

## Paddle Alberta Society (1976)

### Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2023

Location: Video Conference

#### 1.0 Agenda

1.1 Call to Order - Vice President Paul Kopjar. 7:13 pm

1.1.1 Introductions & attendance

<b>Attendees:</b>	Karla Handy	PA Program Coordinator
	Keo Ohler	PA Secretary, Treasurer
	Paul Kopjar	PA Vice President, Kuriakos
	Lana Ohler Madsen	HeLa Ventures, PA PC Representative
	Ben Schmidt	PA Member Rep, Pioneer Ranch Camp
	Leah Reid	PA Member Rep, Spirit North
	Priscilla Haskin	Instructor Member
	Ellen Homola	UAPS
	Evan Jones	BWCC
	Tina Barzo	BWCC
	John Bohaychuck	Leduc Boat Club
	Logan Jones	Public
	Kathryn Zimmerman	Ceyana
	Chuck Lee	Pinch - O- Crow Creekers
	Sydney Walsh	UofC
	Willi Whiston	Borealis Canoe
	Karina Tetrault	Warwa
	Kristof Bostoen	Ceyana, Leduc Boat Club
	Steve Holly	Adaptable Outdoors
	Rick Volpel	BWCC
	Colin Taylor	Sundre Paddling Club
	Mark Lund	EPCA , Ceyana
	Louise Weber	Drayton Valley
Neil Martindale	Leduc Boat Club	
Sabrina Ryans	Public	
Donna McKean	Ceyana	
Donna McKenzie	NW Voyagers	
Mike Eaton	NW Voyagers	
<b>Regrets</b>		
	Erik Rusk	PA Education Director, Outdoor Centre

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## 1.1.2 Designation of:

Instructor rep: Logan Jones

NfP rep: Mark Lund

Commercial rep: Lana Ohler-Madsen

<b>1.1.3</b>	<b>Approval and Additions - Agenda</b>
<b>Additions/amendments</b>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Motion to approve the agenda as presented by: Paul Kopjar Seconded by: Ben Schmidt General Vote: In favor <b>Motion Passes</b>

<b>1.2</b>	<b>Approval and Additions - Minutes 2022</b>
<b>Additions/amendments</b>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Motion to approve the Minutes from 2022 Annual General Meeting as presented or amended by: Paul Kopjar Seconded by: Donna Mckenzie General Vote: In favor <b>Motion Carries</b>

**2.0 Executive and Board of Directors Reports**

<b>2.1</b>	<b>Vice President's Report - Paul K.</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Board is putting together some events to increase access to professional development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Flat water Weekend at Twin Lakes Sept 23-25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mark Lund: Charles Burchill coming down for BWCC → <b>could we get involved in that?</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> New partnerships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Partnered with ORCA (provincial advocacy org)</li> <li>● ACA - Maybe we can provide courses for their students</li> <li>● Thinking about extending board terms to increase consistency and board stability</li> </ul>

<b>2.2</b>	<b>Treasurers' Report – Treasurer, Keo O.</b>
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<p>Grants: Casino May 3,4                      Alberta SPAR Annual Operation Grant - Good for 2023, updates coming in early summer after election.                      Audited Financial Statements - Evan Jones and Ben Schmidt did our Audit over zoom.</p> <p>We work with an accountant, but our auditors go over everything                      Haven't had a casino for so long, that's why it is so low. Usually they were in the Fall, but now will have to get used to a new cycle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tough for volunteers because it is the start of "busy season"</li> </ul> <p>Chuck Lee: <b>Should we be putting our general account in GIC?</b>                      - We do have some, it's starting to do better</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will revisit financials with the new board</li> </ul>										
2.2.1	Motion to accept financial report as presented	Motioned by: Keo Ohler Seconded by: Ellen Homola General Vote: In favor								
	Appointment of auditors for 2023: <b>Evan Jones and Ellen Homola</b> can meet over zoom to approve audited reports	Motioned by: Keo Ohler Seconded by: Ben Schmidt General Vote: In favor								
<b>2.3</b>	<b>PSC Report – Karla H.</b>									
<b>Discussion</b>	Detailed stats can be found in the Audited Financial Statements or by emailing Karla Strategic Business Plan was sent out Ongoing goals not completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keeping board members (in-person AGMS could help)</li> </ul>									

