



Meeting Minutes Saskatoon Canoe Club AGM

Call to order

The [Saskatoon Canoe Club's AGM](#) was held at the [J.S. Wood Library](#) on [April 9, 2019](#). Called to order by President Franny Rawlyk at 1801hrs.

Attendees

President: Franny Rawlyk

Secretary: Lori Mack

Treasurer: Lauren Erickson

Recreation Director: Eithan Pillipow

Marathon Director: Edith MacHattie

Membership Director: Richard Rance

Social Director: Tiina Liiving

Member-at-Large: John McClean

Member-at-Large: Trevor Robinson

Member-at-Large: Ann Popoff

General Members:

Bill Morris

Randy Chapman

Kate Germin

Brielle Zolinsky

Larrie Roosdahl

Shay Crawford

Cathy Reaume

Shaun Lalonde

Penny-Lynne Micklewright

Daryl Sexsmith

Executive Members not in attendance

Equipment Manager Kayak: Austin Dyck

Equipment Manager Canoe: Brendan Haynes

MAL: Martin Mau

Introduction of Current Executive and Summer Employees

Introduction of Shay Crawford. He will be our primary Boat House Supervisor. Thank you for your attendance Shay. Bryan Sarauer will be our part-time Boat House Supervisor.

Approval of Agenda

- **Motion: To approve the Agenda**
 - Moves: Ann Popoff
 - Seconds: Edith McHattie
 - Unanimous approval
- Resolved: Agenda approved

Approval of minutes

- **Motion: To approve the Minutes of March 12, 2018 SCC AGM.**
 - Moves: John McClean
 - Seconds: Lauren Erickson
 - Unanimous approval
- Resolved: Minutes approved without modification.

Reports

President: Franny

It has been another great year at the canoe club. Our membership continues to grow, and we have been trying to accommodate the needs of that ever-expanding membership by offering a variety of club opportunities. We hosted a number of learn-to-paddle classes, which were well received by attending members. We plan to continue to offer educational opportunities this coming year. We recognize that our members all bring different paddling skill levels with them when they join the SCC, so we want to make sure that our newest paddlers can feel comfortable and safe on the water.

We are also looking forward to having hired staff members this coming summer to be able to help with some basic instruction, group paddles, equipment maintenance, and orientations.

Kayak maintenance was highlighted by members as something that needs improvement. This is one of our focuses this coming season.

We've continued our lease agreement with the City of Saskatoon for our bay at the Victoria Boat house. We also continue our membership with our provincial organization, Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan (CKS). We were happy that at their recent AGM, 4 new board positions were created to represent the different paddling disciplines, including our own recreational and marathon paddling. However, we were disappointed that CKS decided to increase the recreation membership fees by \$5, starting in 2020. It's estimated that this will end up costing the club over \$8,000.

We are happy to announce that this summer we will be partnering with The Blind Adventurer Foundation to offer training opportunities to a number of blind paddlers, followed by a summer trip from Outlook to Saskatoon. If you'd like to get involved with this or volunteer as an adaptive guide, keep your eyes peeled for information in an upcoming edition of the Power Stroke, or please email me.

Overall, we are all just excited about the upcoming season and to get out on the water. Please continue to check the river flow rates and to exercise caution when paddling in the high flow (ie fast water) this spring season. Hope to see you all at our open house, May 5th from noon to 4pm. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email, president@saskatooncanoeclub.org.

Membership Director: Richard

2018 was another year of growth. The club grew 6% to 1642 members from 1554 in 2017. This is a continuation of the slow down in growth from the 17%, 45%, and 46% we saw in the preceding years. It is probably good that growth has slowed down as we are at or near maximum capacity with our space at the boathouse. There are no plans at this time to cap membership.

Both divisions saw improvements in their retention rate, 90% of marathon only members are returning. 35% of recreation members are returning. (Returning was determined based on email

address and self-designation of 2017 members.) Further increasing the retention rate of the recreation members poses a large opportunity for growth.

Last year we welcomed two new club supporters, the Saskatoon Racing Club and Back 40 Wilderness First Aid. They both provide services that will be of value to our members.

We would like to give a huge thank you to volunteers that helped us this year. They ran over 115 tours on 25 different days. Finding volunteers to run orientations and card pickups was more difficult this year than last. 23 non-executive members earned a free membership in the 2019 season.

For the 2019 season we will be hiring employees to supervise the activities of the boathouse. They will take over much of the day to day work from the membership director role as well as run the majority of the new member orientations. This will reduce the burden on volunteers while increasing the opportunities for members to attend a tour and pick up their cards. We will need volunteers for our open house on May 5, 2019.

Social Director: Tiina

There were two big events organized by the SCC: the annual spring Open House and the Trip Tales Potluck in October.

