



**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
 CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION
 HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 2005
 AT
 Jericho Sailing Centre
 Vancouver, BC**

Item	Duration	Topic	Presenter
1	0:05	Welcome, adopt agenda, adopt 2004 minutes	Gabe
2	0:05	President's report	Jan
3	0:15	Treasurer's report, Financials	Geoff
4	0:15	Membership report	Jan
5	0:15	Communication report	Dave
6	0:15	Safety report	Adrienne/Sue
7	0:10	Change to By-laws for number of Board Directors from 11 to 7	Dave
8	0:30	Vote for 2006 Board positions President Directors	All CORA members
9	0:05	World Masters Game report	Jacques
10	0:10	Sprint Va'a World Championship report	Jacques
Break			
11	0:10	Insurance update	Jan
12	0:15	Re-define CORA AGM procedures to change from one vote per paddler to x number of votes per club (2007)	
13	0:30	CORA fee increase	Board
14	0:40	2006/2007 Race Schedule CORA Cup Events Small Boat Race Series Canadian Championships 2 year schedule	Dave/Jan
15	0:05	Novice category: change from one year to 2 years	Jan
16	0:10	Penticton 2012	Dave
17	0:05	Closing comments	Gabe

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:15 a.m. by Gabe Somjen, chair of the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda of the 2004 CORA Annual General Meeting was made by Bob Stewart, seconded by Dave DelRizzo. Motion carried with all in favour.

Accept Agenda

Motion to adopt 2004 minutes made by Bob Stewart, seconded by Dave DelRizzo. Motion carried with all in favour.

President's Report

Paul McNamara, current CORA president not in attendance. Gabe advised that Paul needs to provide a Presidents report for 2005.

Treasurer's report

Geoff Lucas, CORA treasurer for 6 months, provided:

- Audit from 2004/5
- Operations & Accounting/Legal should be non-repeating expenses (this should drop for 2006). Will source having filing/accounting done by a smaller (i.e. cheaper) firm.
- Insurance costs- Prorated since insurance is paid mid-year
- Actual insurance costs= increasing by about 20% for 2006 (about \$6500)
- Marketing (primarily web site development will increase with additional functionality)
- IVF Meetings = \$3300 but should be cheaper in future
- Miscellaneous fees 2004 (not fully accounted for until 2005)
 - Hilo sprints were the larger chunk and prize money)
 - CORA cup prize money, plaques, small boat medals
- Balance sheet- cash and term deposits
 - CORA has overspent \$6000 in the last 2 years. With the current fees, the association could be bankrupt by the end of 2006.

Split of sprint/distance costs- Colleen McCarthy- was there a motion last year to identify these separately? (In 2004, it was discussed but not voted on:

It was suggested that a World Championship expenses in future should be handled through separate bank account.

***MOTION TO ADOPT TREASURER'S REPORT (with proposed changes from Colleen for 200 to identify sprint and distance discipline costs separately) made by Pete Forand and seconded by Ross Creasy. Motion carried with all in favour.

Membership Report

Jan Chavarie

CORA Age Groups

	Female	Male	Total
Junior (19 and under)	46	33	79
Open	179	97	276
Masters (35+)	149	116	265
Senior Masters (45+)	146	94	240
Golden Masters (55+)	59	48	107
Undecided	23	12	35
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Junior paddlers largely members of Lotus. Thanks to Lotus for their continued support and development of junior program.

CORA Distribution

Ontario	24
Alberta	37
Lower Mainland	396
Vancouver Island	248
Okanagan	138

Individual and club fees must be paid earlier for coverage, budgeting etc issues. Some late fees from late races, novice programs etc. are unavoidable but we need to be more diligent.

COMMUNICATION REPORT

Dave DelRizzo

- IVF Meetings = \$3300 but should be cheaper in future
- Website- well maintained but need more writers/contributors as this is a community run resource
- Concern about random rants on the message board - policy is to eliminate ASAP if no name associated with message
- Also communication issues between board and club representatives- we need accurate contact info because this was lacking for some in 2005.
- Colleen McCarthy reported on web stats: Average of about 10,000 hits a month. The webpage content is paddler-driven and the hardest job is getting content from the paddlers. Way fewer photos, featured paddlers and stories than last year but the message board activity has increased. It's your web site CORA paddlers – keep it interesting!
- Dave – Reminder that race results can NOT be guaranteed for at least 48 hours! It's the responsibility of race directors to post or send in the results. Errors and omissions are also the responsibility of race directors. Please contact with them with any questions and concerns.

Safety

Adrienne Scott and Sue Milligan

- Introduced the Safety Reference Guide this year. The guide was laminated and mailed out to 16 clubs to post in a highly visible spot. More accurate information is required with clubs and their contacts to provide this to everyone.
- Finishing up the CORA Safety Code which needs advice from Allsport before posting (in January 2006?).
- Future work includes training safety delegates for races, standardizing safety procedures for clubs/races, providing more resources for clubs (Safety boats? Courses?)
- Sue and Adrienne's work acknowledged by all in attendance.

