

## **Waterwerks Kayak Club Society**

### **Report to the AWA AGM, January 29, 2007**

*submitted by Ian Jobe, President, Waterwerks Kayak Club Society*

*Development plan for 2006 encompassed the following goals:*

- 1/ to recruit more members
- 2/ to deliver more programming for both recreation and competitive paddlers
- 3/ to develop our members and volunteers through education and certification
- 4/ to gain access to local facilities, e.g., temporary slalom gates to facilitate our paddlers to train in Calgary when travel to the Kananaskis or other locations is not convenient

We have not been able to achieve all of these goals but we have been successful in developing the foundations for future success in several areas. It is a targeted goal for 2007 for the new Board to lead the development of a Strategic / Long Range Plan for the Waterwerks Kayak Club (WKC).

#### *2006 Highlights:*

- Hosted Rapid Magazine's Reel Film Festival at BWCC (April)
- Spring programs (April-June) for both introduction to kayaking, intermediate and advanced sessions conducted
- National WW Slalom Canoe / Kayak Team Trials (BC, June) – good participation from club athletes
- US Tour (slalom) / Junior Olympics / NA Championships (July-August) – good participation from club athletes
- Alberta Summer Games (July) – 8 WKC athletes participated collecting several medals in all events
- National WW Slalom Canoe / Kayak Championship (Ontario, August) – good participation from club athletes
- National Freestyle Team Trials (Ontario, August) - WKC athlete placed 4<sup>th</sup> in JrM category
- Freestyle World Cup (Ontario, Sept.)– first ever AB JrM athlete participant from WKC
- Equipment Purchase Plan initiated
  - purchased boats / boat trailer using grant awarded by Parks Foundation Calgary
  - equipment fund account growing through fund-raising efforts
- Development of Collaborative Relationships with Calgary Area Paddling Stakeholders
  - closer communication / relationship building with *Calgary Canoe Club* and *Bow Water Canoe Club* developing;
  - WKC is represented on the *Parks Foundation Calgary, Harvie Passage Stakeholders Committee*;
  - closer relationship with *Undercurrents* paddling shop developing to compliment existing relationship with *Aquabatics*
- Two (2) club Whitewater Canoe / Kayak athletes accepted into the *Calgary Board of Education / Calgary Olympic Development Association (CODA) National Sport School* (Grades 9-12)
- Club Coach / Paddler Development Plan initiated
  - AWA Technical Level I / Trip Leader training for youth and adults (6 Level 1 candidates)
- Membership
  - 50 Members [37 adult + 13 junior]
  - Current WKC Club membership is required for participation in any club events as membership includes coverage by the AWA's insurance policy.
  - Club programming is augmented by AWA and AWA-sanctioned weekend events and camps.

**Going forward into 2007 for the WKC:**

At the 2006 Annual General Membership Meeting in December, the 2007 Board was elected;

President	Ian Jobe
VP Adult	Heather Manning
VP Youth	Lynn Jobe
Treasurer	Marilyn Lyons
Secretary	Bruce Vincent
Director	Sue Azofiefa
Director	Lahav Wolach

We welcome back many Board members into the 2007 Board and thank them for their continued support, enthusiasm and commitment to the Club.

*Club Awareness / Membership Drive*

We are planning for a series of events for the March-April time frame to enhance club awareness and increased club membership. This encompasses several initiatives:

- General Meeting in March (slide show, social, general meeting)(date to be finalized)
- Booth at the Advil Outdoor Show in Calgary March 31-April 1
- Rapid Magazine Reel Film Festival in March / April (date to be finalized)

*Key Priorities:*

- a. to deliver more programming for both youth / adult recreation and competitive paddlers
- b. to develop our members and volunteers [youth / adult] through education and certification
- c. to gain sustainable access to local facilities, e.g., temporary slalom gates to facilitate our paddlers to train in Calgary when travel to the Kananaskis or other locations is not convenient
- d. to enhance Board effectiveness and capacity
  - i. identify & develop key policies and procedures,
  - ii. optimize Board / committee structure,
  - iii. update by-laws / objects,
  - iv. enhance effectiveness of program planning and implementation,
  - v. enhance communication
  - vi. develop vision, mission, values and long range strategic plan
- e. to enhance the effectiveness of Fund Development in the club – policies, procedures, budgets, roles & responsibilities. WKC will also be submitting an application to the ALGC for a Charity Casino in Calgary.

Measurement of Success:

Success in advancing on 2007 Goals will be evident in two ways:

1. increased member satisfaction (e.g., as measured through a survey), increased membership (#'s) and member's engagement in club activities (paddling and organizational)(e.g., as indicated through level of volunteerism, participation); and
2. increased cash flow over previous years through fund development initiatives

All in all, it is gratifying to see the young people grow and develop into competent, talented young adults. A solid foundation is in development and things are looking good in the future to enable growth in membership and programming for all WKC members. Waterwerks has much of which to be proud!

