



Meeting Minutes Saskatoon Canoe Club

Call to order

A meeting of [Saskatoon Canoe Club](#) was held at [Lori Mack's Home](#) on [November 5, 2018](#). Called to order by President Franny Rawlyk at 1905hrs.

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

Members not in attendance

Equipment Manager-Kayak: Austin Dyck

Equipment Manager-Canoe: Brendan Haynes

Member-at-Large: Ann Popoff

Member-at-Large: Trevor Robinson

Member-at-Large: Martin Mau

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes

- **Motion: To approve the Minutes of September 10, 2018 SCC meeting.**
- Moves: Franny
- Seconds: Lauren
- Unanimous approval

Resolved: Minutes approved without modification.

Reports

President: Franny

Nothing new to report

Treasurer: Lauren

Balances:

Recreation Account: \$53,450.37

Marathon Account: \$5,931.90

Administration Account: \$27,725.56

CKS Account: \$510.00

Recreation Self Insurance Account: \$39,000.00

Total: \$125,617.83

Continue to wait for the invoice from the city for our lease.

Last CKS check to go out this week. Total fees paid to CKS during 2018, total \$25,210.00.

- Marathon Division has received a \$500.00 coaching grant and is waiting for an additional \$500.00.
- Marathon Division is waiting the Sask Lotteries MAP Grant totaling \$1,148.42
- Recreation Division is waiting for the Sask Lotteries MAP Grant totaling \$7,500.
- Recreation and Marathon Divisions are both waiting for \$2,000.00 per division for Equipment Grants.

Membership Director: Richard

Nothing new to report

Recreation Director: Eithan

A membership survey was sent out on November 4, 2018. So far we have had 168 respondents.

Highlights from the respondents thus far, are as follows:

- Boat preference are solo kayaks at 55%, followed by tandem canoe at 34%
- 47% felt the variety of boats was adequate.
- 75% felt that the quality of equipment was good to excellent. Of those who felt it was poor, most complaints were about damaged kayaks needing repair.
- 58% of respondent members paddled between 3-10 times, 20% more than 10 times and 16% once or twice.
- If they didn't participate in a club trip, 62% gave, no time as a reason, 20% not enough experience.
- 89% of respondents did not participate in a group paddle event. Common reasons for not participating were, too busy (more variety of times would be helpful), better communication of group paddles, need to improve skill level, stop charging the \$5.00 fee for day trips.
- 72% of respondents were aware of the beginner level courses we made available.
- 80% felt they were very familiar with the laws and policies of the club.
- Membership orientation process was mostly rated as awesome or satisfactory.
- General comments as follows, more kayaks needed, keep up with repairs on kayaks, more beginner canoe courses, advanced canoe courses, kayak courses, lighter canoes, stop charging \$5.00 fee for day paddles. Many positive comments on the value of SCC membership.

Discussion on discontinuing the \$5 fee for day paddles as members regarded this as barrier to participation.

Action: Will discuss at January's meeting, as a few board members were absent for this evenings discussion.

Equipment Manager-Canoe: Brendan

Modifying the purchase of unfinished wooden paddles to finished ones.

Action: Eithan will decide how many wooden paddles to order in varying sizes.

Brendan will be retiring from his position as Equipment Manager-Canoe after many years of service.

Action: Eithan will clarify when Brendan intends to retire.

Equipment Manager-Kayak: Austin

Nothing to report

Eb's has offered an exclusive deal, if we buy all our boats from them they will look after all the boat repairs. We will continue to discuss and assess our needs in regards to this offer.

Marathon Director: Edith

Purchased a new tandem marathon canoe (H20), which has been received. Paid for with equipment grant.

Rec and Rookie race saw a turn out of 17 adults and 4 youth despite the cold and windy weather. Would like to see more recreation members attend.

Boat repair day was held in October with a few volunteers. Minor repairs on seat angles and hardware, varnishing of gunwales, paddle clips, bottle holders etc. An inventory was created on Google Docs so it can be updated as repairs are completed. A second boat repair day will be planned in the spring. Dacron and seat sliders will be ordered for spring repairs.

We have been given the opportunity to purchase a used JD Pro tandem marathon canoe. It is in good condition and we don't have any of this model.