Amend By-Law To Change In Number On Board

Dave DelRizzo proposes changing the current 11 board members down to 7. It has been difficult to get 11 people together for the necessary quorum for meetings. Regional representation is not currently necessary.

***Motion to change number of members on Board of Directors from 11 to 7 and have equal geographical representation made by Dave Del Rizzo and seconded by Pat Pawlett. Motion carried with all in favour.

Current CORA BY-LAWS:

7. Number of Directors: The property and business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of eleven (11) Directors of whom six (6) shall constitute a quorum. Directors must be individuals, 18 years of age or more, with power under law to contract.
8. First Directors: The applicants for incorporation shall become the- first Directors of the Corporation together with the additional Directors set out in the Application for Incorporation whose term of office on the Board of Directors shall continue until their successors are elected.
9. Replacement of First Directors: At the first meeting of members, the Board of Directors then appointed or elected shall replace the provisional Directors named in the Letters Patent of the Corporation.
10. Appointment and Election of Director: Directors shall be appointed or elected for a term of one (1) year at an annual meeting of members. Directors shall be appointed or elected as follows:
 - (a) Before seven (7) days before each annual general meeting each club member shall put forth, by notice in writing to the Secretary, the name of one candidate from that club member to be a Director. Club candidates shall also be members of the corporation.
 - (b) If the number of candidates put forth by club members is less than or equal to ten (10), each candidate shall become a Director at the annual general meeting and the balance of the Directors, if any, required to form the Board of Directors shall be elected by the individual members at the annual general meeting.

- © If the number of candidates put forth by club members exceeds ten (10), all candidates shall stand for election to the Board of Directors at the annual general meeting. Directors shall be elected from those candidates by the individual members at that meeting and shall form the Board of Directors.
- (d) The President elected in accordance with section 24 shall be a director.

Changed to:

7. Number of Directors: The property and business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of seven (7) Directors of whom four (4) shall constitute a quorum. Directors must be individuals, 18 years of age or more, with power under law to contract.
 8. First Directors: The applicants for incorporation shall become the- first Directors of the Corporation together with the additional Directors set out in the Application for Incorporation whose term of office on the Board of Directors shall continue until their successors are elected.
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2006 Board Members

Gabe Somjen and Geoff Lucas - There should be a bylaw for two-year commitments, where there is some overlap between boards. Dave DelRizzo responded that this policy will be developed during 2006 and grandfather it in for next year's AGM. Agreed that board should be as representative as possible with at least one director for each of the 3 main areas: Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and Interior/Alberta.

Nominations:

Steve Palmier (FCRCC)	Lower Mainland
Lisa Robertson (ORPC)	Vancouver Island
Florida Town (unaffiliated)	Lower Mainland
Jan Chavarie (JOCC)	Lower Mainland
Donna Harrison (Gibsons)	Lower Mainland
Cindy Parkin (Lotus)	Lower Mainland
Dave Del Rizzo (PRCC)	Interior/Alberta

***Motion to nominate above for the board of directors made by Tony Pawlett and seconded by Bob Stewart. Motion carried with all in favour.

***Motion to elect Jan Chavarie as president made by Florida Town and seconded by Colleen McCarthy. Motion carried with all in favour.

Sprint/IVF Report

Jacques Godin

WORLD MASTERS GAMES

- o 2005 was the first year that outrigger was in the WMG
- o CORA/CCA/MCA sent a sizeable contingent to the WMG in Edmonton 2005
- o Total paddling participation was about 240 participants in the distance events, 450 in the sprints
- o CCC was involved in organizing the long distance portion
- o Next WMG in Sydney in 2009
- o WMG drew volunteers/paddlers away from Vernon/Howe Sound Downwind Run races
- o High quality of competition: Half of the participants were ex-national team members/medalists

INTERNATIONAL VA'A FEDERATION

2 objectives:

- 1) Develop and implement a selection process for Aotearoa
- 2) Administer the selection process through:
 - a) performance oriented
 - b) participation
 - c) accessibility to process (communication- website info etc)
 - d) simplicity
 - e) standards of time, equipment and venues

Next sprints are in August 2008 in Sacramento CA

Sprint Racing Council

Alan Carlsson, Lorenz Breuchart (IVF rep), Bob Stewart, Joanne Aitken, Karen Dickensen + more.

- o Costs to CORA- about \$300 for the IVF membership

- Previous years have had large costs for sending the IVF rep to the IVF AGM.
- Costs would be the travel expenses to the meetings.

Insurance

Jan Chavarie

Insurance costs increased over \$900 from 2005 to 2006. CORA board members, not club race directors, need to get insurance certificates for individual races. AllSport was getting too many requests from too many clubs

Bob Stewart- what liability does CORA have for people who are not paid up and are involved in an accident? CORA board will contact AllSport for some plain language regarding the policy.

Gabe Somjen - CORA insurance provides third party liability insurance in case paddlers injure someone ELSE. Personal injury to the paddler is not totally covered. Medical expenses are not covered over \$1000 by this insurance. It is critical to ensure that paddlers get extra **appropriate** insurance when racing outside of BC.

