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Saturday, November 4, 2017

4:00 pm Ron's office,

25<sup>th</sup> floor, 700 W Georgia St. Vancouver

#### 1. Member Survey Results

- Response summaries will be provided with Sunday's Technical Meeting Minutes
- CORA Board had some ideas to address member feedback:
  - i. The CORA Cup is currently only open to juniors and novices racing the short course. It was proposed that, similar to the Ultra-lite category, the Short Course CORA Cup be open to a singular men's, women's and mixed category for 2018.
  - ii. For clubs that are having trouble finding trailers and drivers to bring canoes to/from races:
    1. Could there be a grant for those clubs to hire professional drivers?
    2. Could there be a grant to rent trucks to tow the trailers?
    3. Should CORA provide clubs with assistance in coordinating with other clubs to trailer canoes to races? Currently it is up to each club to reach out to other contacts to cooperate.
  - iii. About 30 CORA members offered to volunteer on CORA initiatives. The Board needs to consider engaging a Volunteer Coordinator to contact them.
  - iv. Feedback showed a lack of awareness of what CORA does for paddlers and paddling clubs. Perhaps CORA could write a welcome letter to those enrolling for 2018 membership, advising what CORA is, what it does, and send out periodic newsletters after that.
  - v. There were not many ideas submitted on the survey that the CORA Board itself can carry out to increase interest in small boat racing. These was

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feedback which will be shared with CORA race directors for their consideration to increase participation.

- vi. Many members desire more education and coached sessions
  1. Leanne's document she is creating about coaching might share some ideas for how to address this
  2. Could CORA coordinate 6 regional weekend-long training sessions across Canada with host clubs and training service providers? CORA would offer funds to host club to pay for potential wear and tear on equipment, as well as help fund cost of trainer/coach. There may need to be a small amount of funds collected from clinic participants to cover costs. Clinic would be open to all members in the region, not just host club members. Clinic grant budget and excess CORA funds could help pay for this. Rob compiled a list of coaches we know to be currently hosting clinics that we could contact.
- vii. The grants were very much appreciated by the CORA membership and member clubs. One idea proposed to help spend excess funds in the CORA account was to distribute a one-time allotment of funds to clubs that have been CORA club members for three consecutive years. Idea needs to be flushed out and discussed at AGM.

2. Leanne's Proposal: Leanne has a new full-time job for the year and will not be able to support this proposal this year.

### 3. Board Nominations

- The individual nominations received and a few other expected ones were reviewed. It was discussed that about 50% of the 2018 CORA Board would be made up members from Vancouver Island, and a few people from the same clubs. There is no by-law preventing this, though it might be something to consider for future, should the concern arise that one region of the country has considerably more representation than others.

4. Topics tabled until Sunday Technical or AGM meeting, due to lack of time:

- Standing Long Term Initiatives (Coaching, IVF, Junior and Novice Development, Communications/Website)
- New Funding Initiatives

Action items identified in CORA Pre-AGM Meeting, Nov 4, 2017			
No.	Assignee	Action Item	Due Date
1	CORA Board	Review ideas mentioned during this meeting and identify which initiatives we will bring forward to execute in 2018	Dec 6