



**CORA Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 9, 2016
7:00 PM PDT (8:00 PM MDT)**

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Attendees: Gralin Doubleday, Rob Varnel, Kristine Malmqvist, Graeme Galves, Lynda Roberts, Marianne Pilon, Paul Pilon, James Hill

Absent: Don Mulhall, Ron Chin, Leanne Stanley

2. Adoption of Minutes

- a. February Regular Board Meeting **moved by Rob and seconded by Lynda to accept as amended. Approved.**

3. Confirmation of Agenda/Add New items

4. Standing Items

- a. Sprint Director Update – Lynda
 - i. Team Canada Update – Australia/IVF Update

Sprint camp this weekend, all ready to host at For Langley.

Long Distance IVF information is posted on the website, with some adjustments to the website, including highlighting the event on the CORA front page. **Paul will add this to Facebook once all improvements are completed.**

- b. Financials/Treasurer Update – Rob

As presented by Rob via email, financials are on track, some adjustments noted in previous minutes will be completed this month.

- c. Membership Updates – Gralin

As of March 1 – 825 individual members, about half of total membership last year. 17 club memberships completed, about half of total club membership as well.

d. Grant Updates – Ron

Grant updates were sent via email by Ron and reviewed by the board.

5. Review/Updates of Outstanding Action items

a. Drafting issues pilot implementation progress – Don

The drafting policy/pilot project is ready to go and will be posted on the website soon and were also shared with PNWORCA.

b. CORA Long Distance rules rewrite update – Graeme

The rules are ready for posted, Gralin will send these to Paul to post on the website.

c. CORA Long Term Initiatives

i. Coaching Resources – Leanne/Lynda

This will be placed on hold for now.

ii. Grant funding for junior crews – Marianne/Leanne

Marianne mentioned having boat availability and a short course along with a grant available to get the race fee covered by CORA. Support for this initiative has been strong. Race directors and Clubs need to be aware of this new initiative and encourage actions to increase junior participation.

d. New CORA Cup awards – Lynda/Rob/Don

Having perpetual trophies has been challenging to manage and keep current. A photo of the winners for each category could have a photo taken with a banner for each category and this posted to the CORA website for record keeping; a photographer will be required and we will need to be sure that the names are recorded correctly. **This will go ahead as a pilot project this year, Lynda will investigate sources and cost for banners.**

e. PFD Policy – Graeme

New PFD policy for winter small boat races will be inserted into the CORA rules:

“All individuals participating in a CORA sanctioned small boat race between November 1 and March 31 must wear on their person while on the water a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) approved by Transport Canada or an equivalent foreign governmental authority. Each participant is responsible for complying with the foregoing requirements.

**Individuals opting for an Inflatable Belt Pack PFD may wish to consider the risks associated with losing consciousness before fully activating and donning the Inflatable Belt Pack PFD.”*

f. Peter Forand Memorial Recognition – Rob

Rob emailed with Ross Creasey regarding this opportunity. Ron Creasey will get back to Rob regarding an award with criteria and framework for consideration, to be implemented in 2017.

g. PNWORCA Boat numbers – Gralin

Gralin will contact PNWORCA about this in communications planned over the next month.

6. New Business

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

There is no signature area on the day membership form. Will be discussed next meeting when Ron will be present.

b. Race registration & CORA registration – Graeme

Graeme observed the workload associated with early season races and CORA registrations, he will investigate this issue further and report back with a recommendation next meeting.

c. Cold Water Ohana Scheduling replacing Brotchie small boat -Gralin

FCPC Cold Water Ohana race name replaces the Brotchie small boat race on May 8.

The original Cold Water Ohana race was not held this year in March. **Paul will update this on the website.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PST

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 7:00 PM PST (8:00 PM MDT)