



## The Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Save the date: SNCC's AGM is on March 31, 2022 from 7:00-8:00pm via ZOOM.

The ZOOM link will be: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83095690987>

Please check your emails for the message from SNCC to register your attendance or to designate your proxy to vote in your absence. All members of SNCC are permitted and encouraged to attend the AGM. Only members 18 years and older and also in good standing can vote at the AGM.

The agenda for the AGM includes:

- Reviewing the activities of the club from October 2021 to November 2022.
- Reviewing the financial status of the club and the auditor's report for the year ending October 2021.
- Electing the SNCC Board of Directors.

Please be a part of this short meeting and share any questions, concerns, or ideas that can help build and strengthen our club.

## Join the Board of Directors



Three to five volunteers are welcome to join our Board of Directors at the AGM on March 31. Send in your nominations or your intention to join the board to [registrar@sncc.ca](mailto:registrar@sncc.ca).

What does being a Board member entail? Board meetings are a minimum of 1 -2 hours once per month for 10 months of the year. Board members can serve a one-year or up to a six-year term. Succession planning is key over the next eight months; two of our current board members will be stepping down in November 2022, with two more stepping down in November 2023.

The current Board of Directors intend to continue serving: Brenda Arndt, Tracey Pigeon, Mark Swan, Elizabeth Guitard, Annie Eckhardt, and Carolyn Swan. Thank you for your service!



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So you can **stay connected** with SNCC and its members.*

# Board of Directors - Job Descriptions

Here are brief descriptions of the various roles of the Board of Directors, as well as other roles that support the Board and SNCC. These are unpaid, volunteer positions.

## OFFICERS

**Commodore:** The Commodore is the Chief Executive Officer of SNCC.

- presides at all general meetings of the club and of the Board.
- compiles the Annual Report.
- responsible for external communications.
- represents the Club at Western Ontario Division (WOD), Canoe/Kayak Canada (CKC), and Dragon Boat Canada (DBC) meetings when the Vice Commodores are not available.
- assists with budget preparation.



Serving since November 2016, **Brenda Arndt** is the current Commodore, term ending November 2022. Brenda will remain on the board as an ex-officio non-voting member until November 2023.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commodore (Head of Canoe/Kayak):** This role is responsible for all canoe, kayak and outrigger programs offered by SNCC, represents SNCC at WOD and CKC meetings, and presides over meetings of the Board and membership when the Commodore is not available.



Serving since November 2017, **Tracey Pigeon** is the current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commodore, term ending March 2022, can extend to November 2023

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Commodore (Head of Dragon Boating):** This role is responsible for all Dragon Boat programs offered by SNCC, represents SNCC at DBC meetings, presides over meetings of the Board and the membership if the Commodore and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commodore are not available.



Serving since March 2020, **Mark Swan** is the current 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Commodore, term ending March 2024, eligible to extend to March 2026.

**Treasurer:** This role receives all monies due to SNCC, ensures payment of all SNCC bills, manages and keeps proper records of all revenues and expenses, produce monthly financial statements, co-ordinates year-end audit, assists with budget preparation, and prepare a report for the Annual General Meeting



Serving since November 2017, **Tracey Pigeon** and **Annie Eckhardt** are the current Treasurers, term ending November 2023.



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**Registrar:** The Office of the Registrar is currently open. This role is responsible for the registration of all members, collection and recording of the appropriate fees for membership, delivers the appropriate lists of members as required by the appropriate sport governing bodies (e.g. WOD, CKC, DBC).

**Secretary:** This role keeps a true record of all meetings of the Canoe Club and of the Board and distributes the Agenda and Minutes of each meeting to all Members of the Board, conducts correspondence and internal communication under the direction of the Commodore and/or the Board.



Serving since November 2016, Elizabeth Guitard is the current Secretary, term ending March 2022, eligible to extend to November 2022.

Other roles:

**Directors at Large:** attend Board of Director meetings prepared to discuss all matters before the Board. Currently, **Carolyn Swan**, is eligible to serve until November 2025.



**Safety Officer** Not necessarily a Board member, this person is responsible for ensuring that SNCC is a Safe Space, physically safe and accessible as well as mentally and emotionally safe. During the pandemic, this role took on new responsibilities e.g. developing a Pandemic Plan to submit to the City of Welland.



**Volunteer Coordinator** Not necessarily a Board member, this person ensures that relevant events at the WIFC have volunteers from SNCC e.g. regattas. This role also tracks the volunteer hours of members.



**Fundraiser Coordinator** Not necessarily a Board member, this person works with crews and coaches to identify specific fundraising goals e.g. a war canoe, stable crew boats, and works with the membership to achieve these goals.