- **Motion: To approve the spending of up to \$3500 to purchase the used JD Pro marathon canoe.**
- Moves: Edith
- Seconds: Eithan
- Unanimous approval

Resolved: Motion approved

7.Social Director: Tiina

Trip Tales Pot Luck was held on October 21, 2018. We had around 30 visitors with 3 presentations and lot of good food. Grace Westminster United Church provided very good amenities. I did not think of extension cable and power outlet strip, but with a short delay the event started. We purchased drinks, plates and cutlery for the event. A larger screen for the projector would be nice for next year.

Other Business

MAL: John McClean

Will initiate a planning committee for the hiring of a position to fulfill various duties at the boathouse. Employing a person to be at the boathouse during peak hours during the week and weekend. Possible duties to include, monitoring equipment, boat sign out, member tours, group paddles, etc. John, Franny, Tiina and Lori will sit on the committee.

Action: First planning meeting will be held November 27, 2018 at 1900hrs at Lori's house.

Action: Will discuss CKS fees at January's meeting.

John helped remove the dock on October 22. The process went quite smoothly and the job was done in an hour and 45 minutes. The rowing club will bill us our share.

John had a meeting with Meewasin, the Prairie Lily owners, and a representative from the City department responsible for bridge and overpass maintenance. The City is willing to install signs on the Buckwold Bridge once the bridge overhaul is complete (likely in 2020). The City is also willing to install signs on the Gordie Howe Bridge (in 2020 or possibly before). At this point the City is not willing to spend any money on temporary signs on floating platforms, but the Prairie Lily owners are so fed up with the delays that they are saying they would contribute some or maybe even all of the bill for sourcing/installing the temporary signs.

In her conversations with the police chief, the fire chief, and various City officials, the Meewasin CEO heard support for the idea of signs to inform river users of the regulations, but also some concern that the 30 km/h speed limit in the area within 30 m of the east bank from 200 m downstream of the Howe Bridge to 200 m upstream of the Buckwold Bridge should be lowered to 10 km/h. While 10 km/h in that area would be good, introducing uncertainty as to what the speed limit should/will be when the permanent signs are installed gives the City an excuse to delay putting up any signs until a review of the regulations is completed. In order to request changes to the *Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations* (VORR) on the river, the City, as the local authority, has to conduct thorough

consultations with those involved and submit a report on that process to Transport Canada. As the City has abdicated any responsibility for what happens on the river for many years, it is unclear who in the City administration would even handle such consultations. The Meewasin CEO will work on getting the City to put somebody in that position.

If/when the City puts somebody in charge of a review of VORR on the river, Meewasin's CEO would like to hold a meeting of river users (ideally within the next 4 to 6 weeks) to gather feedback about reducing the 30 km/h speed limit along the bank across from the boathouse to 10 km/h. The time it will take for Transport Canada to issue a decision on that matter depends a lot on the quality of the consultation that the City does. Regardless of whether the speed limit is 10 or 30 km/h, the Prairie Lily owners want to have the temporary signage installed before May 2019. As Franny suggested at the River Users' Meeting this past spring, SCC could contribute some funding to help get at least the temporary signs on the water sooner rather than later.

Action: John will contact the Prairie Lily owners to discuss contributing to the temporary signage.

The large steel sheet piling that was protruding from the water by the water treatment plant has (finally!) been cut off near the river bottom. The fact that the new Meewasin CEO was able to get the City to fund the removal of this hazard within the first 6 months of her tenure is a sign that she can make things happen. Thanks Franny for prodding Meewasin to do something about this hazard over the past year, and a huge thank-you goes to Ann for her decade-long fight to get that chunk of steel out of our way!

Discussion about making more space for canoes and kayaks.

Lauren

Lauren has investigated the possibility of our club hosting a Film Festival.

Two options are:

The Water Walker Film Festival from Paddle Canada at a cost of \$200 plus tax. Does not include any assistance in advertising.

Or

Reel Paddling Film Festival from Rapid Media at a cost of \$700 plus tax. This includes help with posters and advertising.

We have decided to go with Reel Paddling Festival as they provide more assistance. Plan to host the event November 2019 at the Broadway Theater. The Broadway Theater costs \$700 to rent for one night.

- **Motion: To approve the budget of up to \$2000 to book the Reel Paddling Film Festival and the Broadway Theater.**
- Moves: Franny
- Seconds: Eithan
- Unanimous approval

Resolved: Motion approved

Announcements

Next **SCC** meeting will be held **Jan 7, 2019** at **1900hrs** at Lori Mack's home.

SCC AGM will be held **March 11, 2019** at **1800hrs** at the JS Wood Library.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 2120 by president Franny.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Lori Mack

Secretary

January 7, 2019

Date of approval