possibility of having Sprints and Distance in the same year. But unfortunately, not an option for IVF.
 - Dean - Would favour having 1 year off.
 - Jonathan - IVF will not have Sprints and Distance in one year. The execs are trying to do all the work themselves.
 - Rob V - [Ron's sound turned off]
 - Richard - Need to recommend what is best for paddlers.
 - Cindy - Yearly status quo is bad for clubs. Less than 10% of CORA Members are going to IVF. But they are the majority of racers and have an oversized influence. Huge percentage of athletes who do not benefit.
 - Jonathan - Why can't clubs host races despite Worlds?
 - Cindy - Because the racers attending Worlds are also leaders at their clubs.
 - Rob V - 2 opposing views are evenly split (1 of 3 or 2 of 4). 33 or so countries in IVF.
 - Dean - Respond to IVF with the results of our survey. 3 opposing views are evenly split and set out concerns.
 - Cindy - Be cautious of survey results as people answer in their self-interest.
 - Leanne - we need to select an option and then provide general comments. Votes on survey too close - Option 1 (2 of 4) - 20, Option 2 (1 of 3) - 19 and Option 3 (status quo) - 16.
 - Cindy - Do we have more time? Results are within error. No overwhelming mandate from the survey.
 - Leanne - Deadline - September 12th.
 - Rob V - Maybe designate Leanne, Jonathan and Dean to analyse and decide. Leanne provides a summary and we all respond with a vote before the IVF deadline.
- Sprints - Singapore
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 - Distance - Brazil
 - Phenomenal effort!! 3rd on the medal table.
 - Dean - Kudos to how it was organized. Boat issues.

- Distance (Brazil 2025)
 - 3rd in the medal table with 4G, 1S, 2B (6th in total medals, but 3rd because of # of gold medals).
 - 19 entries but 2 ended up being exhibition because 2 juniors didn't make it for their V6 races and the crews raced with a local paddler in their crews. Both Jr crews placed 4th.
 - Outstanding performances by all who participated. This was the final campaign for the previous IVF Selection Committee. Thanks to James, Robbie, Cindy (and Leanne) for their contributions.
 - Hiccups surrounding communication around when visas should be applied for - what was said vs what was heard.
 - Athletes stepped in and helped juniors with rigging. Thank you to those athletes.
 - Leanne assisted Sherry via text with CF, junior advisement and moral support. Sherry texted that it was not her role "to remind/assist paddlers about travel prep stuff" and that there should "be paddler captains and or managers". Her role was managing the 7 crews and 12 individual paddlers who attended for CORA as well as be AC. This may need to be clarified with her.

- Sprints (Singapore 2026)
 - Registration is closed
 - Women's V1 - all categories need race offs (except J16W 3 entries and M80Ws)
 - Men's V1 - all categories need race-offs, including M80Ms
 - Elite J19W slim entries
 - Elite OW has entries but quality is lacking (2 notable absent athletes)
 - Elite J19M has 2 notable absent athletes but some quality there
 - Elite OM has some quality athletes not signed up for elite, but some quality options.
 - No Club Crew race-offs required.
 - Only 10 men's crews
 - And 22 women's crews (open is the only full category)
 - Estimate 200 paddlers for Singapore after trials shakes out. Which is different from Jonathan's estimate of 260.
 - At/for trials, Who is responsible for deciding:
 - Who needs to attend after registrations are done?
 - Seeding Heats when building race grid?
 - Race-offs/progressions for club crews? In 2023, the clear top crews didn't do the final 1000, they were awarded spot based on their 500m performances. It was only the bottom contenders for the final slots. - Not relevant, not enough crews to warrant a race off.
 - Selection doc states as aim "build strongest and most cohesive team". Why are we not getting our best paddlers not trying out for Elite and why are some not trialing at all but are going to

- IVF General
- IVF Project Manager
 - See above
- International Performance Committee - **Jonathan**

**High Performance Committee
Chairman's comments to September board meeting**

This has been an interesting month. Definitely not without its problems, but we did achieve a decent process for the collection of registrations from 272 paddlers, thanks to a vast amount of work by a few people (volunteers especially).

I feel sure that there will be quite a lot of mopping up as we go thru September, leading up to the Calgary trials on 9/20-21, particularly around the paddlers who are still searching for a team. My personal view is that the web-based process for this, which was significantly amended from the Board's original plans at a very late stage, is insufficient and will continue to cause difficulties and require manual fixes. I have posted some recommendations for future IVF programs' processes, lest the difficulties get forgotten thru the planned IVF calendar changes.

