

**Paddle Manitoba  
Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**March 2, 2023 7:00 pm**

**Virtual – Google Meet**

ATTENDEES: Rita Tully, Jeff Vincent, Sandy Hudson, Leanne Vincent, Chris Randall, Alex Koiter, Bill Morgan, Cameron, Charles Burchill, Clarke Wilke, Donna Kurt, Dusty Molinski, Dwayne Dosch, Eric Gyselman, John, Kevin King, Lesley Gaudry, Marc Payette, Sharon Touchette, Sharon, Tim Lutz, David Lapp, Brenn, Brian Gilchrist, Garby, John Schultz

**Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:07pm
2. Minutes from 2022 AGM Meeting presented by Leanne Vincent. Minutes accepted as read by Charles Burchill and seconded by Sharon Touchette.

3. Report on 2022 Activities

Canoe School

Paul Shipman, read by JV

- Did not occur in 2022 due to an outbreak of Covid at Pioneer camp immediately prior to the scheduled date.

Wednesday Night Paddles

Charles Burchill

- Bridge underwater until May 25, high water levels until then, bridge opened end of September. Had a glow nite paddle end of September, and a Halloween paddle at the end of October. Good turnouts, but less than prior years.

Labarriere Park Shoreline and Building Project

Jeff Vincent

- First year of launch use, survived the floodwaters with minimal damage, and was quickly repaired by the City ☺.
- Encourage all to come and use the launch area.
- Paddle MB Paddling Centre – moving slowly. Making progress as we work with the City of Winnipeg. We have access to the building, the interior has been emptied, and the City is to put in a door and repair some windows. Hopefully we can use this facility this year for vessel storage and possibly meetings. Will need some volunteer labor to do painting and general maintenance later this season.

Big Canoe Project

Chris Randall

- Voyageur Style Canoe has been repaired – seats and thwarts and flotation have been installed. Canoe has been moved to storage under Rita Tully's care for the time being. The canoe is in need of a repair to the fibreglass hull crack, and we hope

to have it ready to paddle this year. A long steering paddle is required prior to launch, if someone has knowledge of where to obtain one, please let us know.

#### Membership Meetings and Events

Jeff Vincent

- Halloween Paddle – new event with decorated boats and participants was a lot of fun.
- Brian Johnston virtual presentation The End of the Road –
- Wednesday Nite Barbeque wrap up BBQ held at the end of September

#### New Ventures-Kayak Manitoba

Jeff Vincent

- Year of change for Paddle MB – looking to become more inclusive of all paddlers and have entered into a partnership with Kayak Manitoba which is a different style of organization from Paddle MB, as it is more of a meet-up or informal group. The influx of potential new partnerships and volunteers opens Paddle MB to change as the paddling environment evolves.

#### 4. Financial Report

Sharon Touchette

- Currently have a total of \$27,093.55 in investments and cash in the bank
- Motion to accept financial report – Donna Kurt, seconded by Charles Burchill.

#### 5. Membership Report

Chris Randall

- 55 memberships – about average for annual memberships
- Lifetime members – we are in touch with approximately 6-10 members, rest have drifted away and we have no way of contacting them.
- Insert Chris's blurb here.
- Memberships can be paid online at our new website at [www.paddlemanitoba.org](http://www.paddlemanitoba.org)
- The ability to make donations to the organization on line will be coming soon
- Motion to accept membership report Dwayne Dosch, seconded by Donna Kurt.

#### 6. Election of Board Members:

Charles Burchill has agreed to be the moderator for the elections.

Now in year 2 of 2 year term:

Jeff Vincent (President)  
Sharon Touchette (Treasurer)  
Rita Tully (Secretary)

Existing board willing to stand for Election:

Chris Randall  
Paul Shipman  
Sandy Hudson-Kayak Manitoba

New nominations for Election:

Lesley Gaudry  
Paul Fields

Bill Morgan  
Dusty Molinski

Nominations closed – Membership is all in favor. Welcome to the new board members!

Motion to adjourn meeting – Charles Burchill, seconded by Leanne Vincent.

Meeting followed by our Guest speaker, Rick Shone from Wilderness Supply speaking to  
“New equipment, tools, and resources for paddlers”

New Board members contact information:

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Paul Fields [fields.paul@gmail.com](mailto:fields.paul@gmail.com) Sandy Hudson will get his phone # when he returns from trip.

Volunteer:

Eric Henstridge willing to be a volunteer 204.955.0202