

## Paddle Alberta Spring AGM

Date: April 11, 2024; Location: Zoom 7pm-9pm

## Minutes

## 1.1 Call to Order - President, Paul Kopjar 7:13 PM

1.1.1 Introductions and Attendance		
Attendees:	Karla Handy	PA Executive Director
	Keo Ohler	PA Member at Large
	Paul Kopjar	PA President, Kuriakos
	Lana Ohler Madsen	HeLa Ventures, PA PC Representative
	Ben Schmidt	PA Treasurer, Pioneer Ranch Camp
	Leah Reid	PA Member Rep, Spirit North
	Sydney Walsh	PA Education Director - 4H
	Logan Jones	PA Instructor Rep, U of C Outdoor Centre
	Mike Horembala	PA Env Director, Instructor Member
	Glni Beaumont	Yowochas
	Alison Jones	Borealis Paddling Club
	Corbin Holm	HeLa Ventures Instructor, Edmonton Whitewater Paddlers
	Lori Davis	Rocky Canoe Club
	Dale Kislelyk	Nature Life Adventures
	Colleen Kiselyk	Nature Life Adventures
	David Stirling	Borealis Paddling Club
	Henry Madsen	HeLa Ventures, Edmonton Public School Board
	Angie Schroderus	Rocky Canoe Club
	Neil Martindale	Leduc Boat Club
	Roberta Martindale	Leduc Boat Club
	Jamie Burdon	HeLa Ventures
	Evan Jones	Bow Waters Canoe Club
	Mark Lund	Ceyana, EWPS
	Kate Neigel	UAPS
	Elaine Tamboline	Drayton Valley Paddling Club
	Steven Weimer	Calgary Junior Forest Wardens
Lloyd Bradley	Borealis Paddling Club	
Emily Lyseng	UAPS	
Mary Fitl	Ceyana, Edmonton Paddle Club	
Bruce Milne	Ceyana	
Jon Bohaychuk	Leduc Boat Club	
Regrets:	Willi Whiston	PA Secretary, Borealis Canoe

**1.1.2 Designation of:**

Instructor rep: Logan Jones  
 NfP rep: Mark Lund  
 Commercial rep: Dale Kiselyk

<b>1.1.3</b>	<b>Approval and Additions - Agenda</b>
<b>Additions/amendments</b>	None
<b>Motion:</b>	Motion to approve the 2024 Spring AGM agenda as presented by: Paul Kopjar Seconded by: Dale Kiselyk General Vote: In favor <b>Motion Passes</b>

<b>1.2</b>	<b>Approval and Additions - Minutes from April 13, 2023</b>
<b>Additions/amendments</b>	None
<b>Motion:</b>	Motion to approve the Minutes from 2023 Annual General Meeting as presented by: Paul Kopjar Seconded by: Keo Ohler General Vote: In favor <b>Motion Passes</b>

**2.0 Executive and Board of Directors Reports**

<b>2.1</b>	<b>President’s Report - Paul K.</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Working on giving clarity to clubs and members about our processes</li> <li>● Adjusted staffing structure, Karla is an executive director now</li> <li>● Looking for people to join committees and the board                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committees working on clear terms of reference and budgeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Considering meeting in person for strategic planning (Fall AGM with elections and volunteer awards will be in person)</li> </ul>

<b>2.2</b>	<b>Treasurers’ Report – Ben S.</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Casino raised \$83,724, lasts until 2026</li> <li>● Need to use the money so that we can get the same amount (can only use it on specific expenses)</li> <li>● PAR grant was successful for 50% of all expenses in 2 installments</li> <li>● Transitioning banks to ATB, hoping they will be more accommodating of personnel changes and remote signing authority</li> </ul>	
<b>2.2.1</b>	Motion to accept <b>Treasurer’s Report</b> as presented	Motioned by: Ben Schmidt Seconded by: Colleen Kiselyk General Vote: In favor

		<b>Motion Passes</b>
<b>2.2.2</b>	Motion to approve the <b>upcoming budget</b> for 2024 as presented	Motioned by: Ben Schmidt Seconded by: Bruce Milne General vote: in favor
<b>2.2.3</b>	Appointment of auditors for 2024: <b>Mark Lund and Alison Jones</b> can meet over zoom to approve audited reports	<b>Motioned by:</b> <b>Seconded by:</b> <b>General Vote: In favor</b>

### 2.3 Executive Director and Other Directors Reports

<b>2.3.1</b>	<b>Executive Director's Report – Karla H.</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a hard time with filling and keeping board positions, proposed bylaw changes should help</li> <li>• New specific goals will change the structure of meetings to be more committee driven</li> <li>• In-person strategic planning meeting</li> <li>• Education committee will work on clarifying instructor upgrade subsidy (up to \$300 matching for recerts → want to help more people with the rising costs of courses)</li> </ul> <p>Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need everyone to report, PAR wants to see over 1000 members</li> <li>• Instructor membership is down</li> </ul>

