

PADDLE MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 29/2024

- Call to order at 7:06pm
- Dusty Molinski read minutes of 2023 AGM. No errors or omissions. Motion to accept the minutes as read by Jeff Vincent, seconded by Donna Kurt. All in favor.
- Activities reports presented:
 - Wednesday night paddle: report prepared by Charles Burchill, read by Jeff Vincent.
 - Held from May 9 to Sept 27
 - Good attendance again this year
 - Glow paddle event held for final paddle
 - Canoe School: report prepared and read by Jeff Vincent
 - 2023 saw Canoe school return to Pioneer Camp
 - Offered 3 courses
 - Request for input from AGM attendees for course content suggestions
 - Paddling Centre: report prepared and read by Jeff Vincent
 - The past year saw a clean up of the exterior of the building and the site surrounding it.
 - City repaired roof, soffit and fascia and installed doors for easy access and storage of canoes.
 - Painting interior began in the fall and was halted due to cold weather. This will resume in spring.
 - Plan to have racking installed this summer too.
 - Mission Statement: update by Jeff Vincent
 - Revised mission statement presented to the members. (Insert mission statement here)
 - Discussion held regarding new statement
 - Motion to accept the new mission statement by Jeff Vincent, moved by Bill Morgan, seconded by Chris Randall. Motion approved.
 - The new statement will be updated on the website shortly.
 - Membership events: prepared and read by Bill Morgan

- There were a number of events held this year including tonight's book presentation by Sandy Hudson.
- Beginning to promote more member events
- Encouraging attendance and suggestions for event topics to meet all aspects of the paddling community.
- Reminder of membership benefits – Paddling Magazine, discounts at some vendors, member night event discounts
- Membership reports: prepared and read by Chris Randall
 - Membership is low – has not rebounded since Covid
 - Have lost touch with a lot of life members – need to reconnect somehow
 - Corporate lifetime members have been hard hit since Covid – some no longer in business, others no longer offering discounts to member
 - Currently have about 15 paid memberships (20 people)
 - Traditionally enrollment will pick up during the paddling season.
 - Discussion held regarding how to attract younger members
 - Suggestion to perhaps revisit Paddle Fest?
- Treasurer's Report: report prepared by Sharon Touchette read by Jeff Vincent
 - Ran at a breakeven last year, with \$26,900 in the bank.
 - Motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Clarke Wilke, seconded by Chris Randall. All in favor, motion approved.
- Elections of board members – moderated by Clarke Wilke
 - Open 2 year board positions are President, Secretary, Treasurer and members at large
 - Nominations were open for each position – only one nominee per position, all in favor.
 - New / returning board members:
 - President – Colin Kyle
 - Secretary – Rita Tully
 - Treasurer – Ross Goodmansson
 - Members at large: Leo Lisogorsky and Lisa Thibeault (needs to become a member before she can be serving on the board)
 - Heartfelt thank you to the outgoing board members for their service to Paddle Manitoba

- AGM adjourned. Sandy Hudson presentation to support her new book that is available soon!