

DRAFT

YRMPA AGM December 7, 2022

530 pm-700 pm

Sport Yukon Boardroom 1 plus zoom

Agenda and Minutes

Join Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Deb Bartlette, Linda Casson, Spencer Edelman, W (Bill) Stanzeleit, Christa V, Peter Coates, Alison Eremenko, Anne Jessup, Krista Mroz, Stephen Mooney, Mike De Abreu, Brandon Johnston

Call to order: 5:40pm

Approval of minutes from November 24, 2021 AGM (sent out with meeting materials)

Minutes approved as circulated

Moved Bill Stanzeleit

Seconded Stephen Mooney

Approval of agenda (note that all meeting documents were circulated to members/Board prior to the meeting, via email)

Moved Anne Jessup

Seconded Spencer Edelman

President's Report (sent out with meeting materials)

Read by Deb Bartlette

Highlights! We had a race!! Thank you to everyone on the board, Mia, and the huge number of volunteers. Mention Stephen and Anne, and crew. Thank you for Minto.

Acknowledge Lidwein Hanrath. 4 years on the board. Hugely valued. Sadly passed away from cancer post race.

Decision to move the start date to early July. Avoid risk to high water. All reports are that we can expect that this year and more frequent moving forward. Some are unhappy, but made to avoid uncertainty and take pressure of accommodations in Dawson.

New things. Sleep strategy. View to making the race better. Change in post race ceremonies.

Appreciated. Merchants appreciated the option spread financial benefits.

First time with Race Director. Guessing what it should be/do. Helpful to have someone looking after details. Need to refine what that looked like and how to divide it up.

Also secured a large CDF grant, and well into the development of a comprehensive business plan. Race infrastructure. Risks, etc. Expect by end of February and into the future. Risk Management exercise that

looked at physical risks. Involved a lot of change to a variety of areas. Helpful exercise and remain in place.

Not standing for re-election. Around to support the business plan and assist with further work on governance, policies, and other special projects that might come up. Time to step back from an active board role at this time. Become a major well-known paddling event and great to be associated with it.

Special Acknowledgement The Board would like to acknowledge and posthumously thank Lidwein Hanrath, Treasurer, who passed away in July 2022. She served as treasurer for 3 ½ years.

Financial Report (sent out with meeting materials)

Special Resolution: **That the audit for the 2021-2022 financial year be waived.**

Thank you to Jan Mann – for her help. Spent a lot of time going through financials and bring some more professional accounting structure and set up in such a way to simplify moving forward.

Jan and Linda – thank you. Thank you to Linda for stepping in as an interim Treasurer.

Linda – Reports from Crowe Mackay. Thanks to Jan. Clarity around how to make these more clear. Revenues last year. Add in revenues and expenses and note dipped into reserves.

Net assets of \$72k for last year. In the development of the budget, break budget into administration and race. Combined a number of expense categories e.g. volunteer recognition. Budget for each of the locations, e.g. Minto. Rolled up into the race event. Still a work in progress. Working with the bookkeeper. Interesting to see what the administration portion is.

Brandon. Is there any chance that there are comparables? Yes, and Linda would appreciate a second set of eyes to help with that.

Stephen. Was there anything from the report that we should be doing?

Linda. No. Our report has no issues. It doesn't reflect that we may need to provide more guidance and coding.

Jan did make a number of suggestions for going forward. Some have been implemented, and more going forward.

Brandon. If you waive the audit, normally there's a letter of recommendations.

Once YRMPA has transitioned to the new society's act. Class A. can waive for 2 years in a row. We are not a complex financial. Have the letter every 3rd year. **Review new act for language.**

More comprehensive review – need to set funds aside.

Discussion about act, audits, financials, methods of accounting, etc. Comparables will differ as a result.

Motion to accept financials. Christa
Second Anne

Election of Directors

Directors are elected to two-year terms. Half of the terms expire each year. Note that the Board selects its own officers from the elected directors each year.

Two-year terms expiring this year:

Deb Bartlette (not standing for re-election)
Peter Coates (not standing for re-election)
Christa Van Laerhoven (not standing for re-election)
Additional two-year position open (was filled by Lidwien Hanrath)

Resignations

Jason Biensch (half of his two year term remains)
Stan Fordyce (half of two year term remaining)

Total open positions:

4 two-year terms
2 one year terms (filling resignations from two year terms elected last year)

Nominees to open positions:

Linda Casson (1 year) Spencer's friend Brandon- 1 or 2 yrs

Discussion on Director Expectations

Allison: what are the expectations of a director?

Response: even with paid help, there's still a lot of work the board needs to do. It was noted that some former board members still active with committees, eg. Technical support, race operations, and the business continuity plan. There are governance pieces that need implementation. Exciting things on the horizon, but the board needs time to implement them. A former board member indicated that they found that being on the board was not a work load, but that being a checkpoint coordinator was. Being a director isn't problematic, but executive requires work - there are things that need to be done, contacting people, supervising, answering questions, responses, a number of things.

Bill: Are the meetings once per month?

Response: Yes, with more meetings closer to the race date. The ops committee was meeting once per month in addition to the board meeting and then weekly closer to the race.

Generally meetings occur on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Call for Nominees

Linda Casson – 1 year

Mike De Abreu – 2 years

Brandon Johnston – 2 years

Bill Stanzeleit – 2 years

Brian Alleman – 2 years

By acclamation.

Open question time for members

A member commended the board for pulling off the race. They also expressed disappointment at changing the dates but understood the need to do so. Suggest starting on Sunday and end on Wednesday.

Doubt Skagway will send a team due to date change. Jeff heartily endorses Spencer as president. J Jeff Brady indicated that he can continue to do media off season. Need someone to do media week of race.

A member also noticed the lack of social media presence from race organizers. Need a constant presence and online both on / off season. Racers need that constant attention. Needs someone focusing attention right away. Christa has access to the Facebook page, but is looking to step away from responsibilities. Who else can acquire admin? Website needs updating badly. Lots to do.

- Spencer & Linda to help with FB

Race stats. Current race registration at 53. What's expected on race day? About 70-75 racers. No one from Germany, Austria, Estonia currently registered. Not seeing the international representation as in previous years. Concerns that the race too expensive for people? Should we be looking at reducing costs. E.g. Mandatory support crews. Is it too costly for outside racers?

Discussion on race fees. Change in fees for boat and paddler. Entry fees are high! Are there efforts afoot to make it more equitable per person? 68% jump in racers fees for solos. Expenses on top of that. Haven't needed to do a lot of advertising / marketing for the race. Look for revenue sources. No promotion of the half race. Reduce the cost to make it attractive. No one is in favour of more increases.

Updated Mission Statement? Strategic Plan? Yes, both need updates.

Peter – attempted to step back on results/timing. Quite serious about stepping back this year. Unsure whether he'll be at the actual race. Need to identify someone to meet with Peter to understand the technology better.

Alison – recognition that Peter's departure is a huge loss. Pretty proud of him. Thanks for the race this year.

Deb – can help with governance, policies, business plan, etc.

Adjourned at 6:55pm