**2006 Rosslyn Outdoor Club Kayakers  
Part A: Edmonton Report  
January 27, 2007  
AWA Annual General Meeting**

Edmonton based club activities included:

- Kayaking Basics courses for Scout groups, adults, families and youth.
- AB Summer Games preparations for Zone 5 and Zone 6 [Edmonton]:
  - training sessions from April to July held at Scona pool, Rundle Park Paddling Centre and Quesnell Bridge river site.
  - Coaches included Chris Murrie [STEP Grant student], Amy Paran, Brad Steinbring, Loïc Letailleur, Tess Tickner, Rena Murrie
  - Everyone enjoyed the Innisfail pre-SGames Camp. *Thanks!*
  - 32 youth attended training sessions and Team Trials for both zones.
  - Zone 5 had 7 youths attending the AB Summer Games; thanks to Jean Botterill [chaperone] and Chris Murrie [coach]
  - Zone 6 [Edmonton] had 17 athletes attending ASG; thanks to Loïc Letailleur, Pam Steinbring [chaperone] and Brad Steinbring [chaperone/coach to special needs athlete]
  - Medal results at the Games included 13 Gold, 4 Silver, 1 Bronze for Zone 6 and 1 Gold medal for Zone 5

Challenges: A number of youth were not able to attend the AB Summer Games due to family holidays, concerns about lack of experience with moving water [no ww nearby] or age concerns for the younger youths. Another concern is instructor availability for 2007 ROC programs. Limitations of time due to work or other interests and health issues [injuries] are a problem.

Benefits: ROC received an AWA Club Grant [\$1800.] for youth programs and instructor development costs. Loïc Letailleur and Tess Tickner completed the NCCP Theory class. Loïc, Chris Murrie and Rena Murrie attained their Level I NCCP full coaching accreditation. A STEP Grant [\$1906.] was used for Chris Murrie's coaching and instruction for courses and ASG youth preparations. Though unable to take part in the Grand Prix [Travel AB not included in 2006], course fees, training fees, ASG equipment rentals and membership provided funding. ROC Kayakers has 66 members.

Greg Hunter will provide the **ROC Kayakers Part B: Field Report**

Rena Murrie  
ROC Kayakers

## **Annual Report – January 2007**

### **Pinch-o-Crow Creekers Kayak Club**

#### **Winter Pool Sessions**

Another successful season of winter pool sessions with 93 participants during the season. A new twist this year was the training of pool staff members to teach kayaking in the pool for school and community groups. This was enthusiastically endorsed by the Pool Manager as a new program that they could offer to the public when the club instructors were not available.

#### **Spring Idaho Trip**

The annual Easter trip was to western Idaho and the Montana this year. 6 juniors joined Chuck and two parents on a fun-filled week of paddling on the Salmon, Little Salmon, Clearwater, Lochsa and Clark Fork Rivers. Warm weather combined with good variety of easy and harder rivers made this a great jump on summer.

#### **Club Coach**

Roxane Labelle joined the club in May for 4 months to work with our junior racers, club novices, summer day camps, Alberta Summer Games team and the Provincial Team members. Great building year for the racing program and we see several younger paddlers ready to race this year on the provincial circuit.

#### **3 Rivers Whitewater Rendezvous**

The club hosted another successful rendezvous this year with over 100 paddlers coming from across the province and BC to paddle on the Crow, Castle, Carbondale and Oldman Rivers. We were surprised by a large contingent of novices this year, so we added several lake sessions to our repertoire. Great weather and good water levels made this event a hit with the crowds.

#### **Boulder Run**

Funding for the reconstruction of this site damaged in the 2005 flood has been more difficult to come by but should be in place this winter. Part of the gates have been reset but there is substantially more work to be done at this time. There is talk about rebuilding the slalom site to have a dual – mirror image race course for head to head match racing.

The club has leased a building on this site but we need to get doors and windows on the building to secure lockup on site for our club boats and equipment. This will then become our HQ for club programs. It has a warm water pool site, slalom course, freestyle wave and educational training sites.

#### **Summer Day Camps**

The club ran 3 Summer day camps this year which proved very beneficial to new paddlers from around the province and from our region.

### **Alberta Summer Games**

The club dominated the Zone 1 team and with the help of one Medicine Hat paddler we had a full team + 1 that did very well at the games in all classes and in all events. Our best ever team medal count for Zone 1.

### **Nationals**

The club only sent 2 paddlers to Nationals this year and they both performed well and are poised to do better this coming year. It was disappointing that 5 other juniors/cadets did not join the Pincher contingent at Nationals as it would have been a great experience for them. Unfortunately other commitments kept them from going this year.

Hopefully we will be able to send a squad of 6 or more paddlers to BC in 2007.