	<p>Specific Goals not completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sponsoring remote opportunities</li> <li>- Youth programming (non-competitive) documentation, need to communicate with groups to figure out how to support → <b>will be collecting more data</b></li> </ul> <p>Stats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paid club members: 1,180</li> <li>- Member clubs: 28</li> <li>- Most of the province is represented (based on our zones, NE is underrepresented)</li> </ul> <p>Instructor memberships have gone down since we stopped offering our own instructor courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Should we start running our own courses again to get more people involved?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Could send a survey?</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Our \$300 subsidy can go to 10 instructors, few people apply.</p>
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2.3.1	Paddle Canada Report – Lana Ohler-Madsen
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Don't want to duplicate PC courses</p> <p>Translating manuals</p> <p>Working on getting Youth involved - supporting Get Kids Paddling to lobby for opportunities and find barriers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Holding monthly webinars to get the word out and share ideas</li> </ul> <p>Decrease in numbers after COVID, Alberta did alright but they're starting to come back up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2000 members (third highest)</li> <li>- 17 instructor courses in</li> </ul> <p>Paddle AB button is not mandatory, needs to be consistent across provinces</p>

2.3.2	Other Directors Reports
<b>Discussion</b>	

Motion to accept the board reports as presented by Paul Kopjar:  
 Seconded by: Keo Ohler  
 General Vote: In favor

**3.0 Club Reports, Season Highlights, and News**

<b>Title</b>	<b>EPCA - Mark Lund</b>
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<b>Discussion</b>	Both sites operational after construction projects Weekday evenings are busy and they have a variety of boats - Site could be used more
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<b>Title</b>	<b>Sundre Paddling Club - Colin Taylor</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Friday pool sessions are going well, 3-10 people Starting to prepare for Alberta Summer Games Looking forward to upgrading their boats and equipment

<b>Title</b>	<b>Leduc Boat Club - Neil</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	For Paddle Canada Courses we had one Canoeing Basics (three students) and one Waterfront Instructors Course (five students). If you ran any SUP Clinics I am not sure.  In terms of Groups 34 Different Groups (mostly School from Grades 5-12) Dragon Boat, Canoe, Kayak, and Standup Paddle Board.  700 Youth-Students and 126 Adults -Teachers, EAs, Parent Volunteers, Principals, and Scout Leaders. Noteworthy: UofA Pediatric Residents, 1 Scout Troup (Cubs and Scouts), High School Hockey Academy, and several groups of teachers on their PD day for Dragon Boating.  Paddling tank, meant to simulate a bench canoe - <b>consider them for winter programming</b>

<b>Title</b>	<b>Drayton Valley - Louise</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Worried about Canadian Heritage Rivers, the reporting seems to be shady (misrepresentation and misinformation) People need to think critically and read it before endorsing She has made a 14 page report about her concerns  27 members, 2 guests Hoping for a beginner's event with a hired instructor

<b>Title</b>	<b>NW Voyagers - Mike Eaton</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Membership going back up 120/130 people Equipment is located in Edmonton now and getting used more  Touring kayak program is very popular

<b>Title</b>	<b>BWCC - Evan Jones</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	Goal: 50 trips this summer - Looking for more coordinators to run trips - Focused on safety

	<p>Own fleet of boats          Casino funds go to youth school programs through RMPC          Older demographic but some families joining</p>
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<b>Title</b>	<b>Borealis - Willi Whiston</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Had an incident with two fatalities, appreciated PA's support            Voyageur canoe has been getting out            Glow paddle event was a success</p> <p>New board, getting ready for the season</p>

