



Canadian Outrigger Racing Association 2006 Annual General Meeting

HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 2006
AT Jericho Sailing Centre Vancouver, BC

Attendees

Jan Chavarie	Jericho
Donna Harrison	Gibsons
Dave del Rizzo	PRCC
Lisa Robertson	ORPC
Steve Palmier	FCRCC
Florida Town	no club
Geoff Lucas	Jericho
Colleen McCarthy	Jericho
Brian John	Comox
Cindy Wright	ORPC
Mike Parkes	Jericho
Denis Belkin	Lotus
Grace Morrisette	Lotus
Doug Mancell	Lotus
Jane Yeoh	Lotus
Graham Smith	FCRCC
Rick Walkey	FCRCC
Peter Forand	Jericho
Carmen Leung	Pacific Reach
Rob Varnel	Pacific Reach
Mike Billy	NVCC
Rene Natrail	NVCC
Jason Biggin	Delta

2006 Agenda

Item	Duration	Topic	Presenter
1	0:05	Welcome, adopt agenda, adopt 2005 minutes	Jan
2	0:15	President's report	Jan
3	0:15	Treasurer's report, Financials	Geoff
4	0:15	Membership report	Jan
5	0:10	Communication report	Dave
6	0:05	Insurance update	Jan
7	0:10	Change to By-laws to expected length of director's term	Jan
8	0:30	Vote for 2006 Board positions President Directors	All CORA members
	0:10	Break	
9	0:10	Age Averaging Summary	Dave
10	0:15	Sprint Va'a World Championship report * New Zealand 2006 * Canadian Sprint Council * Sacramento 2008	Donna
11	0:10	Junior Development	Florida
12	0:10	CORA Points Report	Lisa
13	0:15	Penticton 2012	Dave
14	0:40	2007 / 2008 Race Schedule	Dave / Jan
15	0:30	New Business	
16	0:05	Closing comments	Jan

1. Welcome, Adopt 2006 minutes

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at approximately 10:15a.m. by Jan Chavarie

Adoption of 2005 Minutes

***MOTION TO ADOPT the Minutes of the 2005 CORA Annual General Meeting by Carmen Leong , seconded by Lisa Robertson. Motion carried with all in favour.

2. President's Report

Jan gave a general report of this year's race season noting lower race attendance. It was also noted that with a membership of 875 members, the attendance for the AGM is very small.

In general, race attendance at CORA events was down this year. This was not limited to CORA however, as paddlers in the PNWORCA were also commenting on the same issue.

Two surveys were distributed this year. While the Age Averaging survey had few responses, the Race survey gave more feedback from members with most comments wanting more variety, course changes, more interest in sprints, and several comments on the cost of Howe Sound Iron. Survey is posted online for viewing

The increase of last year's fees allowed CORA to offer sponsored clinics. Three clinics offered this season were OC1 stroke improvement, water changes and steering. More clinics will be offered next year. Please forward suggestions via email to new board members.

With a mandate for sprints, in anticipation of World Sprints 2008 in Sacramento, next year's race schedule shows more clubs offering sprint races. A new Sprint council has been formed to begin to build a sprint contingency.

Youth development also needs to be encouraged by all clubs to populate junior paddlers along with novice paddlers.

Thanks were offered to the outgoing board for all their time and efforts in 2006.

3. Treasurer's report

Geoff Lucas, CORA treasurer is moving to London and is unable to continue on as treasurer. Geoff has offered to continue bookkeeping if a board member is appointed to authorize payments and forward revenue and expenditures.

A copy of the current electronic database (Simply Accounting) will be stored on the CORA web server for backup. Financial reports will also be available for viewing on the resource page.

\$10,000 has been put into term deposits to reestablish and replenish last year's depleted contingency fund (due to increased insurance costs). Insurance costs have remained the same this year. The main costs this year were sprint development, CORA sponsored clinics and web site updates. The closing balance is expected to be within the \$2000 to \$4000 range. Geoff commented, with the increased fees and reduced costs, CORA finances are in good shape.

If revenues stay the same, CORA is encouraged to spend more money next year on development and training.

