



**CORA Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2015
7:00 PM PST (8:00 PM MST)**

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Attendees: Gralin Doubleday, Ron Chin, Kristine Malmqvist, Graeme Galves, Rob Varnel, Paul Pilon, Don Mulhal, James Hill

Absent: Lynda Roberts, Leanne Stanley, Cindy Wright

2. Adoption of Minutes

- a. January Regular Board Meeting Moved by Rob and seconded by Don for acceptance with date adjustments

3. Confirmation of Agenda/Add New items

4. Review/Updates of Outstanding Action items

- a. New Form for Clinic Grants – Ron

These forms are now ready to be converted to a fillable PDF. **Ron will send Don the converted forms for review, to be forwarded and posted online by Colleen before next meeting.**

Discussion on grant decisions, Ron will bring any questions for approvals to Cindy, Gralin, and Rob and then to the board if required.

- b. Training Video– Cindy

Cindy was unable to make the meeting, defer to March regular meeting.

c. Membership Engagement Plan for Drafting issues – Don

Propose to post questions on Facebook and CORA for discussion by all members, email to CORA reps for all clubs to drive them to Facebook and CORA website to be part of the discussion about drafting, which will be closed at a specified time. This will inform the creation of an online survey which will be available on the CORA website to be promoted at registration of all small boat races starting with PNW ORCA race on March 7 for the 2015 season. Decision to be made at 2015 AGM.

Don will have the survey questions will be available before the March meeting for review and approval at the meeting.

d. Website & Rollover – status update for closure of item

Issues regarding forgotten password reset remains unresolved (membership renewal issue). **Paul?? will follow up with Colleen before next meeting and report back.**

e. Financials – Rob

i. Cheque Signing Authority completion

Jan will control the chequebook and create cheques, Ron and Jan both have signing authority now.

ii. Investment completion

Complete, shown on the balance sheet.

iii. Budget finalization –

Yearly dues are starting to be submitted, not all club have paid yet however this is left to be resolved at the end of the year. Some 2014 cheques have been cashed in 2015. Financials were sent out by Rob before the meeting.

Rob will add the 2 new GICs to the balance sheet for update next meeting.

f. Canoe Issue – Cindy – Defer to next meeting.

g. Nationals Location – Ron

False Creek is supportive of hosting the Nationals July 11 & 12, and this will be updated to the website by Paul once a proposal is received from False Creek. CORA cup awards are provided by CORA and awarded at Nationals, the race awards are provided by the host club – a grant is available to help fund awards.

h. Harrison Lake Race Date – Gralin

Proposal was updated to Jan by Greg Saturday August 22 OC6 races only, no small boat races. 17km iron around Echo Island and a 9-10km short course. This will be updated to the website by ??? before next meeting.

i. CORA Long Term Planning – Gralin

Planning email to be sent out by Kristine within the next week to collate the board member's Race plans for this season, all to reply, Kristine will suggest options for a day long meeting that could line up for best attendance. Draft agenda to be created by Kristine with Lynda and James' input, to be circulated before next meeting.

5. New business

a. Novice Class Clarification (2.2.1) – Graeme

Concern: steering for novice crews is good for safety, want to be transparent about these situations. Also want to increase safety for upcoming sprint races, steering in a sprint course with tight turns does add risk. Historically race directors have always been supportive of having a more experienced steers with 5 novices for races. CORA supports experienced steers for novice crews.

b. Sprint Update – (this item to be a regular item)

Gralin – Sprint Nationals location decision is close but some concerns need to be addressed before a final decision is made. ~~Graeme and Gralin will have an offline discussion regarding host location.~~ To be deferred to finalized before next meeting.

Update from IVF meetings from Lynda via email to Kristine:

Va'a is out for Rio 2016 Paralympic Games

President has been forced to resign, Lara Collins of NZ will step in as interim President until 2016 regular meetings

Papette, Tahiti won the bid for World Outrigger Sprints in 2018

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm PST

Next Meeting – Wed Mar 4 2015, 7:00 PM PST (8:00 PM MST)