

CORA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Present: Cindy, Rob, Carmen, James, Paul, Christina, Leanne, Sharon

Meeting Called to order at 8:00pm

Agenda and Last Meeting's Minutes: approved

Membership – CORA Membership # is currently over 1100. CORA is still waiting for the 2013 CORA Club Membership applications and fees from Leduc, Kits Surf Club and Yellow Knife. Cindy communicated with Wai Nui regarding hosting an event which is now passed the CORA deadline for sanctioned events.

Finance - Sharon presented the financials for the month of May followed by a general Board discussion.

Communications – Cindy will send out a note to clubs hosting the next series of races to send in a write up for the website.

Grants - The Penticton RME Grant is being reviewed. The ORPC grant is approved for payout. Approved RME Grants pending paid receipts to be submitted to CORA Board before paying out are: Soar and Delta. Pending Clinic grant: FVDBC.

CORA Cup: The first CORA race is done and Christina has the results posted. The trophies need to be located from last year's winners to make sure they are returned in time to present in Vernon at the Championships.

Sprint Update: Donna sent in a Sprint update for the 2014 worlds to be held in Rio.

Short Term Paddler Development - Lori has most of the filming done for the first 2 videos. The editing should be done for early July.

Long Term Development for CORA - Rob and Sharon had a brief meeting to start the discussion on the transition to the new bylaw provisions and will have some recommendations for the board in the coming months.

New Business - Cindy recommends that CORA look at a new way to assist club in funding their coaches once they pass coaching courses. There was also a discussion by the Board on how to proceed with developing our disabled program.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 3, 2013 8:00pm

2013 IVF AGM Report from Rio de Janeiro (2014 World Sprints update)

– by Donna Harrison (May 2013)

2014 Rio De Janeiro World Sprints - The 16th Worlds will be held in Rio 3rd week of August 2014, tentative start date August 17th (opening ceremonies) August 18 – 22nd with the **Rio Va'a distance race** to run weekend immediately afterwards. (normally run in December)

The race director has been named (Simone) and will attend New Zealand Nationals in January 2014 to observe IVF race format. The venue will be at the Lagoa "The Lagoon". This area is outside of downtown, close to Ipenema and Leblon districts.



This is a public venue with race tower, large viewing stands, public restaurants and movie theatre. The organizing committee will segregate the marshalling area, docks, timing and results as well as the team tents from the general public.

THE EVENT

Superar, <http://www.superar.com> is a Sports Event company that has been contracted to run this event. They will be in charge of all permits, logistics, venue setup, opening and closing ceremonies. Their presentation assured the delegates they have run many world sporting events successfully. We will be giving contact emails in the near future to assist each country with information on accommodations as well as transportation. Sponsors have already been secured to offset the cost of this company.

THE FORMAT

The format has changed to give higher validity as a World Event. The first 2 days will be for performance paddlers only. Everyone will paddle the same amount of races as previously.. just more races per day.

ELITE: each country allowed (1) V6 per category and (1) V12 per category. Elite categories will be ; Para Athlete, Junior (under 19), Open and Masters (40+) We will need to focus on our elite paddlers to field a strong contingency. Elite can participate in the V1 categories as well.

CLUB: The last 3 days are formatted to club crews (pre-determined crew). We can still have national crews, but they will be more focused to developing and participating type paddlers. **IMPORTANT:** Our Elite crews are able to participate as part of a club crew, but only 2 named elite per V6 crew, or 4 named elite per V12 crew.

Each country allowed (3)* V1 per category, (5) V6 per category, (2) V12 per category. Categories will be Para, Under 16, Under 19, Open, Master (40+) Sr Master (50+) Golden (60+), Master (70+)

*additional V1 seats will be allotted to countries who medaled in last World sprints. Example: Open women silver – add 1 extra spot to Open Women (V1).

NOTE: Uniforms will still be based on Country Nationality, but can show different than Elite uniform.

Additional changes made to RACE Rules:

Masters 70+ - V6 1000m race has been modified to 500m race with 1 turn.

Para Athletes – V6 500m race has been modified to 200m to keep in line with Para canoe format.

Protest fee changed from \$25 to \$100 US.

Appeals fee changed from \$25 to \$150 US.

Increase protest time from current 20 minutes to 30 minutes.

Include counter protest to 15 minutes.

No seat pads allowed in boats.

Over the next few months the Sprint Council will be discussing how to re-format our selection process.

Travel Visa

Each person travelling to Brazil, must obtain a Visa for entry. Below are the requirements for Canadian citizens. COST: ~ \$200 **Please read carefully as you must have all requirements complete "Before" you apply.**

- Applications take 30 days to process (could be longer because of World Cup Soccer applicants for July 2014)
- Suggest you use a Visa broker to assist (cost \$25 more) but will assure you have correct documents before making the application on your behalf www.visacenter.ca
- Valid original passport (Valid at least for 6 months from departure date & min. 2 empty pages). Passport must be signed on the designated space. **If it expires in 6 months or less RENEW FIRST**
- One filled out application form. Go to: <https://scedv.serpro.gov.br> Fill out the form, print resulting PDF file, sign and forward to Visa Center at 601 West Broadway, Suite 400, Vancouver with all other required documents. This application form is valid for 1 month only. If due to some reasons you are unable to fill-out on-line application form, we may assist you for an additional fee of CAD35 + tax (this will delay processing by 2 days). Photocopies of all document provided to Visa Center **MUST** be submitted as well, including application forms.
- One photograph (5cm x 5cm) - must be against white background. Signature on the back is not required. Photo must not be older than 6 months. (Photo facility is available on-site - TORONTO, OTTAWA, MARKHAM & VANCOUVER). Please note that photos from photo booth or home-shot photos are not acceptable.
- Non-Canadians must provide copy of Permanent Resident Card, valid Canadian visa or valid visa to the country of final destination (after Brazil). If you apply with other than Canadian or US passport, then the visa validity is limited by 90 days.
- Letter from the applicant, explaining the itinerary, indicating arriving and departure date, purpose of the trip, and if applicable, who is the inviting party in Brazil. All letters must be signed and dated.
- **Proof of income and employment:**

For employed applicants: letter from the employer, stating applicant's name and confirming current position and most recent pay stub along with one of the following documents:

- Photocopy of recent bank statement, with complete name of the account holder;
- Copy of the latest Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency.

