



## **Orenda Canoe Club**

### **AGM**

**October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Executive Present:** Rita McArthur, Alvin Gardiner, Donna Upham, Corey Firth, Dave Lombardi, Kathleen Dalley, Julien Comeau, Janet Forsythe, Steve McCurdy, Les Mayo

**Members Present:** Jeff Mosher, Doug Miles, Ryan Gardiner, Steve Miles, Lyn Miles, Gayle Corney, Cherie Stredder, Kitty Myrer, Andrea Landry, Karen Eisener, Trinity Frizzell, Lyn Stienburg, Deb Mayo, David Hendsbee, Genny Orton, Sara Lawlor.

Meeting was called to order 2:15 by Alvin Gardiner

#### **Opening Comments by Alvin Gardiner:**

- No Review of semi-annual minutes due to an attendance of 3 people.
- Discuss of Fee structure will be complete by spring.
- Registration this past year was slightly higher than normal due to allowing for a one month sign up instead of forcing a summer commitment.
- Aton Regatta was a huge success.
- Alvin thanked several people for all their efforts and contributions to make the club a success this past year.

#### **Janet Forsythe**

- Discussed the monthly newsletter, getting good feedback.
- Medal presentation at Nationals was a huge success-thank you to all the volunteers.
- Best PR the club has is our athletes, hoping to have another food drive with the athletes.

#### **Kathleen Dalley**

- Re-iterated that registration forms are very important even for returning athletes.
- Winter Registration will be happening soon.

#### **Steve McCurdy**

- Kudos to Corey for a great year.
- Still struggling with equipment needs etc.

## **Corey Firth**

- Passed comments regarding Nationals—10<sup>th</sup> place overall is excellent.
- Orenda took 4<sup>th</sup> at Bantam Champs-good job
- Our placings in these races is great considering the size of our club.

## **Rita MacArthur**

- Rita reviewed the Financials

**Julien Comeau—Filling executive positions**—All positions – with the exception of Commodore are up for a nomination. This is the new executive committee

- Vice Commodore – Les May
  - Add'l – Steve McCurdy
- Registrar – Kathleen Dalley
- Treasurer – Donna Upham
- Paddling Rep – Ian Firth
- P.R – Janet Forsythe
- Fundraising – Janet will “chair” this position with a sub committee performing the main duties.
  - Cherie Stredder
  - Julien Comeau
  - Genny Orton
  - Deb Mayo
  - Stacey Kent (putting together a fundraiser at this time)
- **Secretary- VACANT**

Open discussion:

- Alvin brought forward the concept of a BUILDING AND GROUND MAINTENANCE committee-we will be looking for volunteers to sit on this committee.
- Sara Lawlor proposed a reduced rate to people who serve on committees-it might generate more interest.
- Karen Eisener mentioned giving incentive for fundraising- this has been an ongoing discussion and will be reviewed.

FEES:

Alvin Proposed a 15% increase in the coming year- due to increased cost of wages etc this is necessary.

- **Motion to accept-15 accepted.**

Some comments:

- Paddling is more cost effective than child care for summer registration.
- Most people would like to see a “Family Rate” to encourage full enrollment
- Create payment terms for families.
- A suggestion from Lyn Steinburg-look at a cost that incorporates fundraising being mandatory (i.e. like hockey)
- Dave Lombardi questioned why we are not able to work with the Lake Echo Community Center to have access to a room in their facility for our winter program- Dave Hendsbee will look into it.
- Some general comments regarding making the financials more visible- currently they are available at the Semi and AGM, but perhaps we will send them out quarterly.

**REMINDER: AUCTION NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> Colby Ale House—NEED ITEMS ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS still for sale!!**

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 by Alvin, seconded by Donna upham