Representative Voting

Dave Del Rizzo

Proposes 1 vote per club or certain number of votes per number of paddlers in the club versus the current one vote per paddler. This would force greater representation by club reps, motivate better communication between club members and their club reps, unaffiliated paddlers will have to be looked at.... Would ensure that geographical areas other than the Lower Mainland would be represented. Discussion proposed for 2006.

Budget And Fee Increase

Geoff Lucas

We are fiscally unhealthy which will have to be made up for by an increase in fees. No specific budget is set out because we need to revisit expenses and proposed programs for the future. Need a contingency fund between \$5000 to \$10,000 and currently we have less than \$3000.

Some areas of current spending can be reduced but there are some areas where professional management would be more efficient at reducing costs.

Increase of \$5 will cover shortfalls and another \$5 will increase funding for programs.

Board- Future initiatives could be: coaching programs, clinic programs, technical delegates for officiating and safety, membership database improvements, classified ads on webpage, admin area on webpage (e.g. historical documents)

***Motion to increase CORA fees to \$20 made by Sue Milligan and seconded by Pat Pawlett. Motion carried with a majority.

***Motion to forgive anyone who has already paid (as of Nov.13, 2005) IVF fees/CORA fees (36 of them c/o Hugh Town) to stay at \$10 made by Bob Stewart and seconded by Geoff Lucas. Motion carried with all in favour.

***Motion for Juniorsrs (under 19s) to pay CORA fees of \$10 made by Colleen McCarthy and seconded by Cindy Parkin. Motion carried with all in favour.

2006/2007 Race Schedule

Jan Chavarie

First race is Jan 21 (Lotus)

Most of the schedule is similar to 2005.

Additional races must be applied for 2 months ahead of time throughout the racing season.

***Motion to adopt racing schedule for 2006 as posted made by Sue Milligan and seconded by Dave Del Rizzo. Motion carried with all in favour.

2 Year Schedule

Jacques Godin

A two year schedule will give clubs a better chance to plan ahead while not limiting other registrations. For example, 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro will have outrigger as a demonstration sport. The 2008 IVF World Sprints will be held in Sacramento, California. General consensus for continuing looking into this in 2006 for 2007/08...

***Motion to prepare for a 2-year scheduling plan for 2007-08 made by Jacques Godin and seconded by Hugh Town. Motion carried with a majority.

Cora Cup Series

Jan Chavarie

Jericho won the CORA Cup for 2005. The current point series way too nightmarish that required a computer at race site. New point system will be a much simpler formula based on 5 points for first, 4 points for second, 3 points for third, 2 points for fourth, 1.5 points for fifth and 1 point to all other participating CORA teams. Thanks to Lori Velisek for suggesting the formula.

CORA Cup points will be awarded just to CORA teams – not to blended teams or to teams from other associations. In the small boat race series, points are awarded to all participants, including non-CORA (club) paddlers.

Novices

Jan Chavarie

***Motion to change bylaw from current one year of participation to qualify as a novice to 2 years, with the exclusion of the steer (exempt from number of years paddling to steer for a novice crew) made by Jan Chavarie and seconded by Lisa Robertson. Motion carried with all in favour. Colleen McCarthy to add column to membership database to include year joined.

Current CORA BY-LAW 2.2.1:

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Penticton 2012

Dave DelRizzo

The IVF World Sprints will be happening in Penticton in 2012. Preparations so far include the town and regional district's support. Workings of this event will be under a company run by external paddlers. The boats for the sprints to be made/sold in Canada. Dates to be set by PRCC/company (typically August). May add a long distance event to enhance the experience.

END OF AGENDA

END OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm

Note: Gabe Somjen has promised to chair the 2006 AGM as well! We thank him for chairing a well run meeting this year.

2005 CORA AGM Attendees

Paddler	Club
Florida Town	Unaffiliated
Rick Walkey	FCRCC
Donna Harrison	Gibsons
Sabrina Schwanebeck	Jericho
Colleen McCarthy	Jericho
Leanne Lelievre	Jericho
Hugh Town	FCRCC
Geoff Lucas	Jericho
Tony Pawlett	FCRCC
Denis Belkin	Lotus
Grace Morrissette	Lotus
Jane Yeok	Lotus
Sylvester Lai	Lotus
Bonnie Skobel	Delta
Adrienne Scott	FCRCC
Jan Chavarie	Jericho
Dave Del Rizzo	PRCC
Cynthia Parkin	Lotus
Cathy Lawton	Jericho
Pat Pawlett	FCRCC
Robert Crowe	Jericho
Bob Stewart	Jericho
Doug Mancell	Lotus
Lisa Robertson	ORPC
Gabe Somjen	Jericho
Jacques Godin	Calgary
Michael Jordan	Jericho
Sue Milligan	Powell River
Ross Creasy	Jericho
Pete Forand	Jericho
Edward Sanday	Unaffiliated
Gary Parsons	Jericho
Stewart Nahanee	Unaffiliated
Barbara Alley	Lotus