

Meeting Minutes

Alberta Whitewater Association
2017 Annual General Meeting

January 29 2017

10 am – 4 pm

Chair – Kurtis Broda

Secretary – Kim Casemore (Jason Gunthorpe absent)

Bass Pro Shop, Iron Mills Shopping Center

112 – 261055 Cross Iron Blvd

Rocky View AB

Attendance

Name	Organization
Denis Jasinsky	Bow Valley Kayak Club
Michael Geertsema	Bow Valley Kayak Club'
Mark Taylor	Alberta Whitewater Association
Lori Davis	Rocky Canoe Club
Mark Lund	Ceyana Canoe Club
Gregg Buchanan	Aidrie Kayak Club
Blaine Walker	Paddle Junkies
Aibert Antuoquia	Paddle Junkies
Kim Casemore	UAPS
Dwayne Boylan	UAPS
Joel Gervais	UAPS
Kate Neigel	UAPS
Lindsey Walburger	Bow Waters Canoe Club
Lorie Travis	Bow Waters Canoe Club
Tom Jacklin	Bow Waters Canoe Club
Emil Ohler	Waterwerks
Mike Holroyd	Waterwerks/ASCK
Kurtis Broda	UAPS
Giffin Symko	UAPS/AWA/AFKA
Nathan Muir	Sundre Paddling Club
Chuck Lee	Pincho Crow Creekers / AWA
Gillian Stanley	Aidre Kayak Club

Informal Discussion

10:15 – Introduction of attendees

10:20 – Update on Harvie's Passage (Mark Taylor)

- Aiming to open to public for 2018 with some testing to occur this summer
- Discussion on parking, beach area, river access, and slalom gates

10:28 – Canoe Meadows campground (Chuck Lee)

- Bookings open on Feb 15
- Income was down this year
- Working with Alberta Parks to remove dead trees posing safety risks
- Questions on storage at campground and BBQs/propane

10:43 – School in Pools (Lori Davis)

- Went to 7 communities for grades 4-8. Boats were left for 3 weeks in each community. AT the end of the year boats were given away
- Program went well, will try to get another grant to continue program for another year
- Questions on where participants came from, how long the program is, and if there is plans to move groups out of the pool

11:00 – Membership Review (Kurtis Broda)

- Discussion on how people sign up and cost of membership
- Need membership numbers with AWA to increase grant funding

11:25 – Overview of Events and Schedule (Chuck Lee)

11:44 – Update on Leaders and Instructors (Mark Taylor)

1. Call to Order (Quorum of 25% of 11 clubs met)

- See attendance above

2. Approvals

2.1. Motion to approve agenda by Mark Lund, seconded by Tom Jacklin

2.2. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2016 Annual General Meeting by Mark Taylor, seconded by Giffin Symko

2.3. Motion to approve the Audited 2015 Financial Statement with amended changes for HP funding grant by Mark Taylor, seconded by Michael Holroyd. Audit performed by Kate Neigel and Andrew Ladle

3. Reports

3.1. Club Reports

3.1.1. Bow Valley Kayak Club (Michael Geertsema)

-Cut membership prices which helped increase number of members

-Goals are to have more leaders certified

3.1.2 Sundre Paddling Club (Nathan Muir)

-30-40 members with weekly river runs. Need key leaders to keep trips running

3.1.3 Rocky Canoe Club (Lori Davis)

-47 people, a third are youth

-Host pool sessions and outdoor sessions for canoes, kayaks, and SUPs

3.1.4 Ceyana Canoe Club (Mark Lund)

-instructors trained under CKC

-major project is upgrading the website so only members can sign up for programs

-Up to 200 members. Many signed up from paddle nights at Rundle park in the summer

3.1.5 Aidre Kayak Club (Gillian Stanley)

-Biggest obstacle is getting pool access. Currently have once every two weeks but only 7 spots available

3.1.6 Paddle Junkies (Blaine Walker)

-96 members

- Main goal is getting new paddlers out on river. Had 15 official trips last summer.
- Would like to get a trip lead certified with level 3 to increase rivers they can run on
- Had turnover of executive this year

3.1.7 Bow Waters Canoe Club (Lorie Travis)

- 210 members with 54 official trips last year
- major project is a new website. Struggles are finding volunteers

3.1.8 Waterwerks (Emil Ohler)

- 97 members
- Participated in All sport one day in June with city of Calgary. 150 kids participated in 1 hour sessions.
- Pool sessions were successful, usually full
- Ran slalom nights, Toonie Tuesdays to get people out in summer. Also ran an instructor program for youth (couldn't certify them but was successful)

3.1.9 UAPS (Giffin Symko)

- 147 members registered last year
- Ran intro lessons, roll clinics, playboating clinic, polo/stroke improvement, youth programs with schools, and weekly 2 hour pool sessions
- In summer had BDP, WPP, CKC level 1 & 2, swift water rescue, and wilderness first aid

3.1.10 Pincho Crow Creekers (Chuck Lee)

- New logo, also aquired some new gear
- Transition with slalom racers, no fulltime coach this summer
- Pincher creek fest went very well with help of other clubs volunteering

3.2 Director Reports

3.2.1 President – Kurtis Broda

- Biggest concern was legal issue concerning the precious work on the Kananaskis
- Harvies passage was another big project
- Looking into new policies (volunteers, concussions)
- AFKA was re-instated

3.2.2 Vice President – Christine Haylock absent

3.2.3 Treasurer – Giffin Symko

- 2015 Financial Report audit

3.2.4 Facilities and Environment – Tom Jacklin

3.2.5 Education and Development – Mark Taylor

- Nothing new to report

3.2.6 Communication and Marketing – Michael Geertsema

- Working on newsletter for AWA

3.2.7 Recreation Development – Eric Lund absent

3.3 Discipline Director Reports

3.3.1 ASCK - Mike Holroyd

- Highly competitive athletes, lots of programming across Canada
- Lots of involvement in the various kayak festivals

3.3.2 AFKA – Giffin Symko

- 5 people on the board of directors, started up this year
- Would like more representation from across the province
- Involved in Carbondale race at Pincher Creek and Brierlies festival
- Working on a freestyle clinic for this coming summer

3.4 Executive Director - Chuck Lee

- A lot of time working with Alberta Environment for 2014 Kananaskis repairs

- Alberta summer games participation down, some clubs were not able to send any athletes. Grand Prairie is host for 2018
- Looking at getting a festival trailer that would be available to clubs for events

4. Old Business

4.1.1. Alberta Sport Connection Funding

- Need members to sign up with AWA to be able to increase funding

4.2 Membership Rates

Motion by Kurtis Broda to leave membership fee at \$1, seconded by Tom Jacklin
Board member vote of 4 for and 2 against, motion carries

5. New Business

No new business to report

6. Elections for the 2017 Board of Directors (Kurtis Broda)

6.1. Election of Directors

Vice President – Dennis Jasinsky

Treasurer – Kate Neigel

Facilities and Environment – Joel Gervais

Secretary – Kim Casemore

Director at Large – Tom Jacklin

3 calls for nominations (3:20)

Declare by acclamation that nominations are accepted

6.2 Election of Auditors

Motion by Kurtis Broda for Bow Waters Canoe Club to perform 2016 Financial Report audit,
seconded by Mark Lund. Motion passed

6.3 **Motion** by Kurtis Broda confirming the Discipline Directors, seconded by Michael Geertsema

7. Adjournment at 3:26