

CORA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 2, 2013

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

Absent: Christina

Meeting Called to order at 8:00 pm

Agenda: approved

Last Meeting's Minutes were approved

CORA Website

- Colleen is working on the CORA website backups and maintenance to prepare for the 2013 on line membership renewals therefore the site is currently down. The pay pal payments made for CORA Memberships will be the receipt for the members.

Finance

- The CORA Budget was reviewed and discussed. The 2012 RME Grant funding is now complete. The 2013 All Sport Insurance has been pre-paid. CORA will be expecting funds from Calgary sometime in the 2013 year in regards to the Sprint boat equipment.
- On the Sprint side, CORA will require a proposed budget from Donna Harrison for the 2013 expenses for the IVF meetings in relation to the upcoming Rio World Sprints and the added National Sprint event in October 2013.

CORA Cup Trophies

- Rob had the 2012 winning Clubs' plaques made for the CORA trophies as well as having repairs done for the broken glass trophy.

CORA Cup Races

- The CORA Board review and discussed in length on all the proposed 2013 CORA point races and have concluded that for this year 2013, CORA will Sanction 6 CORA Cup Races (instead of 5), plus the Nationals Race in Vernon. The CORA Website will be updated to show and number the 6 races that are sanctioned for CORA Points. In past years, CORA had 5 CORA point races before the Nationals. The Board will assess the effect of having 6 races this year in terms of travel, participation and success of this new exception. Next year, to be fair CORA is considering rotating sanctioned races to be granted to different Clubs within the CORA point race series. In fairness, this is due to the ongoing increase of Race applications received from various Clubs, and to also bring in a rotating variety of CORA point race venues for the CORA members to experience while supporting various CORA Clubs.

Insurance

- In the last meeting Rob explained how All Sport allows CORA to cover paid up CORA Members travelling abroad to race. He suggests that PNWORCA provide the same coverage for their racers when they come up to race in Canada.
- Cindy has been in communication with PNWORCA on this subject as the Jericho small boat race is coming up and the US racers coming up to Vancouver may or may not have to pay the CORA day fee or membership to race. Cindy will follow up further on this.

Communications

- Cindy will be asking the CORA Sanctioned Race Directors to provide a short write up for their race for the CORA website.
- Paul will be updating the website.

Short Term Paddler Development

- Cindy to forward the proposal from FCRC to produce the outrigger videos for the Board to discuss which paddling topic are appropriate and timely to be produced according to the process and weather. This will be discussed further by the Board at the next meeting.

Long Term Development for CORA

- Rob will be travelling to Montreal to meet with a facilitator who is experienced in providing long term planning for associations. At the March CORA meeting, Rob will present his proposal for CORA. Meanwhile, the Board will be discussing their thoughts on the longevity of CORA as the association grows into the future.

Safety and CORA Rules

- Cindy reviewed the CORA Rules and suggested a closer look of all the rules is necessary as some rules cannot be applied according to various factors such as water conditions at certain venues. The CORA Rules was set in accordance to CORA being a member of IVF with strict race rules.
- The Board discussed around the subject of when race incidences happen. The Race Directors may need to be advised on future situations on how to deal with race protests. The current CORA rules states that a protesting committee may be needed to resolve protests should they arise. This will require more discussion in regards to race infractions and penalties. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business

- The Board decide on reordering 50 more small boat race decals this year. The cost was approximately \$6 per decal. This expense has been covered by CORA in past years for several hundred decals. The concern is that small boat racers are receiving the free decals at the races and are not keeping these on their boats. The decals are especially

made to be removable and non-harmful to the boat hulls, therefore should not be used once and discarded by the racers. The Board concluded that the new order of decals will specifically be distributed to the races in the Interior and for the Island. Most of the small boats in the Lower Mainland have already received decals in past races.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 6, 2013 8:00pm