



Yukon River Marathon Paddling Association

Special General Meeting

December 6, 2023

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Sport Yukon Boardroom plus zoom

Members Present: Linda Casson, Spencer Edelman, Anne Jessup, Jason Biensch, Ric Horobin, Abi Horobin, Brandon Johnston, Jeff Brady, Chris Prince, Cynthia Onions, Krista Mroz, Christa Van Laerhoven, Bill Stanzeleit (voting by Proxy)

Guests: John Firth, Colin Lathe

Regrets: Stephen Mooney

1. Call to order:

- Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

- Moved: Spencer Edelman, Seconded Christa V. All in favour

3. Special Resolution: Approval of new bylaws

- **Moved:** Anne Jessup, Seconded Spencer Edelman. All in favour.
 - i. New Bylaws attached to these minutes

4. Adjournment

- Moved to adjourn: Krista Mroz. All in favour.



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1. Call to order 6:51 by Spencer

2. Approval of agenda: Motion to approve: Jeff Brady, Seconded: Anne Jessup. All in favour

3. Approval of minutes from November 7, 2022 AGM: Motion to approve: Christa VanLaerhoven, Seconded: Linda Casson. All in favour

4. President's Report

Spencer's Report attached.

5. Financial Report

a. The 2022-23 Financial Review was tabled.

b. Comments on finances

- i. Being approved for \$32K by Lotteries to partially fund Race Coordinator, Volunteer coordinator and costs including safety, community engagement and activities will take pressure off the finances for the next year.
- ii. Being approved for funding under the NGOf for board training related to communications, etc planning will help the board plan for the 25th anniversary
- iii. The race budget was carefully managed with the final actual costs coming in within approximately \$500 from the budgeted amount

c. **Special Resolution: That the audit for the 2023-2024 financial year be waived.**

Moved by Linda Casson, Seconded: Spencer Edelman. All in favour

6. Election of Directors

Directors are elected to two-year terms with half of the terms expiring each year.

Status of Current Board members

- Spencer Edelman – term expiring - stepping down
- Stephen Mooney – term expiring - stand again
- Linda Casson – term expiring - will stand again
- Anne Jessup - term expiring - stepping down
- Mike De Abreu – 1 year remaining
- Brandon Johnston – 1 year remaining
- Bill Stanzeleit – 1 year remaining
- Brian Allemang – Resigned
- Krista Mroz - Resigned

Call for Nominees to fill 3 to 5 positions.

- Chris Prince
- Jason Biensch
- Ric Horobin
- Linda Casson
- Stephen Mooney

Election of Directors

Motion: The slate of nominees be elected as new board members for two year terms.

Moved by Spencer Edelman, Seconded by Linda Casson.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: moved by Spencer at 7:06. All in favour.

Member discussion

- **Is there a requirement for identifying officer positions?**
 - a. The Yukon *Societies Act* states directors are elected at the AGM but that officer positions MAY be selected to take on the roles. However, the directors are required to cover the responsibilities defined in the Act.
- **Identification of official spokesperson for the organization.**
 - a. Board will discuss which position (s) will be the official spokesperson at the next meeting.
- **Congratulations on a well run race for 2023.**
- **Discussion on remote second checkpoint is required**
- **Coordinator for Carmacks needs to be recruited.**
- **Upgrades to Minto are being delayed by challenges getting workers and permitting**
- **Opportunities to celebrate the 25th anniversary to be developed and followed up on**
 - a. Bryan Allemang proposal and the nuggets from 25 years of races.
 - b. Jeff, Harry Kern and John Firth possibly working on a book.

- c. Opportunities linked to the communication planning workshop.

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