

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday November 8, 2010 at 7:00pm
Southshore Community Centre
205 Lakeshore Rd, Barrie, Ontario



M I N U T E S

Present: Thirty two voting members

1. YEAR IN REVIEW

Marilyn Clark welcomed members and gave a report on behalf of Bonny Campbell - President for the past year, summarizing the year's activities and future plans and directions for the Club. Marilyn was seeking direction where we as members want to go with the club in the next 1-3-5 years.

2010 Accomplishments

2011 Plans

Bring forward to 2011

Paddle night rules to be posted in boathouse (large sign)

Instructors will manage own online administration for ORCKA courses

Hike Ontario – Wilderness Day Trip Leader Course

Wilderness First Aid Course

Orienteering/GPS course

Look at:

- Our strategic direction... where do we want the club to go and how do we get there
- the structure of Board of Directors/Coordinators.. How to make it work better
- how to get more members involved in Coordinator positions/volunteering
- how to get feedback from our members on all of the above!

2011 Decisions:

-Kids in Canoes and Kayaks Program ran in 2005-2006 – Equipment purchased to support program which has not been used since. There has been no one to lead programming targeted to children specifically. Does the membership support running programs designed to introduce children to canoeing and kayaking? If yes, do we have someone interested and qualified to lead such a program? If not, what is to be done with this equipment?

-Voyageur equipment stored in workroom – decision needs to be made whether to keep it to support future voyageur reenactment events, or donate (e.g. Benches, cook pot, etc.)

-Records Management – we have paper records over seven years old which need to be kept for historical reference or disposed of (e.g. history of Voyageur Rendezvous events, club minutes and publicity records, etc.)

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2. DIRECTORS / COORDINATOR REPORTS

Coordinators gave reports on their area of responsibility; including accomplishments during the past year and hopes for the future as follows:

Courses

Jean-Marc, Course Coordinator, reported there were thirteen (13) graduates for the Wilderness First Aid courses offered, three (3) Moving Water, sixteen (16) basic Canoe, eight (8) level 3-4 canoe, Sea Kayak, Coastal level 1, as well as Certified Hike Leader Course.

There were no tripping courses held this year. Need people interested & people to run courses. Please advice if interested. Trip leader course costs can be refunded to Instructors with Board approval. Looking for Course Coordinator for 2011.

Tripping

Ross Rutley, Tripping Coordinator for the past 4 years reported that there were originally 35 trips planned for 2010 which increased to 40 by end of season. There were 25 Flat Water Canoe trips, 10 Moving Water, 4 Sea Kayak trips listed, as well as the Wednesday Paddles that were listed as one event but ran on several Wednesdays throughout the season. There were also many private trips and short notice trips. One short notice trip was recently added for next Saturday, Nov 13th.

Ross presented Tim Horton's gift certificates to all the leaders of trips to thank them on behalf of the club. Includes: Ed Irwin, Bob Miller, John Rankin, Marilyn Clark, Mary Cavanagh, Mike Harrison, Fred Schwartz, Ozzie Marion, Abby Gomez, Cheryl & David Stoltz, Helen Craig, Hanne Nielson, Ross Rutley, Kim Gate, David Walsh. Standing for 2011.

Flat Water

Mark Molasy discussed some accomplishments in 2010. He was able to repair the Canoe Trailer, organize wiring harness to trailer. He assisted with flatwater courses & helped Ross organize the film festival. Will not be standing in position, but is hoping to do some trip leading.

