

Paddle Alberta Spring AGM

Date: April 10, 2025; Location: Zoom 6:30pm

Agenda

1. 6:35pm - Call to Order & Welcome – Vice President
 - Paul – Welcome – call to order 6:35pm.
 - Introductions of board.
 - Housekeeping – use camera when speaking, use react button to vote or use chat
 - Recognition of attendees:
 - Quorum – 50% or 8 members

30 participants online

- Logan Jones, U of C, Instructor Rep
- Lori Davis - Instructor
- Mary Fitl - Ceyana
- Matthew Webber - CVBS
- Mike Horembala – Environment Director
- Mike Saunders – Instructor
- Nadine Burdon - HeLa
- Priscilla Haskin – Haskin Canoe
- Rick Volpel – Bow waters Canoe Club
- Sabrina Ryans - Instructor
- Steven Weimer - CJFW
- Janet Smith - FORRA
- Karina Tetrault – Camp Warwa
- Kate Neigel – UAPs
- Kyle Stuart - UAPs
- Lana Ohler-Madsen – HeLa
- John Bohaychuck– Leduc Boat Club
- Tina Barzo – PA VP and Bow Waters Canoe Club
- Paul Kolpjar – PA President
- Karla Handy – PA Executive Director
- Ben Schmidt – PA Treasurer, BWCC
- Blaine Bell – Calgary JFW
- Chuck Lee – Pinch-O-Crow Creekers
- Donna McKenzie - NWV
- Helen Zyrun– Drayton Valley Paddling
- Henry Madsen - HeLa
- Neil Martindale – Leduc Boat Club
- Sidney Walsh- PA Ed Director, 4H
- Mark Lund- EPCA
- Donna McKean, Ceyana

2. Introductions & Recognition of Delegates - Declaration of Quorum
 - Recognition of Delegates and voting representatives
 - Designation of Instructor Rep, Not-for-Profit Rep(s), & Commercial Rep
 - Announcements on meeting logistics.
 - Instructions to voting delegates. Extension of voice (without vote) to all others.
 - Note that we can conduct a vote by secret ballot upon request.

3. 6:45pm - Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: 1 KATE NEIGEL 2 DONNA MCKEEN

Approved / Carried

4. 6:47pm - Consent Agenda (requires unanimous consent) - Note that any item can be removed from the consent agenda and discussed in the meeting.

Motion - That the Association consent to adopt the following items without debate: BEN SCHMIDT / LOGAN JONES – Approved / Carried

Item 5 - Review and adoption of the AGM Meeting minutes, Oct 26, 2024

Item 6 - The Association recognizes the members of the Board for their service over the past year.

Item 7 - That the President's Report be received as information.

Item 8 - That the Committee Reports be received as information. The Association extends its gratitude to all those who have volunteered over the past year on Committees as described in reports.

Item 9 - That the Executive Director's Report be received as information.

Item 13 - That Paul Kopjar, Tina Barzo, Ben Schmidt, Sydney Walsh, Mike Horembala, Logan Jones continue on the PA Board in the positions presented.

Item 14 - That Paul Kopjar, Ben Schmidt, Karla Handy, Sydney Walsh continue as signing authorities for the Casino Account.

Item 15 - That Paul Kopjar, Ben Schmidt, Karla Handy, Sydney Walsh continue as signing authorities for the General Account.

5. *Review and adoption of the Oct 26, 2024 AGM minutes.

6. *Recognition of Board Members 2024-2025

Executive and Board of Directors Reports (Directors may still speak briefly to their reports)

7. 6:55pm - *President's Report – Paul K.

8. 7pm - *Committee Reports

a. *Education Committee

Sid/Logan – terms of reference. Re-evaluating how events are handled. PA can't run a lot of events. Need assistance from clubs, instructors, etc. Created an online form for requests for events. Also created an SOP to distribute it equitably. One camp came forward and hosted waterfront courses. May 3rd, May 31-June 1 – subsidized courses. Camp Warwa. Will be sent out by email (Corina).

b. *Environment Committee

Mike – Strategy and plan meeting with the committee – piloting trip porta-loos with Bow Waters Canoe Club, WildCat Island replacement of outhouse, trash treasure hunt, leave no trace promotion and outreach with Mike and Tina – Master Educators. Train trainers. Aquatics Invasive Species. Advocacy. Alberta Lake Management Society – attended meeting. Let clubs know about the trash treasure hunt and prizes. June 5-8 – Haskin Canoe – LNT Master Educator Course on Lakeland Canoe Circuit.

c. *Safety & Touring Committee

No one is on this at this time – looking to fill up this committee.