***MOTION TO ADOPT TREASURER'S by Florida and seconded by Cindy Wright. Motion carried with all in favour.

4. Membership Report

Reported by Jan Chavarie with the following points. Budgeting is difficult because many racers tend to pay yearly fees at first race. Fees are due January 1st and are required for practices as well as races.

We would like to mandate that all paddler's fees be paid no later than May 1st, and Club Fees overdue after May 1st be charged a \$25.00 late fee.

It is also been noted that several racers are paying \$5.00 day fees at each race. If a racer attends 3 races, the cost is \$15.00 instead of the yearly \$20.00. Yearly membership covers races during practices between each race. We would like to propose that day fees be increased to \$10.00 per race to prevent this scenario. Junior day fees will remain \$5.00

Questions regarding the need of day fees explained that there are dragon boaters and paddlers who may not paddle more than one race per year. Additional question regarding CKC members being covered under their own membership fees. Proof of insurance coverage is required for any racer who belongs to International or other associations is required.

*** Colleen McCarthy MOTIONED TO Raise day fee to \$10.00 and leave Junior day fee \$5.00, and Club fees overdue after May 1st be charged a \$25.00 late fee. Seconded by Adrienne Scott. Motion carried with all in favour

The full 2006 Membership report has been included at the end of this document.

5. Communication Report — Dave Del Rizzo

Several changes have been made to the CORA Web site by moving the storyboard off the main page to allow more room for recent messages. Previously, messages were being posted more than once to assure they remained on the main page longer. Now 3 messages are displayed on the main page. Please remember the storyboard is still available to share paddling

experiences. A Sprint web site has also been created for communications on sprint information.

Also reminded that anyone can send in photos and bios for the featured paddler. Donna Harrison will be posting a Feature Paddler form on the resource page and encourages someone at every race to take photos and download a copy of the Paddler form to collect a couple bios. This will prevent one paddler being posted for months at a time. Grace noted that photos or information by any junior paddlers requires parent's consent prior to posting.

Colleen appreciates working with this year's board. Everyone pitched in to help. She reminds us that the paddlers are in charge of the content and to send in ideas or content for posting.

No web stats are available this year due to problems with the website provider, but she did state over 100 hits are made daily. Colleen is proposing changing servers. Also, it is mentioned the site is starting to look dated, and consideration could be made by the new board to up date the design.

6. Insurance update

Included with Membership report

7. Amendments to By-Laws To Change Number On Board

Amend By-Law To Change Number On Board

Proper procedure was not followed during last year's amendment, so we have reposted this change for vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Special Resolution A

Proposed Amendment By-law 7

7. Number of Directors: The property and business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of seven (7) Directors of whom 4 (4) shall constitute a quorum. At least one member of the CORA Board must be a representative of the Sprint Racing Council. Directors must be individuals, 18 years of age or more, with power under law to contract.

Existing By-law 7

7. Number of Directors: The property and business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of eleven (11) Directors of whom six (6) shall constitute a quorum. Directors must be individuals, 18 years of age or more, with power under law to contract.

Rationale:

In 2005, it was decided to reduce the size of the CORA Board to provide a more effective board and to be able to more easily reach a quorum for board meetings. In 2006, it was agreed among the Board of the Directors, that for future development, at least one member of the CORA Board must be a representative of the Sprint Racing Council.

Cindy brought forward membership concerns regarding a smaller board having less diversity of opinions on items for discussions. Comments were most boards are not effective in decision making with more than 7 members. Donna commented that a board with 7 members is still large enough to warrant difference of opinions. Rob asked question if there was a limit to the number of terms a member could participate. Answer is there is no limit.

***Motion to change number of members on Board of Directors from 11 to 7 with one member being a liaison for Sprint Council by Geoff and Colleen seconded. Motion carried with all in favour.

Special Resolution B

Proposed Amendment By-law 10

10. Appointment and Election of Director: Directors shall be appointed or elected for a term of one (1) year at an annual meeting of members. At the CORA Annual General Meeting, in even years, the members present shall elect four (4) Directors to serve for two (2) year terms. In all years, the members present shall elect any other Directors to serve for one (1) year terms.