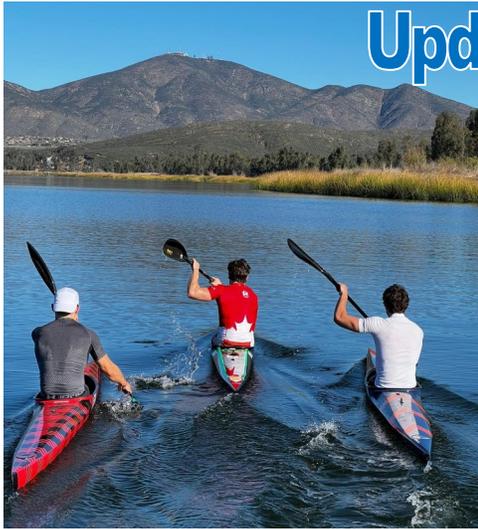
**Media Coordinator** Not necessarily a Board member, this person will receive training to actively update and manage SNCC's website, FaceBook, Instagram, and YouTube to ensure a consistent message is shared with the membership and with the general public through various social media.



**Social Coordinator** Not necessarily a Board member, this person organizes social events for crews and for SNCC throughout the year e.g. SNCC's Annual Awards Banquet.



# Updates from Canoe Kayak Canada



*Photos from Canoe Kayak Canada's Facebook page.*



Posted on FaceBook February 11, 2022: Sprint National Squad Training Camp in Chula Vista, California, near San Diego. Fifty talented athletes and support staff paddling towards @canoe\_2022 and Paris Olympics 2024. #wepaddle #PaddletoParis #canoe #kayak #teamcanada

# Updates from Winter Training



*High Performance group at Crunch Fitness in Welland.*

While it's not the same as training in California, SNCC athletes are still working hard.



*Masters at WIFC.*



*Photos provided by Brenda Arndt.*



*High Performance group at WIFC.*

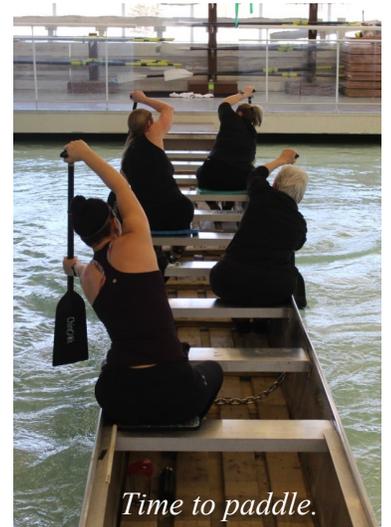
# More Winter Training at WFC



*Pictures provided by Brenda Arndt. Canal Dragons at WFC.*



*Coach Gwen encourages correct form.*



*Time to paddle.*

## Upcoming Events

This list is not yet finalized. More events to come and a lot can change with Covid restrictions.

May 2-5, 2022: Sprint (Canoe/Kayak) National Team Trials #1, Dartmouth, NS.

May 29, 2022: Women's Dragon Boat Festival, Brampton, ON.

June 11, 2022: Welland Dragon Boat Festival, Welland, ON.

June 24-27, 2022: Sprint (Canoe/Kayak) National Team Trials #2, Montreal, QC.

August 15-20, 2022: Canada Summer Games, Welland, ON.

August 18-21, 2022: Canadian Dragon Boat Championships, Montreal QC.

August 23-27, 2022: Sprint (Canoe/Kayak) National Championships, Shawinigan, QC.

August 28, 2022: CANMAS, Shawinigan, QC.



# OCSRA - Athlete of the Month

From OCSRA's (Ontario Canoe Sprint Racing Association) Facebook page, December 2021.

**Austin Pigeon** from @southniagaracanoecub is our [#AthleteOfTheMonth](#)! Check out Austin's athlete profile.

Name: Austin Pigeon

Age: 17

Discipline: Men's Canoe

Home Club: South Niagara Canoe Club

Years on the Ontario Team: 3 years

Words I Live By: I don't live by words, but by action.

Actions speak louder than words.

Reasons I love paddling: It pushes me to my limits, I am always challenged to get better! I also really like the paddling community.

A goal that drives me: Representing Canada at the Olympics!

Favourite Canoe/Kayak Legend: Richard Dalton

Favourite race memory: Winning a silver medal in C4 at Olympic Hopes 2021, with Emile Bouvier, Viktor Hardy and Peter Bradley!

Favourite Instagram follow: @ckosprint

Hidden Talent? Eating copious amounts of food and holding my breath for 3 minutes

What is one thing on your bucket list? Skydiving

Photo from OCSRA's Facebook.



## Hope Floats

Brenda Arndt  
Gina Cirillo  
Lynda Lemon  
Mary Morrow

## Canal Dragons

Veronique Bedard  
Heather Denoncourt  
Heather Fairley  
Christine Fournier  
Liz Guitard  
Dorise McMorland  
Sharon "Oatie" Oates

## Developmental

Eryn Davis  
Jennifer Konderka

## Developmental Plus

Isaac Zimmerman

## High Performance

Austin Pigeon



## Masters

Marie-Jeanne Monette  
Alan Wright

## ParaCanoe/Kayak

Cameron Clark

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Pictures and story ideas for **The Catch** can be emailed to Kathleen: [kat\\_reardon@hotmail.com](mailto:kat_reardon@hotmail.com)



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