9. *7:10pm - Executive Director Report

- Stats presentation based on strategic plan – see link.
- Goals – completion rate shared (ongoing and new)
- ToR for committees
- Board streamlined with committees working
- Updated instructor maintenance subsidy
- Trash to Treasure hunt
- Focused on club support, instructor support, strategic partnerships, committee projects
- Stats 2018-2024 – instructors = 50% of the actual instructors in Alberta, are taking out the \$10 PA membership – a bit of a disconnect especially with SUP.
- 2024 – slow year for instructor level courses
- Org members – normal (and number of members of org's need to be kept over 1,000)
- 2024 “not a bumper year”
- Two of PA's biggest roles and budget:
- Insurance for clubs
- Credit based org subsidy program
- AGLC changes = better things coming! Especially for property / D&O insurance
- Special Subsidy for funds that are needing to be spent, leftover
- Common Club Expenses – courses/volunteer training, web hosting, advertising, electronic waivers (in that order)
- Dream – PA supports more cost of courses, and make more efficient like “one waiver” etc
- Covering whitewater kayak courses – new!
- KEY TO ALL OF THIS – we need more help – on committees and board

- Kyle comment – pool costs, also promote the needs through club membership emails / social media

Motion to accept the above reports: 1 KYLE STUART 2 MARK LUND – carried/approved

Financial Picture

10. 7:15pm - Presentation of the 2024 Financial Year – Ben S.

Motion to approve 2024 PA Audited Financial Statements and budget for 2025-2027

NEIL MARTINDALE 2 HENRY MADSEN – approved/carried

= stable funding (SPAR and casino)

Casino funding a bit wonky based on when they are done and our fiscal year, means an under-utilization of the casino funding

We need to spend an overage – deadline to apply April 17, to be spent by end of this year

Next casino – 2027 and will affect our budget again

Budget presented – see documents (spreadsheet)

Thanks to Ben!

(Volunteer auditors for 2025 will be appointed at the Fall AGM)

11. 7:20pm - Presentation of the 2025-2027 Budget

Motion for proposed PA 2025-2027 Budget for approval.

Ben S

Strategic Plan

12. 7:30pm - Presentation of the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan

Motion for proposed PA 2025-2027 Strategic Business Plan for approval/accept it for information.

1 SABRINA RYANS 2 KYLE STUART– approved/carried

Paul. K. – presented this as our plan which was in consultation with member orgs.

From broad to specific. Invitation to everyone to review and submit comments.

Election of Officers—Paul K.

13. *Election of Officers:

Call for nominations

- Goal is to make it manageable
- 2 year terms
- Board meets 6 meetings/year
- Committees – 4 meetings/year – 1 year term

Also feel free to share with your organization member to attract

- HENRY MADSEN – member at large – accept
- MATTHEW WEBBER – willing to stand

Motion to approve Henry and Matthew as members of the board

1 LOGAN JONES 2 MIKE HOREMBALA – carried/approved

Positions:

Position	Slate of Officers	Status	Further Nominations for Election
*President	Paul Kopjar	Filled	
*Vice President	Tina Barzo	Filled	
*Treasurer	Ben Schmidt	Filled	
Secretary		Open for nominations	
*Education Director	Sydney Walsh	Filled	

Safety & Touring Director		Open for nominations	
*Environment Director	Mike Horembala	Filled	
*Instructor Rep	Logan Jones	Filled	
Member at large		Open for nominations	
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7:40pm - Call for nominations to open positions.

Motion to elect or acclaim nominated individuals.

14. *Motion to approve executive signing authorities for casino account

Leave it as is who can sign.

1 HENRY MADSEN 2 MARK LUND– carried/approved

15. *Motion to approve executive signing authorities for general account

1 LANA MADSEN 2 LOGAN JONES– carried/approved

16. **7:45pm - Call for Committee Volunteers**

- a. **Education Committee Members**
- b. **Environment Committee Members**
- c. **Safety and Touring Committee Members**

17. **7:50pm - 2025 Fall Community AGM Announcement:** October 2025, date to be announced. We would like to have an overnight gathering somewhere with a chance for some paddling together. Perhaps October 4-5? Brief reflections from folks, and we'll

follow up.

- Subcommittee to plan this event – any volunteers?
- Call for any announcements from those in attendance

18. 8pm - Thank you and Adjournment

Declared adjourned at 7:59pm