



CORA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, November 20, 2010

Jericho Sailing Center

1300 Discovery Street, Vancouver, BC

Ryan Pogue (VOS) CORA President
Ron Pronger (PRCC) CORA Board
Member
Shane Martin (FCRCC) CORA
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Doug Mancell (Lotus)
Peter Forand (Jericho) CORA Race
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Rob Varnel (Pacific Reach) CORA Vice
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Donna Harrison (SOAR) CORA IVF
and Sprint Rep
Jason Riggins (Delta)

Leanne Stanley (Wai Nui) CORA
Communications
Tina Hoeben (PRCC)
Don Mulhall (PRCC)
Brian Johns (Comox)
Jan Chaverie (Jericho) Membership
Director
Sue Milligan (Powell River)
Kimberley Amundson (FCRCC)
Ken Warkentyne (FCRCC)
Barb Alley (Lotus)
Bob Stewart (FCRCC/Jericho)

Welcome

Meeting convened at 1pm

Motion to adopt agenda as circulated: Ryan Pogue

Seconded: Shane Martin

Motion Carried

1. President's Report – Ryan Pogue

Overview of the 2010 season presented. The executive has been very busy with new procedures, updating rules and implementing new ideas to increase participation. Focus for the 2011 board should be on communicating to the membership what resources are available to them.

2. Treasurer's Report – Ron Pronger (on behalf of Jen Burford)

Ron gave a line by line explanation of the 2010 budget. Revenue from memberships was up and expenses were on track so CORA has a slight surplus for the 2010 budget year. He then proceeded to explain the 2011 budget. Because of a one time grant to the organizing committee of the 2012 IVF World Sprints, CORA will run a small deficit for 2011 but the deficit will be less than the surplus from 2010 so CORA will come out even. It also suggested that a separate bank account be set up for use by Team Canada for the 2012 IVF World Sprints because it has been very

difficult to rationalize the inputs and outputs of the sprint team in past years.

Motion to accept the 2010 budget as presented: Rob Varnel
Seconded: Ryan Pogue
Motion Carried

Motion to accept the 2011 budget as presented: Jan Chaverie
Seconded: Ryan Pogue
Motion Carried

Motion to create a separate bank account for the 2012 CORA Sprint Team (aka Team Canada): Shane Martin
Seconded: Ryan Pogue
Motion Carried

3. Insurance Update – Peter Forand

Excellent cooperation from the clubs in sorting out the membership. Membership increased from 956 to 1171. We need to remain vigilant to ensure that everyone is covered. Allsport offered to add an additional rider to cover legal costs for defense of non-injury/care of duty issues but it is not considered necessary at this time. Members and clubs are reminded that the season begins on Jan 1st, 2011 and if your membership is not submitted prior to then you're not covered!

4. Membership Report – Jan Chaverie

Jan reported that is possibly our largest membership ever...over 1100 members! At \$25 per year we are incredibly cheap (compare to \$55 for USACK). Our demographic is aging as Senior Masters is our largest group. A new club has formed in Thunder Bay so our presence outside of western Canada is increasing. Jan feels CORA needs an online system to facilitate registration as the job of manually entering over a 1000 members is too time consuming. Possible options include DBC, CKC, using a commercial provider or soliciting a custom build.

Motion to investigate and implement an online membership management system with a maximum budget of \$3000: Shane Martin
Seconded: Peter Forand
Motion Carried

Motion Carried

Shane Martin and Jan Chaverie to form a subcommittee to look into a suitable MMS.

CORA Club	2010 paddlers
1. Calgary Canoe Club	49
2. Comox Strathcona	50
3. Delta	17
4. Edmonton	3
5. False Creek	134
6. Gorge Rowing & Paddling	83
7. Jericho	39
8. Kelowna Outrigger Racing	10
9. Lotus Sports	86
10. Nanaimo Canoe & Kayak	96
11. Ocean River	68
12. Pacific Reach	41
13. Paddlers Haven (Edmonton)	1
14. Penticton	66

CORA Club	2010 paddlers
15. Powell River OC Society	25
16. Spirit of Aloha	17
17. Sproat Lake	36
18. Telford Lake/Leduc Boat Club	33
19. Thunder Bay Outrigger Club	33
20. Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club	14
21. Unaffiliated	117
22. Vancouver Ocean Sports	46
23. Vernon	49
24. Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club	18
25. Wai Nui O'Kanaka (Mississauga)	34
26. Wailua	6
TOTAL	1171

5. Communication's Report – Leanne Stanley

Leanne reported that changes are coming to the website. Twitter, Blip.tv and a revamp of the front page are in progress. Currently, the major issue facing CORA is the lack of email functionality. CORA needs a proper email system either as part of a membership management system or an email system (e.g. iContact).

