

# **PADDLE ALBERTA**

## **Paddle Alberta AGM Attendance 2018**

Hannah KoslowskyBorealis Canoe Club  
Norm BalaskiGrande Prairie CC  
Peter KozlikBWCC  
Silvia KozlikBWCC/ PA Secretary  
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Natalie ArbrusterCamp Yowochas/PA Secretary  
Lori DavisRocky Canoe Club/PA Env Director  
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Lana Ohler-MadsenHeLa Ventures/PA Ed Director  
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## **AGM Meeting Called March 18 2018 12:00-4:00pm**

1. Call to Order - Terry 1:17 pm Sunday March 18th 2018  
- Need to designate: Instructor rep, NFP rep and Commercial rep.

2. Additions to and Approval of Agenda. -

- request for new business
- Mark moves to approve the agenda
- Lori seconds
- Approve minutes of AGM 2017
- Natalie motions to approve
- Randy seconds.

3. Reports:

### 1. President Report – Terry Konyi

- Mostly works to help keep us on task, this year the casino was the big thing, moving it to Calgary was a new step and it was a challenge to get people there and enough volunteers.
- Very proud of the special grants program. Everyone that applied got some money.
- No questions

### 2. Vice President Report – Mark Lund

- Asked, by the environment committee, about the Athabasca river- has been working with Alberta parks on developing the great trail. The concept was the trail going from Athabasca to Tuktoyaktuk. Alberta parks is implementing and maintaining the portage at Grand Rapids.
- Fort McMurray to Fort Smith- community is excited and encourage the Alberta trail net. They have multiple short portages rather than one 20km portage.
- No questions.

### 3. Treasurer Report - Silvia Kozlik

- Assets slight decrease 18.4% compared to last year. Current assets 19,734.00
- Liabilities- income tax, pension plans, wages, got a PST refund which is already done
- Revenue 56,208.00 slight increase of 6.4 %
- Membership is steadily going down, 26% for club members and instructor members was 49%.
- Book sales were down 24%
- Total revenue decreased by 54% compared to 2016 due to the non-casino year - no funding
- Expenses- 72,000.00 which was a decrease by 18.3%
- Matching grants and subsidies- majority went to instructors
- Leadership and education programs, slight increase but nothing significant
- Website; 55,100.00 was the final cost.

- Still had 24,000.00 in our casino account as of Dec 31st 2017. Spent it on the special grant requests.
- Overall we are doing well financially looking forward to the next few years.
- For the future we should create a better membership fee, and when we do have the extra money from casino's we can do the special grant requests.
- Mark moves to approve audited financial statements
- Lana seconds
- None against, no abstentions, motion carries.
- Randy and Steven will do the 2018 audit
- Motioned by Ben, second by Lindsay
- No objections, no abstentions.
- Motion carries.

#### 4. Safety & Tripping Report – Matt (presented by Karla in Matt's absence)

- Was working off grid all winter. He is based out of Calgary working with the Calgary outdoor centre. Happy to come back in his role. Given valuable input into the paddle wiki.

#### 5. Environment Report – Lori (resigning)

- Handed out her report.
- Wanted to give a job description of the expectation of what the job entails.
- See the handout for details. (Gave job description, highlighted the needs of the committee, potential partnerships as well as some easy to implement smaller programs to get things started).
- Lori will be stepping down and wanted to give the next chair a good outline and some ideas of what to focus on.
- Saved some campsites at devils elbow by having Lana and Brett communicate with the construction company. We want to celebrate these small wins more on the website.
- New photos on the website and updating things there would be great.
- Carrying on with the throne program. They aren't getting checked, but they are definitely being seen and used. We need a communication

bridge to know who is going where and when and figure out who can check the thrones in each area. (Adopt a throne?)

- River watch Program - \$5 per kit. Water testing kit sent to people out there to get up to date information on the water quality.
- No questions, no additions.

## 6. Education Report –Lana Madsen

- A lot of her role is to communicate between PC and PA.
- Wanted to put on a skills event to encourage people to get their instructors. Made a new maintenance policy to provide opportunities to achieve the maintenance needed. Re-certifying instructors could do the courses, send in video or written work of their teaching.
- Difficult to get to the clinics so that's where PA can help with the organisation for the clinics and the funding of the clinics and the transportation to the clinics as well.
- Lana proposes PA help fund people going to maintenance clinics such as the river clinics in rocky mountain house.
- River clinics being offered, pedagogy has changed, it's a 2 day course now rather than a 1 day. June 9th-10th in rocky mountain house the course is being offered.
- PC perspective: a number of committees that do the majority of the work. If PA people want to get involved with PC that would be great. Large youth initiative in PC. There could be more people from Alberta sitting on that committee. Focus on scouts, girl guides, NCCP kayak world, cadets and the Duke of Ed. If anyone wants to work on that committee get in touch with Lana and she will get you in contact with the right people
- Program development committee is another one to get PA involved with
- Email Lana for information or look on the PC website. It makes a difference to all of us in Alberta
- Insurance- PC is insured and the insurance company is called BMS insurance.
- Adventure Smart program- grant to develop the paddle smart program. Reapplied for the same funding and haven't been approved yet, but this is another area where PA could get involved as well. The program can be delivered anywhere.

- No questions.