Moving Water Kayak

Mike Harrison reported there were not as many trips as hoped due to low water levels. Hoping to promote more kids trips. They are our future. Has added some boats to our fleet including a Shooting Star for smaller paddlers 40 – 80 lbs as well as boats for 80-120 lb paddlers. Sold a few of our older boats & replaced some. Now have 4 for 180-220 lbs, 3 for 160-180 lbs, 2 for 220-300 lbs and 3 smaller boats for children. We should now be able to accommodate all ages & sizes. Mike is standing for 2011 as Moving Water Kayak coordinator

Moving Water Canoe

Bob Miller reported that spring season was basically over in March due to the low water levels. Hopeful for 2011. Not as many trips in 2010 as he would have liked due to conditions. Moving water canoe & kayak trips are usually joint, but we only had canoes on two moving water trips this year. 3 camping trips were scheduled, one was converted to a flatwater trip because of the water levels, both others had low water conditions but still everyone enjoyed

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the trips. 2011 priority is to hope for lots of snow to make spring conditions better. He wants to start up some skills sessions to allow those with only basic MW I to gain experience and join more trips. Bob is trying to work on his certification to lead moving water trips.

We have a great selection of tandem canoes, most can be rigged for solo as well. We have only 1 dedicated solo boat which is quite old. Long term goal is to get more solo boats. Short term we should look at getting a few better quality WW paddles. Bob is standing as Moving Water Coordinator for 2011.

Equipment

John Rankin Thanked Mark Molasy for all his work in fixing trailer. Reminder that any BCKC Member can use the Barrie Rowing Club for exercise. BCKC stored dock to ensure room for exercise equipment.

2 Swift Canoe repairs completed on front seats. Reminder not to stand on the seats. Several Kayaks had been reported with broken pedals; however they were just stuck & easily fixed. Club was reorganized this year, purchased new PFD's, all hung on wall now. New racks to organize repair of dock, purchased 2 paddle board paddles. Hopes to do a day of instruction for those wanting to learn in 2011. Wednesday evening paddles were just as successful as Monday nights this year. Great turnouts. Made a suggestion to have a Kayak Polo on Wednesday evening next year. Possibly build another rack – stand. Big waiting list for people to store boats. John is standing as Equipment coordinator for 2011.

Sea Kayak

David Walsh took on position of Sea Kayak Coordinator as well as instructor this past year. Offered new courses, got several new faces involved. All his students did well. David made himself available most paddle nights to help paddlers improve their skills, & to promote kayaking. Noted that the kayaks are the first boats to go out every night. Would like to have some workshops in 2011, get people out to learn more about Navigation, GPS & shared Services. Not a course, just skills clinics to hone skills, practice maneuvers, & David would like to lead a lot more trips in 2011, especially for beginners. He would like to update the fleet & get more boats, safety equipment. Great year & hope for another one next year. Standing as Coordinator for 2011.

Voyageur

Scott Schneider not present. Standing for 2011

Publicity / Special Events

Susanne Hamilton not present. Standing for 2011

Website / Newsletter

Carl Buchheit's 3rd year of looking after our website /newsletter. His mission Statement – to put some fun into it. Proud to have worked on several things including the database for membership with Ron Good, Accurate Membership print outs, the sign at the boathouse. He kicked up the newsletter a notch. Carl thanked everyone for their great photos & stories submitted to him. He has been working closely with Susanne the Publicity Coordinator who is

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very enthusiastic. He has prepared several slide shows with awesome pictures, has helped Ross Rutley with the Reel Paddling Festival including the setup for online sales of tickets which was very successful.

Program

Abby Gomez Thanked John for MC'ing several presentations. Reviewed speakers in 2010 as follows:

January - Jim & Ted Baird - Beauport Sea Expedition

February - Ian Merringer - ex-editor of Canoeeroots

March - Gord Haggart - ORCKA President talked about Thelon River trip

April - Julia Jennings - 2 months in NWT / Nunavut with teenagers

May - Tom Jacobs - Native presentation including Pow Wow dancing

September - Corn Roast

October - BCKC presenters

Asked for suggestions for speakers for 2011 meetings

Membership

Janice Stevenson came on as Coordinator in Feb 2010. Had a smooth year working with Ron & Carl. She has found it very rewarding.

