



Meeting Minutes Saskatoon Canoe Club

Call to order

A meeting of the [Saskatoon Canoe Club](#) was held at [Richard's home](#) on [May 27, 2019](#). Called to order by President Franny Rawlyk at 1900hrs.

Attendees

President: Franny Rawlyk

Secretary: Lori Mack

Treasurer: Lauren Erickson

Recreation Director: Eithan Pillipow

Equipment Manager-Canoe: John McClean

Social Director: Tiina Liiving

Member-at-Large: Richard Rance

Members not in attendance

Marathon Director: Edith MacHattie

Equipment Manager-Kayak: Austin Dyck

Member-at-Large: Shaun Lalonde

Member-at-Large: Trevor Robinson

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the Minutes of April 15, 2019 SCC meeting.
- Moves: Eithan
- Seconds: Tiina
- Unanimous approval

Resolved: Minutes approved without modification.

Reports

President: Franny

Employees

Bryan and Shay have been leading twice weekly group paddles and these have been well attended.

Bryan led a day trip from Fred Heal to Saskatoon and there were 4 participants. Shay and Bryan have 2 more day trips planned from Fred Heal scheduled for June 13 and July 16.

Shay was wondering if he could lead an overnight trip, we feel as an employee he would be required to have Advanced Tripping certification to lead an overnight trip. This may be something we will look at for the future with employees training, but likely this training will not happen this year.

Our employees have encountered members bringing non-members with them to use SCC equipment and breaching other SCC rules such as bringing alcohol. They are wondering what their response to these situations should be. We think the employee should let the member know what SCC rule they are breaking if the members appear non-threatening. If they appear threatening just call the police. In a situation involving alcohol if they still go out on the water in club boats with alcohol after learning that it isn't allowed, they should just call the police.

The member who is in violation of club rules should be recorded in zone 4 and the SCC Executive will send a letter to the member notifying them of the club policy they have broken and that if found to be in violation again their membership will be revoked for the remainder of the season with no reimbursement of membership fees. They will also be asked to retake the SCC membership quiz.

ACTION: Eithan will draft an email to go out to members who are in violation of club rules.

CKS is looking after payroll for our employees and will be paid directly from CKS and then we will be invoiced from CKS. We were under the assumption that doing the payroll was a benefit of us being CKS members, but we need to clarify if it is a member benefit or if there is a fee charged for this service.

ACTION: Franny will clarify with CKS if there will be any charges for doing our payroll.

Blind Paddler Program

We received the Parasport Grant of \$825.00 for use in our Blind Paddlers Program. We are working in conjunction with Ron Walsh of the Blind Adventurer.

The training will begin with a pool session at Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre on **June 12, 2019 from 8-10pm**. Each blind participant will need a sighted helper. We already have several volunteers.

We will also have a couple on river training sessions, dates **TBD**.

Dates for a canoe trip from Outlook to Saskatoon will be **July 19-21, 2019**. Ideally it will be the same volunteers who attend the training sessions who help with the trip.

Lori spoke with Devri Roberts of CKS who has worked with Para Athletes and PaddleAll Programs. She didn't feel that there were any major challenges working with her blind participants unless they had physical limitations as well. Key things are to remember to talk through everything and clearly explain what you are doing, where you are, when you will touch them, what you would like them to do. Water rescues typically worked the same as with sighted paddlers, but with clear verbal instructions from their sighted partner. If fitness or other physical limitations make it difficult to do a boat rescue Devri suggests just doing a shore based return to the boat.

Devri's experience is that Dragon boating has worked really well for blind people. The boat is stable and safe, no steering necessary and the beating of the drum is good for paddling in time. Regina has a team of blind Dragon Boaters called **Out of Sight**.

Treasurer: Lauren

Admin- 13,020.61

Marathon - 7,893.31

Recreation- 86,842.02

CKS- 13,140.00

Self Insurance - 39,000.00

Total = 158,895.94

1. Waiting to hear from CKS how best to pay employees for cell phone stipend.
2. This week Lauren will forward list of members for Jan-end of April to CKS
3. ISC year end and updated constitution is complete

Recreation Director: Eithan

CKS

Edith, Eithan, John and Lauren met with Scott Brunskill - Marketing Director for CKS to discuss our concerns and to answer some questions Scott had to improve services.

ACTION: Franny will contact CKS to clarify the formula for which MAP grants are calculated with number of coaches.

Canoe/Kayak Mini Courses

Scheduled mini canoe courses have been well received again this year, with many of the courses full already. We are on track for similar numbers as last year. We still have some money left in the budget and would like to offer similar mini kayak courses.

ACTION: Franny will contact Bryan to see if he would like to teach the mini kayak lessons at his hourly rate of pay and use SCC kayaks.

Membership Director: Vacant

Report submitted by Richard-MAL

There are currently 976 members. 768 are recreation, 23 marathon, 48 combined membership, and 137 kids.

Equipment Manager-Canoe: John

The employees and John went through all the recreation canoes and kayaks to identify items needing repairs. John purchased three canoe seats (one to replace a broken seat in C72 and two to replace the uncomfortable seats in C15), two sets of seat hanger bolts, a set of skid plates for C51, epoxy, and some other basic supplies/tools to use for boat maintenance and repair. Most of the more involved canoe repairs are complete and our staff will be working on the remainder of the list.

John made two canoe covers out of heavy-duty tarp material to help protect the boats we store on one of our trailers at Classic Outdoors. These boats can be moved back to the boathouse when other boats are away on trips, and we can experiment with which boats we decide to store off site.

John would like to outfit two club canoes with thigh straps, anchors, and kneepads to make the boats more suitable for whitewater trips.

- **Motion: To approve the budget of up to \$800 to outfit 2 canoes with thigh straps and knee pads**
- Moves: John
- Seconds: Eithan
- Unanimous approval

Resolved: Motion approved

There is quite a bit of congestion at the boathouse on the Wednesday night Marathon group paddles as Shay has been doing boathouse tours at the same time. We think the boathouse tours should be rescheduled a bit later to relieve the congestion.

ACTION: John will contact Shay to reschedule the boathouse tours later on Wednesday evening.

Equipment Manager-Kayak: Austin

No report

Marathon Director: Edith

No report

Social Director: Tiina

Power Stroke will be sent out on Friday.

ACTION: Please have contributions to the Power Stroke in to Tiina by Thursday.

River Safety

John submitted a proposal for temporary floating signage to address 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*. This is still in the process of approval.

New business

Discussion on recruitment of new board members

Some ideas are:

- Have a get to know your board night at Amigos, where members could mingle with the board.
- Have anyone interested in being on the board, start as a MAL and shadow the position of interest.
- Have finite terms for board members with intention to refresh the board with new people and ideas, but there are also problems with continuity with this method.
- Advertise that you earn a free membership while serving on the board.
- Have a draw for gift cards for volunteers. “Feel great for volunteering and a chance to win BIG!”
- Will continue to discuss and brain storm.
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Action: All board members will send a photo of themselves to Richard for the SCC website to make our board more personable to members.

Announcements

Next **SCC** meeting will be held **June 24, 2019** at **1900hrs** at Amigos Restaurant.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 2135 by president Franny.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Lori Mack

Secretary

Date of approval

June 24, 2019