Existing By-law 10

10. Appointment and Election of Director: Directors shall be appointed or elected for a term of one (1) year at an annual meeting of members.

Rationale:

This clause will help with the continuity of the CORA Board of Directors by maintaining the alternate elections of members in approximately even numbers.

Two motions to be made. The first to extend terms from 1 year to 2. The second motion to accommodate overlap of board members being (this year only) 3 members will be voted for a 1-year term and the remaining 4 members will serve a 2-year term.

Rob questioned if there should be a Past President's position to help with overlap. It was discussed that continuation of information was the bigger issue and with part of the board overlapping each year this would help.

** Motion to amend board member terms from one year to two years by Cindy, seconded by Dave. Motion carried with all in favour.

** Motion to amend this year only that 3 board members terms will be for 1 year and the remaining 4 board members will serve 2 years by Lisa, seconded by Donna. Motion carried with all in favour.

Special Resolution C

Proposed Amendment By-law 10-b

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(b) If the number of candidates put forth by club members is less than or equal to 6 (6), each candidate shall become a Director at the annual general meeting and the balance of the

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Directors, if any, required to form the Board of Directors shall be elected by the individual members at the annual general meeting.

Existing By-law 10-b

10. Appointment and Election of Director: Directors shall be appointed or elected for a term of one (1) year at an annual meeting of members. Directors shall be appointed or elected as follows:

(b) If the number of candidates put forth by club members is less than or equal to ten (10), each candidate shall become a Director at the annual general meeting and the balance of the Directors, if any, required to form the Board of Directors shall be elected by the individual members at the annual general meeting.

Rationale:

Change in By-law 10-b is necessary to reflect change in By-law 7.

**** Motion to amend by Dave, seconded by Donna. Motion carried with all in favour.**

Special Resolution D

Proposed Amendment By-law 10-c

10. Appointment and Election of Director: Directors shall be appointed or elected for a term of one (1) year at an annual meeting of members. Directors shall be appointed or elected as follows:

(c) If the number of candidates put forth by club members exceeds 6 (6), all candidates shall stand for election to the Board of Directors at the annual general meeting. Directors shall be elected from those candidates by the individual members at that meeting and shall form the Board of Directors.

Existing By-law 10-c

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Rationale:

Change in By-law 10-c is necessary to reflect change in By-law 7.

****Motion to amend by Jan, seconded by Colleen. Motion carried with all in favour.**

8. Vote for 2007 Board Members

2-Year	Brian Webster	Gorge	Vancouver Island
1-Year	Donna Harrison	GPC	Lower Mainland
1 Year	Lisa Robertson	Ocean River	Vancouver Island
2 Year	Meghan McDougall	False Creek	Lower Mainland
2-Year	Cindy Wright	Ocean River	Vancouver Island
2 Year	Doug Mancell	Lotus	Lower Mainland
1 Year	Carmen Leung	Pacific Reach	Lower Mainland

***Motion to nominate above for the board of directors made by Dave Del Rizzo and seconded by Jan Chavarie. Motion carried with all in favour.

9. Age Averaging

Reported by Jan – The survey provided earlier this year did not generate much interest. It seems smaller clubs would benefit because of lower membership, but there was not much push by these clubs.

Comments were, those who believe age averaging would help better race placement, should take a previous race results and apply age averaging to this to see where they would have placed. We would encourage any club hosting a non-CORA cup race to try age averaging. The survey and responses are online under resources for viewing.

10. Sprint / IVF Report

Reported by Donna – 2006 New Zealand World Sprints was a well-run event. 26 Countries competed this year and more have joined the IVF since. The Canadian contingency was approximately 30 paddlers. Ten countries collected metals, Canada being one of them. John Roberts received bronze against 2 Tahitians in Golden Masters. Combination NZ/Canadian V12 Golden Master Men's team with Hugh Town, Colin Sweeney, John Roberts, Rick Walkey, Al Birtle, and Roger Jewitt.