284 Members this year; of which 113 were new members.

Resources

Marian Stockdale – Thanked members for all the positive feedback on new products introduced. Asked us to check out the new line up of samples on the resource table & provide feedback. Have new logos for the club in different colours. Marian would like to get a cart to make it easier to transport books on meeting nights. Marian's Goal is to continue to keep us well read and well dressed in 2011. 2011 calendars look great and will be available for sale at the Christmas Party on December 13 and also at our January meeting. Marian is standing as Resources coordinator for 2011.

Volunteer

Charlotte reported for Sandy as she was unable to attend. A huge Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers! You are the heart, soul and muscle behind our club. Without you, we wouldn't exist! Many many volunteers took on a large variety of jobs – trip leaders, cleaners, coffee conveners, paddle night workers, barbecue chefs, boat scrubbers, snowshoe and hike leaders, executive members and so on. We can be and are proud of the programs and activities we sponsor and run – the Reel Paddling Festival, mall displays, Celebrate Barrie, daytrips and multi day paddling trips and training courses, to name just a few.

Our challenge is to get every member participating, to share the load – in a small or large way, in the day to day functioning of our club. We need you and want you as a volunteer. We invite you to get involved! Come share your talents, whatever they may be.

Recommendations for 2011

- 1) Create a Paddle Night Coordinator which is separate from Volunteer coordinator's role. This person's role is solely facilitating paddle nights.

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2) Assign a chairperson / coordinator for Celebrate Barrie.

3) Make the Paddle night sign up sheet available on our website

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 9, 2009

A copy of minutes provided to members in attendance. Motion made to approve. There were 32 voting members in attendance.

Mover: Bob Miller

Seconder: Suzanne Rankin

Carried

4. TREASURER’S REPORT (**MOTION**)

Ron Good, Treasurer, made a motion to accept financial report presented.

Mover: Ron Good

Seconder: Marilyn Clark

Carried

5. ACCEPTANCE OF ACTS AND DEEDS (**MOTION**)

A motion for approval of the Acts and Deeds of the Directors was made.

Mover: Mike Harrison

Seconder: Mark Molasy

Carried

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (**MOTION**)

Motion to close nominations was made by Suzanne Rankin and seconded by Ross Rutley.

Carried

Motion to accept the nominees as presented was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Marian Stockdale. Carried

Marilyn introduced the 2011 Directors as:

President:	Abby Gomez
Vice-President:	
Treasurer:	Ron Good
Secretary:	Marilyn Clark
Directors-at-Large:	Charlotte Piprell Lisa McBride Carl Buchheit
Past President (ex-officio)	Bonny Campbell

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COORDINATOR POSITIONS

- Courses –
- Membership – Janice Stevenson
- Tripping – Ross Rutley
- Equipment – John Rankin
- Flat Water –
- Moving Water Canoe – Bob Miller
- Moving Water Kayak – Mike Harrison
- Sea Kayak – David Walsh
- Voyageur – Scott Schneider
- Program – Jean-Marc Roy
- Resources – Marian Stockdale
- Publicity / Special Events – Susanne Hamilton
- Newsletter / Website – Carl Buchheit
- Lindsay Burger (assisting)
- Volunteers – Charlotte Piprell

7. SURVEY RESPONSES

Posted a board for members to respond to questions & provided 3 sticky notes to members, to respond to survey questions.

- 1) **Green** What is your primary reason for being a member of the BCKC?
- 2) **Pink** What programs or opportunities would you like to see offered over the coming year(s)
- 3) **Blue** Additional Comments

These responses will be reviewed by the Board at the joint incoming/outgoing executive meeting to ensure we are meeting our member's needs & goals.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Party – Monday December 13th @ 6:00 pm Southshore

Joint Meeting of Outgoing/Incoming Directors and Coordinators – Sunday December 5th
@ 1:00 – 4:00pm – Abby Gomez' home (Pot Luck)

9. ADJOURN (**MOTION**) *Motion was made by Lisa McBride.*