<b>Title</b>	<b>UAPS - Ellen</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Found a new pool for sessions            Focusing on training instructors, SFL grant            Cut back on summer programming due to lack of instructors but hoping to be up next summer</p> <p>4-5 families in youth program, small children learning to paddle</p>

<b>Title</b>	<b>POCC - Chuck Lee</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>100 kids through summer day camps            7-11 on the lake, 11-16 on the rivers</p> <p>Three Rivers back on after Covid! Went well last year, hoping for higher numbers this year</p> <p>15-25 people a week in pool sessions</p> <p>140 ish members            Working with local Indigenous groups to run youth programming            Kidsport and return to play supporting youth            Canada parks is working with them to maintain flows below the dam</p> <p>River access discussion meeting coming - Working with MD for opportunities</p> <p>Looking for another summer staff</p>

<b>Title</b>	<b>Ceyana</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>104 participants            17 weekend trips            Big Canoe fitness program            Peace river brigade participants            Rundle park free program brings hundreds of people</p> <p>Free new Canadian programs</p>

	Indigenous youth programming
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#### 4.0 Election of Board Members - Vice President, Paul K.

##### Board Nomination Overview and Election:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Slate of Officers</b>	<b>Further Nominations for Election</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Open for nominations</b>	Paul Kopjar	Paul Kopjar
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Open for nominations</b>		
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Open for nominations</b>	Ben Schmidt	Ben Schmidt
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Open for nominations</b>	Willi Whiston	Willi Whiston
<b>Education Director</b>	<b>Open for nominations</b>	Sydney Walsh	Sydney Walsh
<b>Safety &amp; Touring Director</b>	<b>Open for nominations</b>		

<b>Environment Director</b>	Mike Horembala <b>Willing to Stay</b>		Mike Horembala
<b>Paddle Canada Rep</b>	Lana Ohler-Madsen	Appointed by Paddle Canada	Lana Ohler-Madsen *Sabrina Ryans is interested
<b>Instructor Rep</b>	<b>nominations</b>	Logan Jones	Logan Jones
<b>Member at large</b>	<b>Open for nominations</b>		Keo Ohler
<b>Member at large</b>	Leah Reid <b>Willing to stay</b>		Leah Reid
<b>Motion:</b> Paul Kopjar <b>Seconded:</b> Mike Eaton <b>General Vote:</b> In favor <b>Motion Passes</b>	<b>Officers elected by affirmation</b>		

**4.2 Motion to Approve Executive Signing Authorities for Casino Account**

Motion to approve **Karla Handy, Paul Kopjar, Sydney Walsh, Benjamin Schmidt** as executive signing authorities for the Paddle Alberta Casino Account.

made by: Paul Kopjar

Second: Ben Schmidt

General Vote: In favor

**4.3 Motion to Approve Executive signing authorities for the General Account**

Motion to approve **Karla Handy, Paul Kopjar, Sydney Walsh, Benjamin Schmidt** as executive signing authorities for the Paddle Alberta General Account.

made by: Paul Kopjar

Second: Ben Schmidt

General Vote: In favor

**5.0 New Business**

<b>5.1</b>	Proposed Budget
<b>Discussion:</b>	Budget was sent out for approval



<b>Motion:</b>	Motion to approve the proposed budget as distributed prior to the meeting	Motioned by: Keo Ohler Second: Colin Taylor General Vote: In favor

<b>5.2</b>	2023-2025 Goals and Business Plan	
<b>Discussion:</b>		
<b>Motion:</b>	Motion to approve the 2023-2025 goals and business plan as presented	Motioned by: Paul Kopjar Second: Colin Taylor General Vote: In favor

**6.0 Schedule Next AGM Meeting -**

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

**7.0 Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM

Made by: Paul Kopjar

Seconded by: Keo Ohler

General Vote: In favor

**Motion carries**