Sprint Racing Council

Core members are John Roberts, Sheila Kuyper and Donna Harrison as a liaison to CORA. The goals of the council will be much more than forming a selection process. Most countries already have a sprint season for outrigger paddlers. Canada needs to develop a season and assist clubs to hold sprint events. This is for 2008 building towards Penticton 2012. Several committees are being formed.

Each region has a Sprint Representative to communicate information to their clubs.

Lower Mainland – Daphne
Vancouver Island – Cindy Wright
Interior – Dave Del Rizzo
Eastern – Sheila Kuyper

Hugh Town will help to develop an information and equipment package to assist clubs in holding a sprint event. We will also want to develop resources for clubs such as list of coaches, sample training programs and clinics. Waters Edge is already starting to hold clinics for V1 (rudderless)

Sacramento 2008

August 3rd – 9th on Lake Natoma in Rancho Cordova just outside of Sacramento. There will be a website available early in 2007 with more information and as the time comes closer, we will help finding information for the Canadian contingency

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Sprint Selection Process

This process is being developed and we will have something solid in place for January. We are expecting a much larger contingency than the last 2 Worlds, so it's important to have team selections completed (hopefully 6 months in advance of the event)

We also expect the East to be much more visible. Registration is by country only, so V6 allotments may be divided on percentage of interest through a central registry.

The intent of this registry is to build a list of interested paddlers who would like to participate in V1 or V6. By registering your name and verified OC1 time, other paddlers can see who is competing and build some expectations of where their time needs to be to qualify. It's important to use this registry so that we know where our paddlers are. It is not a formal commitment.

11. Junior Development

Florida Town reports Youth development committee through the Sprint council has been formed with Florida Town and Lynda Roberts and this has already been expanded to include Doug Mancell from Lotus to assist clubs in developing youth programs (this will give a larger basis of juniors for sprinting, but will also help build younger club members.

Florida reported visits with schools have shown some interest; a school program could be incorporated into school subjects through science, art or history. Clubs could approach teachers on a Pro D day to get on the water to see what Outrigger canoe is all about.

Water sports are considered high risk to schools. There needs to be 1 adult to every 12 students. The CKC website has a huge amount of information on introducing young paddlers to the sport. Lotus has also promoted to their own juniors with a junior member website.

12. CORA Cup Points

Lisa Robertson reports False Creek Racing Canoe Club took honours this year. Calculation of the points is much easier with the help of a spreadsheet developed by Dave Del Rizzo.

A reminder to race organizers to record teams in their original categories even if the team was moved to another category due to lack of other teams. Points should still be awarded for the team against their original category.

A performance-based award is being discussed to benefit those teams who participate consistently in all CORA cup races. The process will be tested against teams from this seasons results to see how well the process will work.

13. Penticton 2012

Dave Del Rizzo reported that the Organizing committee has been formed with the original members of the 2010 bid proposal. Brent Bagnell, Neda Jos, Dave Del Rizzo and Alan Carlsson. Additional members are Donna Harrison, Risa Greenwood and Kathryn Ginther.

The committee is in the process of forming a not for profit society, as well as defining the group's goals, values and legacy. Early next year the committee will be identifying key people with experience in large athletic events as well as people able to identify funding and sponsorship.

A CORA member will continue to sit on this committee to report progress to CORA.

14. 2006/2007 Race Schedule

Jan Chavarie reports there were 2 bids for the Canadian Nationals this year. As the Nationals must take place sometime during August, the bid was awarded to False Creek Racing Canoe Club in conjunction with Pacific Reach. The venue will be located at Kitsilano Yacht Club. The Nationals was meant to be hosted by different clubs each year. This is the first time another club has done this.

There are several new sprint races on the schedule. Most are taking place in April or May prior to the distance races. The remainder of sprints are taking place after the distance racing. This will allow sprinters from other sports to try outrigger sprints with the hopes to continue on in the following spring.

It is noted that North Vancouver Canoe club will be holding its first OC1 sprint the following day of FCRCC's OC6 sprint on the same weekend. One conflict is found on July 15th between an Interior and Vancouver Island race. It was decided this is not a conflict as both races are considered regional.

***Motion to adopt racing schedule for 2007 as posted made by Lisa and seconded by Jan. Motion carried with all in favour.