The Open House on May 6, 2018 saw about 300 visitors. Besides the SCC, several other parties were presenting themselves, The Prairie Lilly, Eb's Source for Adventure, CanoeSki Discovery Company, Coldspring Paddling, Back 40 Wilderness First Aid, Transport Canada for boating safety, and the Saskatoon Racing Canoe Club and Saskatoon Rowing Club opened their doors too!

Lauren Erickson has been organizing the Paddling Film Festival to take place Nov. 13, 2019 at the Broadway Theater.

Recreation Director: Eithan

The past year has been busy and exciting for the Recreation Division. We were able to cover the cost of beginner canoe lessons for 103 members. Lessons have been planned to continue for the 2019 season.

The club has purchased new kayaks, kayak paddles, bilge pumps, PFD's, and canoe paddles.

Late in the fall a survey was sent out that had given us the direction that an important area of improvement is the maintenance of equipment. In the 2019 season we will address maintenance issues with inspections from our new employees and onsite staff to report problems to.

Trips in the 2018 season included the Churchill River Whitewater Festival, Brabant Lake to Southend, Pelican Narrows to Sandy Bay and the Paddle with President. Weekly group paddles continued with help of our volunteers.

Funding was received from the Sask Lotteries Trust and CKS for use towards equipment renewal and beginner training.

Equipment Manager Kayak: Austin

As usage was up so were damages to the kayaks. Boats were added and replaced along with paddles and bailers. PFD's replaced with a continuous replacement strategy in mind.

Equipment Manager Canoe: Brendan

No report

Marathon Director: Edith

Group paddles continued with an instructional focus on Wednesday nights and an unstructured social group paddle on Sunday mornings. We had turnouts of about 7-10 boats in the first half of the season, getting fewer boats later in the summer as is typical.

A boat repair day was held at the end of the season (Sept. 29) and a number of volunteers helped with minor boat repairs and refinishing. A few boats need some more work, which we plan to do this spring, date TBD. Special thanks, to Randy Chapman and Kate Germin for repairing boats and equipment maintenance!

A club fiberglass C1 was sold last spring. Two new boats were purchased late in the season. A new V1 style boat from H2O Canoe Company (Ontario). This boat is more stable than a pro-boat. It will bridge the gap for paddlers new to racing shells. We also purchased a used JD Pro racing C2. This style is race spec, but its design makes it very forgiving for those new to the stern. It is a popular boat in the Tripple Crown Races. These two boats have given us more diversity in our fleet of marathon canoes. We also purchased 4 new foot braces.

The Marathon Division hosted three CKS sanctioned races: Cranberry Punch and Eb's Classic in mid-July and the Rec and Rookie Race mid-September. A clinic was offered again in conjunction with the July races and was well received. We encourage Recreation members to attend our Rec and Rookie Races. They are low key and a lot of fun.

Next years race dates:

1. Cranberry Punch and clinic - Saturday July 13, 2019
2. Eb's Classic and possibly clinic – Sunday July 14, 2019
3. Rec and Rookie Race – Sunday September 15, 2019.

Nationals will be posted on the SCC calendar.

Three members attended Nationals in Sudbury, Ontario and medaled in every race. Edith MacHattie and Trevor Robinson were invited as guest speakers and gave presentations at the event.

CKS funding was late coming due to disruptions within the provincial sport governing body. All of our applications but one were funded as applied for.

Treasurer: Lauren

2018 was a strong year for SCC, resulting in a surplus of \$16,000. This surplus is mainly due to a budgeted purchase that did not take place (canoe trailer, we decided we didn't have need for).

2019 planning looks to reduce this surplus with more training opportunities and the hiring of two employees.

Transparency within the SCC financials is of utmost importance. Questions regarding the financials are always welcome.

Proceeds from the Paddling Film Festival will be donated to Outdoor School.

MAL Report: John

Volunteers from our club participated in the inaugural Saskatoon River Safety Day on May 5th, 2018, which brought many river users and related agencies to River Landing for public demonstrations of things such as auto-inflating life rafts, man-overboard rescues, and various kayak/canoe rescues, as well as educational presentations on a range of river safety and courtesy topics. The owners of the Prairie Lily were the lead organizers of the event. Some local media coverage helped to spread the safety messages beyond those in attendance.

Planning is underway for River Safety Day 2019 to be held Saturday May 4th on the water and the shore at River Landing -- watch the Power Stroke newsletter for opportunities to help make the second annual event a success.