The post Nationals tour on the Ottawa, Rouge and St Laurent were also a popular hit with the 9 kids who stayed on with Roxane for some extra paddling.



**Bow Valley Kayak Club**  
**www.kanpaddle.ca**

## **Club Report for 2006**

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2006 was the Bow Valley Kayak Club's 2nd full year of operation as a club. The club had 30 members, including 18 youth members.

### **Highlights:**

#### **Rescue Course**

- Instructed by Ray Menzies, certified swiftwater rescue instructor
- Free to club members
- Held on the Kananaskis River
- Attended by 4 adults and 8 kids

#### **Novice Kayak Sessions**

- Held on the Rundle Canal & Kananaskis River
- Coached by Saskia van Mourik (NCCP Level IV) and Chris McTaggart (NCCP Level I)
- Special sessions organized to get girls interested in kayaking, particularly for the Alberta Summer Games

#### **Mid-week Slalom & Freestyle Training Sessions**

- In conjunction with the Waterwerks Kayak Club
- For intermediate – advanced youth paddlers
- Coached by Scott Feindel and Brendan Curson

#### **Alberta Summer Games Zone 2 Trials for Canoe/Kayak**

- Hosted by BVKC, held on the Rundle Canal
- Novice slalom and downriver races
- Zone 3 trials held at the same site

#### **NCCP Level 1 Coaching Course**

- coached by Saskia van Mourik
- BVKC subsidized fees for youth
- Attended by 5 participants

#### **General**

- Hosted the local premiering of *Grayscale*, produced by KayakWest, featuring a BVKC member, free to the public, opportunity to promote the club, donated a copy of *Grayscale* to the public library
- Club members helped out with the many events held by WSAA over the summer, and also with some of TAK's activities
- Purchased 3 fibreglass slalom kayaks, which have been much appreciated by many club members
- BVKC members played canoe polo regularly. During the year there have also been sessions of kids polo. Members of the club help with and participate in these sessions.

*January 25, 2007*

EDMONTON WHITEWATER PADDLERS  
REPORT TO THE AGM 2006 OF THE ALBERTA WHITEWATER ASSOC.

1. The EWP has not been a member of the AWA since 2002, but as a result of the reinstatement of canoe polo as a paddling discipline in the AWA and the inclusion of canoe polo in the Alberta Summer Games of 2006 and, our Executive has voted to rejoin the AWA.
  
2. In the interlude of time between then and now, our Club has continued to participate in a variety of paddling activities summarized here for 2006.
  - Pool sessions begin in the fall (usually) October and continue until May. In those sessions we have a strong instruction program taught in freestyle boats for people interested in river paddling or sea kayaking. Canoe polo training went on regularly at Kinsmen two days a week co-existing with a lessons program and four mini-tournaments were held at Coronation Pool on selected Saturdays. These were recreational tournaments where individuals entered, balanced teams were drawn up and games were played.
  - Canoe polo remains a major activity in the winter pool sessions and we use canoe polo to develop paddling skills in beginner classes very successfully. We also try to book two or three wave pool sessions at West Edmonton Mall for the enjoyment of experienced members as well to introduce beginners to current and waves.
  - In 2006 our membership was down a bit from the previous year to ~150 members.
  - A contributing factor in the drop-off was the fact that the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre with its three pools closed for renovations in May of last year and will remain closed probably to July of 2007. We have been relegated to the Peter Hemmingway Recreation Centre (formerly Coronation Pool) and have cut our pool time from 6 hours (in all three pools at Kinsmen) to 3hrs in one pool at PH for this year. We simply do not have the pool capacity to carry on at the same level as in previous years.
  - River trips this year were somewhat attenuated and focused on introductory trips with beginners from classes taught during the winter.
  - Sea kayaking either out to local lakes or on other inland seas was missed in 2006 due to time constraints. They are in the plans for 2007 along with more river tripping.
  - The EWP has had an extremely busy year in canoe polo, which was tied to the fact that a large portion of the Canadian Team to the Worlds this past year in Amsterdam, the Netherlands came from our Club. The Canadian Teams (a men's, women's and men's U21 teams were made up of 20 members of the EWP including 7 on the U21 Men's Team (of 9), 6 on the women's team (of 8) and 2 on the men's team (of 9) plus coaches and managers for all three teams. Selection camps, training camps and the trip itself occupied a considerable amount of the summer of 2006. The trip in Europe, which included teams attendance a 2-3 tournaments and training in Europe at different sites followed by the World Championships was a memorable experience for many of canoe polo playing members.