15. New Business

Mike Billy informed CORA that the original Malia mold is being stored at their club and will need to be moved. He has offered to store it for CORA for now, or he is willing to keep the mold to produce an OC4, if CORA does not want it.

Steve Palmier has asked what the historical value of the mold might be and he will investigate this information before any decisions are made.

Adrienne Scott has inquired how to involve Media in our race coverage. Florida Town has offered to help develop information for clubs use.

Meghan McDougall asked about appointing a media relations person. Florida Town and Rob Varnell are willing to look into this position.

16. Closing Comments

A thank you from the 2006 CORA President for attending the AGM.

END OF 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm

2006 Membership Report

New to 2006

- Created co-membership position with Cindy Wright to record Vancouver Island paddlers

New for 2007

- Create co-membership position with paddlers/volunteer from the interior to record those paddlers

CORA Club	# of paddlers	Sex	# of paddlers
Calgary Canoe Club	31	Female	523
Comox Strathcona	10	Male	347
Delta	38	Androgynous	5
Fairport Aquatic (Pickering, ON)	7		
False Creek	114		
Fort Langley	5		
Gibsons	13		
Gorge Rowing & Paddling	56	Division	# of paddlers
Jericho	56	Junior	56
Kelowna	38	Open	194
Kootenay Robusters	1	Master	237
Lotus Sports	85	Senior Master	225
Nanaimo Paddle	9	Golden Master	146
Nanaimo Canoe & Kayak	31	Age Free	17
Ocean River	69		
Pacific Reach	32		
Penticton	54		
Pogue Sports	29		
Powell River	24	Total Annual Memberships	
River Spirit	11	Year	Year
Sproat Lake	3	2001	714
Unaffiliated	31	2002	621
Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club	10	2003	875
Vernon	34	2004	988
Wai Nui O'Kanaka (Mississauga)	69	2005	1002
Westbay	15	2006	875
TOTAL	875		

In 2005, CORA insurance fees increased by almost \$1000. Fees were raised to \$20 to alleviate this and future increases. The CORA insurance is not just race insurance. It provides coverage for paddlers while practicing. Right now CORA fees are probably the lowest possible for a sport organization. A good portion of your fees goes to insurance, the rest to board meetings, teleconference calls, website and legal/accounting fees. Other funds go towards hosting paddling and steering clinics. Future funds will be used towards sprint racing development.

Many board members already subsidize CORA's operating costs so you, the paddlers can have the little things already provided. Even our website is discounted to us through Colleen's generosity and desire to promote outrigger in Canada.

For race coordinators, CORA's insurance saves clubs thousands of dollars as it isn't necessary to pay event insurance for races. Currently, any location used to host your event (e.g. parks, community venues, etc.) will want a guarantee that you're carrying event insurance of \$5,000,000. Also, the Harbour Master will not approve of any water event without proof of this coverage. Depending upon the size of your group & type of race, your club will need to pay approximately \$350 to \$550 per event, to purchase liability insurance.

Day memberships vs. full memberships: Some paddlers are registering 2 or 3 times as day members to avoid full membership fee. These paddlers are not covered while practicing and if they are ready to race, chances are very good they have been on the water practicing.

All paddlers need to know that if they are not a registered CORA member, personal insurance needs to be purchased. In the event of an injury keeping them from work, they likely won't have any coverage as most personal insurance policies do not cover race activities. To protect your club from legalities in the event of an accident, you'll hope that the injured party has personal insurance.

Last, if paddlers want to participate in any international events, sprint or long distance, you must belong to a registered association. Without that, you cannot race. Day memberships do not count as being a member of an association.

Each year, clubs must also register with CORA. There is a \$75 annual registration fee. This provides

- Recognition as a sanctioned Canadian Outrigger Club in Canada and by members of the International Va'a Federation (IVF)
 - Directors and Officers liability insurance
 - Representation at the International Va'a Federation
 - Access to IVF World Outrigger Sprint Championships
 - Access to CORA sanctioned events (races, clinics, socials, etc.)
 - Ability to schedule regional and CORA Cup outrigger events
 - Liability insurance for CORA sanctioned club activities
-