On May 16th, three SCC representatives attended the River Users' Group Meeting organized by the Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA). This meeting, which is typically held annually, did not occur in 2017, so there was quite a lot to discuss this time around. While representatives of many river user groups and interested parties were there, unfortunately nobody from the City of Saskatoon, the Saskatoon Police Service, or Transport Canada attended. The lack of signage to inform river users of the various speed limits and areas where powered vessels are prohibited as set out in the *Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations* was identified as a significant problem by the meeting participants. A working group with representation from the SCC (John McClean), the Prairie Lily / Inland Marine Technologies (Mike and Joan Steckhan), and the MVA (Mike Velonas and Andrea Lafond) was set up to push the City to install such signage on the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge and the Gordie Howe Bridge. John McClean designed and obtained Transport Canada approval for the sign graphics. The City has committed to funding and installing the signs upon the completion of bridge overhaul work in late 2020. As an interim safety measure, the SCC is working to have similar signs installed this spring on floating platforms 200m downstream from the Howe Bridge and 200m upstream from the Buckwold Bridge. The City refuses to fund this measure, so the SCC is looking to other river user groups to help fund the floating signage.

The SCC is also involved in a group updating the "boating guidelines" sign at the public-use powerboat launch this spring to make it more informative and easier to understand. The City of

Saskatoon has decided to conduct a second phase of its River Access Study, which has as one of its primary goals, the identification of a permanent site in the city for the public-use powerboat launch. As with the first phase of the study (conducted in 2016 and early 2017), the MVA will act as the City's consultant, and work is expected to begin this spring/summer. Please watch for opportunities to have your say in this important matter.

Review of Financial Statements and Budget

- **Motion: To adopt the budget for 2019 as presented.**
- Moves: Lauren Erickson
- Seconds: Richard Rance
- Unanimous approval

Resolved: 2019 budget adopted.

- **Motion: To approve the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, as prepared by Chartered Professional Accountant Gabriel Ng.**
- Moves: Lauren Erickson
- Seconds: Larry Roosdahl
- Unanimous approval

Resolved: 2018 financial statements approved.

Accountant Gabriel Ng was consulted in regards to doing an audit vs review. He feels it is not necessary to have an audit done at this time.

- **Motion: That the SCC, elect not to appoint an auditor for the 2019 fiscal year and rather appoint Gabriel Ng, Chartered Professional Accountant, to conduct a review of the SCC's financial records for 2019 in accordance with section 150(4) of *The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995*.**
- Moves: John McClean
- Seconds: Lauren Erickson
- Unanimous approval

Resolved: Motion approved.

Proposed Amendments to the SCC Constitution and Bylaws:

- **Motion:** That the SCC adopt the revised constitution and bylaws as set out in the document entitled *2019 Proposed SCC Constitution and Bylaws.pdf*. **that was distributed in the information package for this meeting.**
 - Moves: Trevor Robinson
 - Seconds: Ann Popoff
 - Unanimous approval
- Resolved: Motion approved

New Business:

Eithan Pillipow put forth the following advance motion:

- **Motion:** To revise the Recreation Division's member fees for association with Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan (CKS) by \$5, and to provide an additional and default option as the self-insurance option in its place for no fee increase starting Jan. 1, 2020.

Discussion:

This is in response to CKS increasing Recreation member fees by \$5, beginning in 2020.

We could have the potential for difficulty dealing with two different insurers.

How much would insurance cost us?

Would this have fallout for funding for Recreation and Marathon?

We don't know how CKS funding from Sask Lotteries is received.

Can CKS choose how they distribute their funds from their Unrestricted Fund? Could they allocate more to Recreation and Marathon through this fund?

Unanimous consent to amend motion to the following:

- **Motion: That the SCC increase Recreation membership fees to \$60 beginning Jan. 1, 2020.**
- Moves: Eithan Pillipow
- Seconds: Lauren Erickson
- Majority in favour

Resolved: Motion approved

- **Motion: That the SCC increase Marathon membership fees to \$60 and dual membership (both Recreation and Marathon) to \$75 beginning Jan. 1, 2020.**
- Moves: Edith MacHattie
- Seconds: Lauren Erickson
- Majority in favour

Resolved: Motion approved

Executive Elections:

Richard Rance has decided not to put forward his name for Membership Director and will run for MAL. Thank you Richard for your service

Ann Popoff has decided not to put forward her name for MAL. Thank you Ann for many years of service.

Brendan Haynes has decided not to put forward his name for Equipment Manager. Thank you for your service Brendan.

Martin Mau has decided to not put forward his name for MAL. Thank you Martin.

The following positions filled by election:

President: Franny Rawlyk

Secretary: Lori Mack

Treasurer: Lauren Erickson

Recreation Director: Eithan Pillipow
Marathon Director: Edith MacHattie
Social Director: Tiina Liiving
Equipment Manager Kayak: Austin Dyck
Equipment Manager Canoe: John McClean
MAL: Shaun Lalonde
MAL: Richard Rance
MAL: Trevor Robinson

Position of Membership Director goes unfilled.

Dates to Remember:

May 5th, 2019 will be the open house.

Adjourned

- **Motion: AGM to be adjourned.**
 - Moves: Penny-Lynne Micklewright
 - Seconds: Cathy Reaume
 - Unanimous approval
- Resolved: Meeting adjourned at 1959hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Lori Mack

Secretary

Date of approval _____

Date of approval _____