<b>2.3.2</b>	<b>Paddle Canada Alberta Rep Report – Lana Ohler-Madsen</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to prioritize Camping courses, numbers are down</li> <li>• SUP is growing!</li> <li>• Lana is stepping down, elections are open online - PA members will get a link</li> <li>• PC AGM will be on Sunday Apr 14, 2024</li> </ul>

<b>2.3.3</b>	<b>Environment Director Report - Mike H.</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnering with LNT to run workshops and provide resources</li> <li>• Shoreline cleanups, need member orgs to organize clean ups</li> <li>• Trash treasure hunt for prizes from Aquabatics</li> <li>• Throne program has changed, permitting process is more difficult, but working on it</li> <li>• Looking for committee members!</li> </ul>

<b>2.3.4</b>	<b>Education Director Report - Sydney Walsh</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsored waterfront instructor event for camps in different parts of the province. Will be in the South this spring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PA sponsors the IT fees</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking for committee members</li> </ul>
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<b>2.3.5</b>	<b>Instructor Rep Report - Logan Jones</b>
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructor upgrade subsidy cannot be used for a PA sponsored event,</li> <li>No longer need to do the volunteer hours to qualify for subsidy</li> <li>MW Maintenance clinic May 10-12 at Kananaskis river</li> </ul>

**4.0 New Business**

<b>4.1</b>	<b>Motion for approval of proposed PA 2024-2026 Budget - Ben S.</b>	
<b>Discussion:</b>		
<b>Motion:</b>	Motion to approve the proposed budget as distributed prior to the meeting	Approved: See <b>2.2.1</b>

<b>4.2</b>	<b>Motion for approval of proposed PA 2024-2026 Strategic Business Plan - Paul K.</b>	
<b>Discussion:</b>		
<b>Motion:</b>	Motion to approve the proposed Strategic Business Plan as distributed prior to the meeting	Moved: Paul Kopjar Seconded: Neil Martindale Vote: In favor <b>Motion passes</b>

<b>4.2</b>	<b>Motion for approval of proposed Paddle Alberta Bylaw changes - Paul K.</b>	
<b>Discussion:</b>	<p>Proposed change to 4.1.3. line 6 suggests that members should be elected to the board without a specific position, then assigned to roles on the following Board meeting.</p> <p>Some concern about the effectiveness of this, as people want to know what role they are signing up for.</p> <p>This has worked for other boards who have a "Personnel Committee." New board members will be found and nominated beforehand. The goal of this is to save time at the AGM by having a proposed group of members ready. Once elected, the new board will discuss and approve roles.</p>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Motion for proposed Paddle Alberta Bylaw changes with the exception of 4.1.3 line 6 - Paul K.	Moved: Paul Kopjar Seconded: Neil Martindale Vote: In favor <b>Motion passes</b>
<b>Motion:</b>	Motion to approve 4.1.3 line 6 as presented.	Moved by: Paul Kopjar Seconded: Logan Jones Vote: <b>Motion Withdrawn</b>

<b>Action Item:</b>	Review best practices used by other boards. Discuss proposed change further and vote at the Fall General Meeting.
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### 5.0 Election of Officers — Paul K.

Position	Slate of Officers	Status	Further Nominations for Election
<b>President</b>	Paul Kopjar	Open for nominations	Paul Kopjar
<b>Vice President</b>		Open for nominations	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ben Schmidt	Open for nominations	Ben Schmidt
<b>Secretary</b>	Willi Winston	Open for nominations	Keo Ohler
<b>Education Director</b>	Sydney Walsh	Open for nominations	Sydney Walsh
<b>Safety &amp; Touring Director</b>		Open for nominations	
<b>Environment Director</b>	Mike Horembala	Open for nominations	Mike Horembala
<b>Paddle Canada Rep</b>	Lana Madsen		New Rep to be determined by Paddle Canada this spring.
<b>Instructor Rep</b>	Logan Jones	Open for nominations	Logan Jones
<b>Member at large</b>	Keo Ohler	Open for nominations	
<b>Member at large</b>	Leah Reid	Open for nominations	

### 5.2 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: Mike Horembala

Second: Mark Lund

General Vote: In favor

**5.3 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

**5.4 Education Committee Members**

More information to be sent out, will be discussed in the Fall.

**5.5 Environment Committee Members**

More information to be sent out, will be discussed in the Fall.

**5.6 Safety and Touring Committee Members**

More information to be sent out, will be discussed in the Fall.

**6.0 2024 Fall AGM: Date: October 26 2024**

**7.0 Adjournment - Declared at 9:20 PM**