For self-employed applicants: a notarized affidavit and a copy of the latest Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency.

For unemployed applicants: a letter explaining it, a copy of bank statement and the latest Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency.

For retired applicants: proof of income in the form of a copy of the latest bank statement and

the copy of the latest Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency.

For the applicants who are students: an official letter from the school, college or university being attended, stating the name and confirming that the applicant currently enrolled to that institution and one of the following:

- Photocopy of recent bank statement, with complete name of the account holder or
- A notarized affidavit letter from parents or legal guardian, confirming their financial support to your trip along with proof of their income and employment (see above)

For employed students: the documents must include the sets for employed applicant and student applicant.

- For travelers under 18 years old: Simple form (does not need to be notarized) signed by both parents or legal guardians authorizing the minor to apply for a Brazilian visa along with documents that prove the relationship between the minor and the person(s) giving the authorization (acceptable documents comprise: copy of i.d. from each parent accompanied by copy of the long form of the birth certificate showing the parents' names; death certificate, when applicable and, in the case of sole custody, copy of a judicial document attesting to that). Polio vaccination is mandatory for children between 3 months-old and 6 years-old.
- Persons WITH DUAL citizenship, ONE of which IS Canadian, must apply WITH their Canadian passports only. Applicants WITH other THAN Canadian passports must provide the copy of the document confirming their current resident STATUS IN Canada (PR Card, Landed Document,

Travel - Flights to Rio are approximately \$1200. Flying 10 hours to Atlanta, and another 4 hours to Rio de Janeiro. You cannot board the plane unless your Visa is in order. Taxis to hotels from the airport will run approximately \$70.

Accommodations - The IVF country delegates obtained an interpreter and contacted several hotel apartments in the Ipenema and Leblon area closest to the venue (within walking distance). The cost for a hotel or apartment hotel will be between \$250 to \$350 per night. I will provide photos, names and costs for various locations. It is suggested the countries stay in close proximity to the venue to save on transportation. Car rentals are expensive and driving situations are very aggressive.

Language - The language is Portuguese. English is not spoken by locals including taxi drivers, restaurant servers or any of the non-American stores.

Food - Costs of meals are between \$25 to \$40 generally. To purchase food at local stores and prepare in a kitchenette will be most economical.

Safety - Safety is our biggest concern. During our brief time, one of the IVF delegates was robbed of her gold necklace while walking down a crowded street (with our group) in an area 4km from the venue. During a tour of the city, the delegates talked with a Swiss couple who were held at knife point at 6 PM on Copacabana beach. Even the locals will tell you they expect to be robbed at some point.

Below is the list of MUST NOT'S during time in Rio.

- DO NOT wear expensive or expensive looking jewelry
- DO NOT carry a back pack or shoulder purse. If you do, suggested you secure it to your body or lock zippers.
- DO NOT carry a wallet with all of your money or credit cards
- DO NOT walk on any beaches after dark
- DO NOT walk alone on streets after dark

Para canoe & Paralympics update by Joao Scharertner – President of BCF

ICF/IVF and Paralympic Committee (IPC) are looking for more participation from Va'a Federations leading up to 2016 Paralympics. They are here to support participation of all canoes and want to work hard to promote va'a. It is important that each country contact their Canoe Federation to assure their countries Para canoe athletes are represented in upcoming World ICF events. It is important to be seen.

I would recommend CORA take the initiative to contact CKC and secure an association through John Edwards as soon as possible. This initiative has been in the works since 2008, but the final push to associate must come from the CORA President and board.

2016 World Sprints Bid

Australia won the bid for 2016. To be held in May 2016 on the Sunshine Coast of Australia.

<http://publ.com/FjsMWho> Hawaii has rebid for 2018.

IVF GENERAL REPORT

The IVF is beginning a re-organization of their entity. They will be registering as a legal entity and close out their 2 current bank accounts (Tahiti) and (Hawaii) opening one general bank account. The new elected treasurer is Cameron Taylor of Great Britain. Charles Villiere, President (Tahiti), and Linda Dresbech, Secretary General (California), several vice-presidents will assist with new policy and procedures.

We should expect to see a much larger contingency for South American countries who have already competed in the South American Sprint Championships in Buenos Aires last November. Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Argentina, Chile, Rapa Nui and Brazil will all be represented.

Summary

My overall impression is cautious as Brazilian culture is not as structured as North America. We found that plans for races, dinner, or meetings were never written in stone until just before it happened. The reassurance of a professional event company seems to alleviate some of the concern.. But they are also Brazilian. As we move closer to 2014, we will have a clearer vision of what 2014 World sprints will be.

During the next few months, I will begin the “Intent to Compete” for our 2014 Team Canada. All information presented above will be made available to our paddlers to make their own decision on participation.

We are set to have our Canadian National Sprint Race on October 6th, and I would like to see something setup to happen in Eastern Canada as well. I will work with John Roberts and Alex Vanderham.

Our time trial for 2014 will need to happen in late April / early May which may be unfortunate for those in colder areas. This will give the athletes enough time to obtain their flight and accommodations prior to applying for their visa (which will take at least 30 days).