#### 7. PA PSC Report - Karla Handy

- Goals & Business Plan presentation
- Potentially re-doing the safety brochure.
- Karla will contact Paddle Canada to get Data for Paddle Alberta numbers- so that all instructors are also paddle Alberta members.
- Has to be either PC or PA taking membership fee's it can't be both. If we go back to Karla taking membership fees she will have to work with both PC and PA data-bases. (Formatting issues arise which is why we get away from it).
- Terry- encourages people to get involved and get in contact with Karla if they need more input on the matter.

5. Randy motions to accept all executive reports and Hannah seconds. Everyone accepts, no objections or abstentions.

#### 5. Club Reports/season highlights and news

- Bow Waters- doing swift water rescue and wilderness first aid courses. Having trouble getting volunteers.
- Borealis- last year was the first paddling year after the fire- 50 members signed up, paddled a few brigades but mostly morning and evening paddles. Mostly coming and going people not much of a base to go off yet.
- Connie and Ingle are in Costa Rica- busy year coming up. School program is very keen and runs high school kids through programs.
- Keanu Canoe Club- losing storage which is having an impact of access to boats. Other than that in good shape. Well over 200 members. Ran a new program for new Canadians. Tuesday nights are more volunteer heavy. Rundle Park still has a program. City still has to find a new place for them to build a paddling centre. Amalgamation for the 2017 voyageur brigade society- back to one org. to represent the country. This year only one Brigade is in Timmins taking place over 4 or 5 years ending in Peterborough. Accumulated significant funds over the last few years, if you would like to plan a brigade they can help fund it.

- Rocky Canoe Club- partnerships are key, it broadens things with schools and towns, also looking at cadets to help with storage and transport. Pictures are also helpful.
- Red Deer Canoe club- on a lull. Trying to get people to volunteer to lead trips or for boards is hard for them. Small membership with some interest lessons but no trip interest, only able to take 2 trips. Can't get younger people involved.
- Drayton Valley Paddling club- biggest highlight, voyageurs canoes race- held a great event. Collaborate on park state- bug canoe, kayak and rafts down the North Saskatchewan to try and get new members. 62 new people this year. Adaptive paddling efforts- working with Coyote lake ecological area that also does these events, so they participate with them.
- Rocky Mountain Paddling Centre- Great year. Highlight; construction ripped up sewage line and shot sewage into their boat storage. Will get a cleaning crew in soon. Had approx 6500 kids in boats.
- Camp Yowochas- added new paddle boards to our fleet. We run a waterfront cert for out staff every year.
- Alberta JWF- last year, national camp - once every 3 years. Ran SUP and kayak and big canoe lessons. Multiple events everyday for the week long event. Seeing an increased interest in canoeing. Challenge is getting good data, to understand their own needs and to support PA initiatives. Working this year to develop an online survey to provide some accurate stats.
- Calgary JFW- 650 members in the area. Airdrie is splitting into 2 clubs. More than 20 PA instructors in the society, some have transitioned to PC and they are starting that transition.
- Strathcona Wilderness Centre- 470 kids in boats kayak and canoe through summer programs and 400 through spring and fall school programs. Hela also had about 400 kid sin boats.
- Grand Prairie- struggling to get club membership up. got some good ideas from the AGM to take back.

6. Old Business -none to report

## 7. Election of Officers

- Terry Konyi President- willing to stand for another year, no other nominations. Acclaimed.
- Mark Lund -willing to stand- no other nominations. Acclaimed
- Silvia- treasurer willing to stand-Acclaimed
- Natalie- willing to stand-Acclaimed
- Lana- willing to stand as PC rep. - Acclaimed.
- Matt- Willing to stand- Acclaimed
- Lori- Stepping down- Lori nominates- Hannah. Hannah Accepts. Acclaimed
- Angie motions to accept the slate of officers as presented and seconded by Randy- none opposed no abstentions.
- Skipped over committee members to Signing authorities for casino funds.
- Matt, Sylvia and Mark =casino
- Karla, Sylvia and Matt=general
- Randy motions, peter seconds. No changes made to signing authorities this year.
- Mark Lund- would like to get a casino advisor role for PA to make things easier for future casinos. Potential to increase volunteer subsidy to get more volunteers out. (currently \$200/person/shift)
- Silvia is the current casino chair- we are a year away from the next casino- we can make this decision later on at an executive meeting.

## 8. New Business:

- Change of the insurance renewal date
- Extend current plan renewal date to Dec 1st. Extension of our old policy with a few small adjustments. What it means is either a small bill for everyone to extend to policy- as PA could pay for it. Those are the two options. Then Dec 1st will be the normal year long insurance bill. Effective for this year.
- Mark Lund moves to approve insurance renewal extension and have to executive board discuss the actual fee and whether or not PA will cover that cost. Second by Randy, motion carries.
- Mark motions to approve the distributed proposed budget, Seconded by Angie.

- Proposed budget by Silvia. See handout or e-mail Karla or Silvia for numerical information. No big changes. Maintaining and supporting clubs as we did before.
- Mark Lund moves to adopt budget as distributed, seconded by Angie.
- Motion carries.

9. Next Meeting:

- Sunday April 7th 2019 at the Kerry Wood Nature Centre.

10. Adjournment- 3:26pm Terry Konyi.