

YRMPA AGM
October 30, 2019

A sign up sheet was distributed.

Attending: Peter Coates (chairing) ,Deb Bartlette (recording), Carmen Gustafson, Jim Boyde, Al Foster, Spencer Edelman, Lidwien Hanrath, Jeff Brady, Alison Emerenko, Bill Stanzelat, Anne Jessup, Thomas de Jaeger, Stephen Mooney.

Regrets (Board): Hank Moorlag, Stan Fordyce, Roger Hanberg

Call to order: 5:32 pm

The meeting started with Jeff Brady doing a short tribute to the late Buckwheat Donahue who recently passed away. Buckwheat was one of the founders of the original Dyea to Dawson race which became the Yukon River Quest. We hope to put something on the website soon to honour Buckwheat and his role in founding the race.

Meeting documents were mailed out to the membership prior to the meeting.

Agenda accepted as circulated.

Minutes from last AGM: Please correct the spelling of Peter's last name.

Minutes are accepted as posted with the correction above.

Treasurers' Report: note that we purchased 5 C4s, not 4 C4s as stated in the documents. Financial report was circulated. We are in a healthy financial situation for the upcoming year. The accountants have reviewed the financials; what we are receiving is their final, reviewed statements.

Motion: That the financial report be accepted. M/S/C Jeff Brady/Spencer Edelman

Motion: That YRMPA waive a formal audit. M/S/C Anne Jessup /Bill Stanzelat

Note that a formal audit is required only once every five years. YRMPA has been a "Class A" society for one year (we were previously in a different category). We will require a formal audit at some point, but for now, the review from the accountant is sufficient.

President's Reports: The President's report was circulated prior to the meeting See attached.

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted. M/S/C

Elections: We have nothing in writing (i.e. no by-laws) specifying positions, number of directors or terms. This will be rectified in the upcoming year. There was a statement at last year's AGM that the president was to be elected for 1 year.

Elections were held as follows:

President: Peter was nominated to be president for an additional year by Anne Jessup; seconded by Lidwien. No further nominations. Peter Coates is named President for one year by acclamation.

Executive: Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer (Deb Bartlette, Spencer Edelman, Lidwien Hanrath, respectively) were nominated by Jeff Brady, seconded by Anne Jessup, for one year. No further nominations. Deb, Spencer and Lidwien are appointed by acclamation for one year.

Directors: Two former directors declined to let their names stand again: Harry Kern and Jason Benisch,

The following slate of Directors was appointed to a one year term by acclamation:

Jeff Brady
Al Foster
Anne Jessup
Hank Moorlag
Stephen Mooney
Carmen Gustafson
Jim Boyde
Stan Fordyce
Roger Hanberg

Motion: That directors serve a one-year term. MSC Jeff Brady/Deb Bartlette

Voice of membership:

- Jeff Brady is starting to organize Dyea to Dawson for 2023, 125th anniversary of Gold Rush. He is hoping that the C2 division of D2D would be the C2 division of the YRQ. For future discussion.
- Glad to see that the vetting of the solo class has changed and is publicized. Maybe a way of 'scoring' the solo paddlers to get into the race. We need to be clearer on what happens when someone breaks a rule. It would be nice to see a minimum penalty for certain infractions, or at least a suggested penalty. It is time to start considering appointing a race marshal, for eg., as opposed to having people continuing on in the position, i.e. to put together ideas about who we would like in particular positions and recruiting for that.
- Glad to see that rules have been tightened up but there needs to be a tightening up of how those decisions are reported out. Peter noted that this has been improved upon quite a bit but that further work needs to be done. Board needs to ACT like this is a race; decisions need to be made. YRQ should be part of Canadian Canoe Association, especially as it has grown.
- C4s were lovely boats but should have full spray decks.

AGM adjourned at 6:38pm.