The HPC recommended the appointment of four coaches – Isaac Dutka and Brendon Curson (jointly taking care of Elite J19 men and women), James Hill (Elite Open Women) and Marcus Krieger (Elite Open Men). The nominations were approved by the board and gig agreements will be in place shortly. The appointments will only become effective if the trials generate teams for them to coach. Significant separate coaching fees will be charged to the elite athletes and the HPC will continue to monitor the impact of these.

The changes to the IVF Championship racing calendar, proposed by the IVF will have a significant impact on the work and timing of the HPC. To date, CORA has not discussed the calendar changes. The right to reply to a survey by IFV ends in a few days. I say again that I believe the proposed rest years will severely undermine the sport on the world stage, with most countries concentrating only on (admittedly large) regional events. And I repeat that I believe CORA should undertake a rapid study of the possibility of offering a distance event in 2027 to the IVF.

Jonathan
September 1, 2025

- **Review / Updates of Outstanding Action items:**
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Motion to adjourn the meeting @6:15 pm

Motion by Rob V

Seconded by Jonathan

Approved

Next CORA Board Monthly Meeting Sunday, October 5th, 2025, at 4:00 PST and 7:00 EST

Assignee	Action Item	Due Date	Comments
Raised Dec-1 / 2024 (Technical AGM)			
Board	CORA Cup Series 2024 Winners. Discussions on types of canoe - Spec v UL will be done during 2025 by the Board. (should Spec divisions be trimmed to just Open) (2014-12)	In-Progress	Dec-1: Ongoing; Jan-5: Ongoing; Feb-2: Ongoing; Mar-2: Ongoing; Apr-6: Ongoing; May-4: Ongoing
Raised Jun-1 / 2025			
Ron / RobV	RobV thinks that a formal Safety Committee should be constituted to work with Adrian Lee on a revised Safety manual. (2025-06)	In-Progress	Jun-1: Ongoing; Jul-6: Ongoing; Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Ongoing
CORA IVF Committee	If there is no news at the end of the Brazil event, we need to ask questions from IVF about restructuring of World Championships event (2025-06)	Completed	Jun-1: Ongoing; Jul-6: Ongoing; Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Done, as 2025 Brazil IVF World Distance complete and IVF has not committed to any events beyond 2026 Singapore IVF World Sprints.
Erik / Jonathan	Erik has offered to work with Jonathan to work on a mini budget and organize the AGM to be held in the East and will present at the next meeting. (2025-06)	In-Progress	Jun-1: Ongoing; Jul-6: Ongoing; Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Ongoing
Rob V / Dean / Erik	Strike a Safety Manual Committee. Erik to chair this committee. Dean is willing to be on the committee. (2025-06)	In-Progress	Jun-1: Ongoing; Jul-6: Ongoing; Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Ongoing
Erik	Prepared to draft a guide for race director's, include race briefing and map precedent to address concerns with regard to events where lead canoes do not follow	In-Progress	Jun-1: Ongoing; Jul-6: Ongoing; Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Ongoing

	designated racecourse. (2025-06)		
Raised Jul-6 / 2025			
Erik / RobV	Safety Committee Formation to happen with Erik to chair & Rob V to assist; Add as Standing Item on Agenda/Minutes. (2025-07)	In-Progress	Jul-6: Ongoing; Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Ongoing
Jonathan / IVF Committee	Uniform processes should start earlier as this process is too complicated and needs to meet time requirements. (2025-07)	Completed	Jul-6: Ongoing; Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Done, as 2025 Brazil IVF World Distance complete and IVF has not committed to any events beyond 2026 Singapore IVF World Sprints.
IVF Committee	Vancouver is hosting club crews in Concord in 2028, if there is a Sprints in 2028, would Canada be interested in hosting and sharing infrastructure with Concord IDBF club crews. (2025-07)	Completed	Jul-6: Ongoing; Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Done, as 2025 Brazil IVF World Distance complete and IVF has not committed to any events beyond 2026 Singapore IVF World Sprints.
CORA Board	PRE-AGM Topic is to be is CORA interested in holding IVF Worlds, either 2028 Sprints or 2027 Distance. (2025-07)	Completed	Jul-6: Ongoing; Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Done, as 2025 Brazil IVF World Distance complete and IVF has not committed to any events beyond 2026 Singapore IVF World Sprints.
Town Hall Committee / Dean	Town Hall has been listed live. See Dean's email for information. Requests for a chat room with a specific subject. One subject will be chosen. Dean will take this on. (2025-07)	Completed	Jul-6: Ongoing; Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Done, as Comox Lake CORA Cup Series Coach-The-Coaches session agenda finalized.
Rob V / Cheryl	Fort Langley document: Rob V and Cheryl will present in the coming weeks, and will include Action items for the "Official Rules Committee." (2025-07)	In-Progress	Jul-6: Ongoing; Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Ongoing
Jonathan / Erik	Jonathan AGM in Ontario Topic. Erik will be looking into accommodations, etc. (2025-07)	In-Progress	Jul-6: Ongoing; Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Ongoing

