

SOUTH NIAGARA CANOE CLUB
(hereinafter called the Corporation)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the Corporation held at the Welland Civic Centre, 60 East Main Street, Welland, Ontario beginning at 7:00pm.

1) Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Notice of meeting (filed with the province)
- Approval of 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes
- Annual Report
- Motions
 - To accept the 2016 financial statements
 - To appoint accountants to prepare the 2017 financial statements
- Election of Board Members
- Other business

2) Constitution of Meeting

- With the unanimous consent of the meeting, the Commodore of the Corporation, Brian Roy, acted as Chair and Kathleen Reardon acted as Secretary of the meeting.
- A quorum of the membership being present, the meeting was decided to be regularly constituted.

3) Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting. Moved by Brenda Arndt. Second by Sharon Oates. All in favour. Motion passed.

4) Annual Report

- Strategy – to introduce more people to paddling sports:
 - Via Kids Camp
 - Via Brock Dragon Boat Team
 - Via rebranding our canoe kayak programs
 - Via expanding the programs offered e.g. PaddleAll
- Communication – WildApricot and social media can be better utilized to the Corporation's benefit
- Fundraising
 - Volunteer stipends have helped our income, grants are specific and restricted to purpose
 - Alternative forms of fundraising are needed
- Strategic Plan is needed!
- Goals and Performance
 - 2017 has the most members yet for the Corporation
 - There was the addition of a new recreational dragon boat crew in 2017 as Hope Floats survivor and supporter crew was split into a Breast Cancer survivor only crew (Hope Floats) and a women's only crew (Waves of Women).

- Kids Camp membership has increased. In 2018 camp will be offered at Welland International Flatwater Centre (WIFC). Campers will need indoor space for rainy days.
- The goal is to develop into a safe space and a good “club” where kids can hang out.
- Financial Highlights
 - New Build –The new build was largely funded by our first private grant from Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC).
 - Three main sources of funding for the Corporation in 2017 included the MEC grant, volunteer stipends/fundraising, and boat/club rentals.
 - An additional source of funding for general revenue is membership fees.
- Moving day – to be determined. We will need many volunteers!
- Governance – thanks to the current Board of Directors for their work.

5) **Financial Statements for 2016**

- This is not an audit which is costly.
- We have many new assets which is a positive sign of growth for our club!
- Motion to accept the financial statements for 2016 as prepared. Moved by Annie Eckhardt. Second by Sue Humphries. All in favour. Motion passed.

6) **Appointment of Accountants**

- Motion to appoint DJB Chartered Accountants (www.djb.com) to prepare the financial statements for the Corporation for 2017. Moved by Ian Tate. Second by Sally Rennick. All in favour. Motion passed.

7) **Election of Board Members**

- Our bylaws allow for up to 15 Board Members. There are 12 people applying to the Board.
- Motion to acclaim the applicants to the Board – Annie Eckhardt, Sue Humphries, Steve Levkoe, Tracey Pigeon, Lindsay Sale, and Anonymous – and the returning Board members – Brenda Arndt, Lynda Bridgeman, Liz Guitard, Emily Johnson, Kathleen Reardon, and Ian Tate – as the Board of Directors for the Corporation. Moved by Brenda Arndt. Second by Claire Caron. All in favour. Motion passed.

8) **Other business**

- Question from Doug Jones: what happens to the money the Corporation paid into the PenFinancial Credit Union Flatwater Community Centre building where the club currently resides? The money is not refunded to the Corporation. But a financial benefit is seen in our favourable lease of land at WIFC for \$2 for 20 years.
- In the future, there are hopes to run a University Dragon Boat Race in the fall in 2019.

9) **Termination**

- There being no further business, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be terminated at 7:50pm.

Brian Roy, Commodore

Kathleen Reardon, Secretary