6. Safety Report – Peter Forand

Peter reported that there were no safety incidents reported this season.

7. Sprint Update – Donna Harrison

For the 2010 IVF World Sprints in New Caledonia CORA had a 35 member team which returned with 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze medals. We are expecting the biggest Canadian team ever for 2012 with potentially 300+ paddlers. August 11-15, 2012 has been chosen as the tentative dates for the 2012 IVF World Sprints in Calgary. The 2011 IVF meeting to be held in Calgary to check out the venue. Calgary Canoe Club is taking responsibility for the 2012 IVF world sprints and they are taking full responsibility for the budget. CORA is providing a \$5000 grant and a \$5000 forgivable loan for the event. The organizing committee has selected the Bradley Lightning for the V6 and the Tevanui for the V1. The

Bradleys will be rented from CORA clubs and the Tevanui will be purchased new from Pogue Sports and sold to the racers afterwards. The cost of purchasing/leasing will come from the 2012 IVF World Sprint budget.

8. New Business

a. Age Averaging

There is some interest in age averaging with strong opinions on both sides of the argument. CORA wishes encourage more research on the subject as the proponents of age averaging maintain that it will increase participation.

Motion that: CORA Cup races must use the existing CORA age divisions but Race Directors for non-CORA Cup races have the option to use age averaging for their event: Ryan Pogue

Seconded: Jan Chaverie

Motion Carried

b. Annual Fees

It had been suggested that the annual membership fees could be dropped from \$25 per year to \$20 per year as our insurance bill did not increase as expected. Reducing the fees would require making cuts to the travel grant and the planned membership management system so no one proposed the fee drop.

c. Unlimited Outrigger Class

The following amendments have been proposed for the unlimited class canoe:

- *An OC6 hull has a minimum weight of 125 kg (+/- 1.5 kg)*
- *An OC6 hull and ama may not have fins or a keel*
- *An OC6 hull may not have mechanical or vaccum assisted bailers*
- *An OC6 hull may not have foot braces*

d. Age Classes for all races

It has been noted that not all race registration forms list all the approved CORA age divisions. While not all age divisions with have the minimum number of entries to constitute a class, they should still be listed for race series tracking. As such a common race registration form will be provided by CORA to the Race Directors. Jan Chaverie has volunteered to create the form.

e. Rewording of the Overlap rule for mark roundings

There has been some confusion regarding the racing rules when overlapped canoes approach a turning mark. Shane Martin proposed the following revised wording:

In races that do not require canoes to remain within designated lanes and where a float or marker is to be rounded, if the inside canoe has an *overlap of 50%* or more on the outer canoe when the bow of the outer canoe reaches the *turning zone*, the outer canoe shall give way to allow the overlapping canoe(s) closer to the marker to round the marker unimpeded. The lead canoe, wherever it may be relative to the other canoes, shall be under no obligation to give way before an overlap of 50% is established.

Turning Zone - A circular area with the turning mark as it's center and a radius of two hull lengths. In the event that the canoes rounding together are of different lengths a hull length shall refer to the longer of the hulls.

Overlap of 50% - The bow of pursuing canoe is beyond the aft edge of the ama of the leading canoe.

Motion to approve the revised wording of the overlap rule:

Shane Martin

Seconded: Ryan Pogue

Motion Carried

Shane Martin has volunteered to update the race rules with the revised wording and provide diagrams to facilitate understanding.

9. CORA Board

2010 Board Members stepping down as there terms have been completed

Jen Burford

Peter Forand

Shane Martin

2010 Board Members staying on for 2011

Rob Varnel (Pacific Reach)

Ron Pronger (PRCC)

Leanne Stanley (Wai Nui)

Ryan Pogue (VOS)

New CORA Board members for 2011

Cindy Wright (ORPS)

Mel Whittal (FCRCC)

Sharon Runghen

Nicole Thelin

Aileen La Borie

Assistants to the Treasurer

Jewelle Brooks

Jeannie Law

2010 - 2011 CORA Board of Directors

*Rob Varnel, Ron Pronger, Leanne Stanley, Ryan Pogue, Cindy Wright,
Mel Whittal, Sharon Rungen, Nicole Thein, Eileen La Borie*

***Positions to be determined at first Board Meeting (Monday,
December 6, 2010)***

Additional Non-Board Support

Jan Chaverie will be doing membership for the mainland.

Shane Martin will be handling the canoe registry.

Donna Harrison - IVF Sprint Rep

Meeting Adjourned at 3:05pm