Raised Aug-3 / 2025

IVF Committee	CORA should be more proactive on circulating deadlines to all CORA members. (2025-08)	Completed	Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Done, as CORA Communications team commits to distributing time-sensitive communiques to CORA Membership
Dean	Dean will send info to Erik for Comox CORA Cup Series Championship race posting on the website. (2025-08)	Completed	Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Done, as CORA Website and CVCRC Website have substantial details published.
Rob V	Adrian has not communicated recently regarding the Safety Committee and Rob V will try to contact him. (2025-08)	In-Progress	Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Ongoing
IVF Committee	Need to ensure that Sherry posts information to CORA social media channels for 2025 Brazil IVF World Distance. (2025-08)	Completed	Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Done, as 2025 Brazil IVF World Distance complete and IVF has not committed to any events beyond 2026 Singapore IVF World Sprints.
Foruzan	Zoom call to be held on Eastern strategy once Foruzan returns from vacation. (2025-08)	Completed	Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Done, as Zoom call held with Foruzan and Eastern Canada Club Reps to plan for 2026 racing season.
Erik	Expression Of Interest for V1 canoe supplier for Sprints time trials and training camps to be forwarded to Hana Hou, Bob Putnam, Ken Ang and Lynda Roberts. (2025-08)	In-Progress	Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Ongoing
Rob V	Fort Langley CORA Cup Series Race issues document, that will include Action items for the Official Rules Committee, to be presented by Rob V. and Cheryl in the coming weeks. (2025-08)	In-Progress	Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Ongoing
Town Hall Committee	Jonathan suggested that fundraising efforts may make a good Town Hall topic, and Erik noted that Jennifer Loo at FGPC has extensive	In-Progress	Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Ongoing

	fundraising experience. (2025-08)		
Safety Committee	Reminder that Formal Safety Committee still to be constituted as per June Board Meeting suggestion of Erik to chair with Rob V and Dean as committee Members. (2025-08)	In-Progress	Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Ongoing
Awards Committee	Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2025 Inductees to be recognized via CORA Website Posting, CORA Perpetual Page, Commemorative Plaques. Town Hall. (2025-08)	Completed	Aug-3: Ongoing; Sep-7: Done, as Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2025 Inductees to be recognized via CORA Website Posting, CORA Perpetual Page, Commemorative Plaques.
Raised Sep-7 / 2025			
Cindy	Send out a Google poll as to AGM dates in Vancouver. (2025-09)	In-Progress	Sep-7: Ongoing
Board	Request Clubs to provide an annual report/presentation to the AGM to have more Club involvement at the Technical Meeting. (2025-09)	In-Progress	Sep-7: Ongoing
RobV	Need to address the process at the HPC and appoint a new Chair with the resignation of Jonathan. (2025-09)	In-Progress	Sep-7: Ongoing
IVF Committee	CORA Survey responses to 5 questions need to be answered to IVF by Sept 12. (2025-09)	In-Progress	Sep-7: Ongoing
Jonathan	CORA should undertake a rapid study of the possibility of offering a distance event in 2027 to the IVF. (2025-09)	In-Progress	Sep-7: Ongoing
Safety Committee	Reminder that Formal Safety Committee still to be constituted as per June Board Meeting suggestion of	In-Progress	Sep-7: Ongoing

	Erik to chair with Rob V and Dean as committee Members. (2025-09)		
Awards Committee	Coordinating with Comox for a Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame presentation at the CORA Cup Series Championships event dinner. (2025-09)	In-Progress	Sep-7: Ongoing
Awards Committee	A CORA Town Hall in November (likely Nov-8/9 weekend) 2025 is to be coordinated with the CORA Town Hall Committee shortly. (2025-09)	In-Progress	Sep-7: Ongoing
Board	Sport Burnaby Hosting Assistance Grant Application with maximum \$5000 funding for potential CORA 2026 Sprints National Championships event completed and awaiting review before submission by October 31 of the current year (for events happening from beginning of April the following year to end of August). (2025-09)	In-Progress	Sep-7: Ongoing