- The EWP has been involved in the organization of several major paddling events including the World Masters Games in 2005, our own Cup of the North since 2000, considered the premier canoe polo event in the Western Hemisphere, a “Worlds Test Competition and Continental Cup in 2007 and the World Canoe Polo Championships in 2008 to be hosted in Edmonton in July.
- Despite intensive canoe polo activity “off shore”, the EWP felt a strong obligation to support the 2006 Alberta Summer Games which it did with equipment including boats, helmets, PFDs and paddles for the canoe polo event. EWP also contributed its organizational experience to the schedule of the canoe polo event and its experienced members to refereeing duties, scoring and coaching for both the Zone 5 and Zone 6 teams.
- For the past several years we have shared our Clubhouse on the N. Saskatchewan R. with the Greater Edmonton Sprint Club and regular sprint training for several of our members has been a part of summer training. The EWP maintains a sizeable sprint fleet including k-1s, k-2s and a K-4.

In summary the EWP remains a very active paddling club, with its members participating in whitewater, canoe polo, sea kayaking and sprint activities.

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EDMONTON WHITEWATER PADDLERS



## ALBERTA WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION

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### Presidents Report AGM 2007

Last year was a difficult year. Our administrative director resigned in January and we had only minimal services on Administration for most of the year. We were also without a Technical Director until after the summer. The situation improved in the fall with the hiring of past employee Mike Sandomirsky on a limited basis, and Saskia Van Mourik as TD.

Saskia has proven to be a valuable self starter. The executive was unable to recruit a Treasurer, and initial efforts at finding an accountant failed. We now have a bookkeeper in place and accounting is up to date.

On the positive side we again hosted a successful Alberta Summer games, and all zones qualified for full trials funding. Thanks and congratulations to Cottonwood Kayak Club as the host club, and to Dan Groeneveld as the local sport representative. Summer Games is always a huge undertaking, and we truly appreciate the organizers and volunteers for making it again a success.

We held a Casino in November at the Palace Casino in Edmonton, where workers were on strike. We are awaiting the proceeds.

Personally most satisfying is to see the growth and strength of WSAA. As intended, Slalom is better supported now as an independent member association. With the support of AWA, WSSA has secured \$30,000 annually towards a high performance coach, and has just been approved for a Casino in Calgary in 2008.

The bylaws committee of which I am chair essentially did no work on this task. While I have drafted a modified version from Sprint BC, it is not complete and has not been circulated.

There have been great strides made in Education in Alberta, and I commend Susan Azofeifa, Rena Murrie, Chuck Lee, and Saskia for their efforts.

We need to find an Administrative director on a more permanent basis, and a treasurer. With these positions filled, and under Saskia's leadership I believe AWA will grow substantially in the next year.

Respectfully  
Gordon Murrie

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### **Director of Facilities and Environment**

The AWA was involved in a number of facility projects this year including the reconstruction of Canoe Meadows Slalom Site on the Kananaskis River, planning for the Harvey Passage – Weir Reconstruction on the Bow River, and reconstruction of the Boulder Run Slalom Site on the Oldman River.

#### **Canoe Meadows**

The flood of 2005 damaged prior years river work on the Kananaskis and the LKRUA, ID #5 and the AWA were successful in obtaining flood damage relief funding for this site. The AWA utilized their portion of the funds on several projects at Canoe Meadows slalom site.

1. Remove sediments in most of the eddies
2. Rebuild the beach area at Miami,
3. Reposition rocks that were moved
4. Add additional rocks

We also worked on upgrading the slalom gate system in the midway stretch of the race course.

Work still required for the future is to:

1. finish all slalom gate system from top to bottom with posts and Cliffside trapezcs.
2. Upgrade beach walkway from cartwheel corner to Notch.
3. Add additional rocks to first straightaway to add more bounce to river
4. Add additional rocks on edge of larger eddies to create more variety moves
5. Upgrade lower slide area to create more challenge

Total cost will run up to \$40,000 to complete all this work. A substantial portion will be provided by a CFEP grant but will require matching labor and dollars from the AWA.

#### **Harvey Passage**

The Calgary River Valleys Committee in conjunction with the Province of Alberta, City of Calgary and the Parks Foundation continues with planning required for this project. The Harvey Passage will eliminate the deadly weir trap on the Bow River in downtown Calgary and make it easy and simple for all boaters to safely run the river. This will be accomplished with the creation of 2 channels from the weir downstream. The larger channel will have 5 different drop structures that will be designed for playboaters and whitewater enthusiasts. The smaller channel will be designed for canoes and tubers to easily slip downstream.

This project will be completed for 2008. Open House is being held at the Zoo on Monday, January 29 at 5:00 PM. \$6.5 Million in funding for this project has been secured and construction will begin in the fall of 2007.

**Boulder Run**

Funding for the reconstruction of this site damaged in the 2005 flood has been more difficult to come by but should be in place this winter. Part of the gates have been reset but there is substantially more work to be done at this time.

**Indoor Whitewater Park**

Edmonton paddlers have been looking into developing a feasibility study for the construction of an indoor whitewater park that could become a world class attraction for northern climate cities.