



**CORA Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 1, 2016
7:00 PM PDT (8:00 PM MDT)**

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Attendees: Gralin Doubleday, Rob Varnel, Kristine Malmqvist Ron Chin, Paul Pilon, James Hill, Lynda Roberts

Absent: Don Mulhall, Marianne Pilon, Graeme Galves, Leanne Stanley

2. Adoption of Minutes

- a. April Regular Board Meeting **moved by Ron and seconded by Rob to accept. Approved.**

3. Confirmation of Agenda/Add New items

4. Standing Items

- a. Sprint Director & IVF Representative Update – Lynda

2016 IVF World Va'a Sprint Championships - Sunshine Coast, Australia May 8-15, 2016

Team Canada

Worlds 2016 had good participation by CORA paddlers with 83 paddlers attending age 15 to 80! The majority of paddlers were over 60, which is largely due to cost and time needed to travel to Australia. It will be difficult to increase the number of younger paddlers until the event is held closer to our location. The location for 2018 is Tahiti, but hopefully 2020 will be voted for Hawaii.

Age Group	Participants
70+	20
60+	29
50+	13
40+	11
Open	8

Junior (U19/U16)	2
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Medals Count

Canada won 5 medals:

Our first Para-Canoe **Gold** V1 (250m) from Alison Downie of Calgary.

Two V1 (500m) medals for our Master 70+. John Roberts, **Gold** and Stan Machacek with **Bronze**.

Masters 70+ V6 (500m) **Bronze** (Brian Neil, John Roberts, Rick Walkey, Stan Machacek, Ole Christiansen and Otto Erdelsky)

Master 60+ V12 **Bronze** with Alex Vandenharn, Pat McLellan, Martin Jalkotzy, Roman Matieschyn, Bob Stewart, Darrel Smith, Stan Machacek, Jim Senior, Doug Kazakoff, Randy Brooks, Dean Dogherty and John Roberts.

IVF World Elite Championships Medal Tally

Place		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1 st	New Zealand	6	1	2
2 nd	Tahiti	4	5	
3 rd	New Caledonia		2	2
4 th	Australia		1	4
5 th	Great Britain		1	
6 th =	Hawaii			1
6 th =	Wallis and Futuna			1

IVF World Club Championships Medal Tally

Place		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1 st	New Zealand	24	26	20
2 nd	Tahiti	20	11	7
3 rd	Australia	11	16	19
4 th	Hawaii	9	9	7
5 th	Canada	2		3
6 th	California	1		1
7 th	New Caledonia			2
8 th	Wallis & Futuna		1	
9 th	Pacific North West			1

Race and Event

The event was well organized with a traditional Opening Ceremony and parade, and Cultural Night event. The product and clothing vendors and food outlets were good. The race venue was great for spectators and paddlers. Event volunteers did a great job assisting paddlers throughout the event.

Unfortunately, the officiating and race course caused some issues. The course lane width was approved at 11/22m, which is technically less than the IVF rules width of 12.5/25m. However,

the course did not have buoys at regular intervals (requested for 50m) therefore paddlers did go out of their lanes more often and officials were very tough on calling this infraction. There were a higher number of disqualifications for all countries. There were a few other issues with the officials that have been noted with IVF.

Lynda will be discussing this and the intent is for IVF to have more responsibility in regards to working with the host and setting clear guidelines that must be followed at the October IVF meetings in Honolulu. We will also vote on the 2020 bid at this meeting. Canada is now a Group B voting member and we have a larger voice to make positive changes with IVF. Lynda plans to stay involved on the Race and Rules Committee, if not more of a Director role.

Elite and Team Events

With the additional days for Elite racing, the event was much longer for all paddlers as we arrived early for practice days. In future, we would not encourage club teams to come as early as practices were very minimal with only ½ hour for each crew. This was due to the increase of the Elite teams also requiring practice. Although this allowed some paddlers to have days off for sightseeing, it did increase the costs to our paddlers who were budget minded. In total there were 3 practice days and 8 racing days including Elite racing.

Club Crews vs Elite

Going forward, CORA may need to address how to promote and motivate paddlers to attend as an Elite Crew or participate as Club crews. The concept has been modified with separating Country teams (Elite) from Club teams. This makes it harder for countries that have smaller clubs.

Although a time trial is required for V1 and Elite, there may be better ways to time trial for club crews as those who time trial often drop out diminishing the strength of the crews.

One example that was explored in the past is to create “Regional Designated” clubs. Example Fairway Gorge has a good sprint location, and coaches that CORA could ‘help out’ with developing sprint teams. If you live on Vancouver Island, this could be the club to practice with and build stronger sprint teams. A similar club would be designated for Mainland, Interior, Alberta and Eastern Canada. This would allow for individual paddlers to have a viable way to practice with crews, belong to the club and encourage larger, stronger groups to participate under that club name.

Other items:

2017 IVF Long Distance Team Selection Update

Almost 50 paddlers have showed interest as of today. The selection committee consists of Lynda assisted by James Hill and Kamini Jain. A \$20 nonrefundable commitment fee has been proposed to continue with selection and participation. The organizers in Tahiti need commitment from the countries by June 15, 2016. Time trials are being considered for the same weekend as Gibsons, on the Friday. **Lynda will send additional information to the board shortly.**

IVF AGM, Honolulu Oct 10-12, 2016 Lynda will attend.

b. Financials/Treasurer Update – Rob

Full presentation on financials will be available at next month's meeting.

c. Membership Updates – Gralin

1228 members currently, about 200 shy of the maximum from 2015, with 22 paid clubs and one new club. **Toronto Sailing Club has apparently been disbanded, Gralin will investigate this further along with other clubs that have yet to pay club dues.**

d. Grant Updates – Ron

2 Clinic grants were approved and paid, 2 RME grant were approved, only 1 travel grant application has been received - another is expected.

5. Review/Updates of Outstanding Action items

a. Drafting issues pilot implementation progress – Don

Nothing to report at this time.

b. CORA Long Distance rules rewrite update – Graeme

As per previous meeting's minutes, the race committee wording will be sent to the board for review.

c. New CORA Cup awards – Graeme

Graeme will send a formal proposal to the board by the end of this week for review.

d. Peter Forand Memorial Recognition – Rob *as a reminder for action in the fall

Ongoing.

e. PNWORCA Boat numbers – Gralin

Deferred to next meeting.

f. CORA day fee (signature location on form) – Rob (Ron)

Completed and posted online, ready for use.

6. New Business

a. Face to Face Meetings for 2016 – Kristine

This week **Kristine** to send an email to the board to see when most people are available to meet face to face, along with a summary of last face to face discussions.

A framework for the discussion needs to be created to leverage the time for best benefit.

b. New CORA Club – Rob

New Club forming in the Powell River, they received a grant for an unlimited OC6 and now want to be club and individual members. Club Bonne Accueil Society (CBA) is the name of the society, it's a New Horizons Seniors program to encourage seniors to be active; the club name will be finalized on the application form.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 7:00 PM PST (8:00 PM MDT)