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American Canoe Association Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Location: Virtual

Board Members Present: Robin Pope, Heather Davis Miller, Scott Mann, Lili Colby, John Traendly, C.C. Williams, Adam Joseph, Rainey Hoffman, Brandon Slate, Sarah Bahn, Thom Crockett

Non-voting attendees: John Browning

ACA Staff: Beth Spillman, Rok Sribar

1. Call to Order

Mr. Pope called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM EDT.

Mr. Williams called roll and noted that a quorum was present.

Mr. Pope welcomed new Director Thom Crockett. Mr. Crockett is the recently elected Sprint Athlete Representative.

Mr. Pope welcomed John Browning to the meeting. Mr. Brown is the Vice-Chair of the ACA Safety, Education, and Instruction Council.

2. March 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes Approval: C.C. Williams

Mr. Mann moved, and Mr. Joseph seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 17, 2021. There was no comment and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Executive Director Report: Beth Spilman

Ms. Spilman reminded all Directors to complete the mandated Safesport training. For those Directors that have already completed the initial training, a short refresher is available.

Ms. Spilman reported that the final report for the three-year audit is expected in the next few weeks.

Ms. Spilman provided a brief update on several topics. Tamara Adelberg has been hired as a Project Manager to assist with Competition. There is some interest from a potential buyer for a 4 acre lot that was previously donated to the ACA. The current financial position of the ACA is very solid, in part due to increased membership dues. Ms. Colby agreed that, based on her review of the financials, the financial position continues to look very positive for the near term. The IRS 990 is currently being prepared.

Ms. Spilman provided general updates on several current projects. The new website is still under construction and will go live as soon as the competition information is completed and approved. Team Trails for Spring and Slalom went very well, in large part to Mr. Sribar's tireless effort, coordination, and leadership on these events. After extensive discussion with other insurance providers, the decision has been made to retain our current insurance provider. A Memorandum of Understanding has recently been signed with the Paddlesports Action Committee. The focus for this group will be producing a leadership academy this summer where attendees can get certified as Paddlesports Safety Facilitators and River Kayak Day Trip Leaders. The Memorandum of Understanding with the contractor to do some of the Diversity and Inclusion projects is still pending.

Ms. Spilman closed by thanking Mr. Sribar for his many, many hours of volunteer work and positive impacts on behalf of the ACA and our athletes.

4. Ted Stevens Act Changes: Robin Pope

Mr. Pope provided a brief overview of the changes that have been mandated due to the recent passage of revision to the Ted Stevens Act.

5. National Governing Body Presentation: Rok Sribar

Mr. Sribar provided a presentation on the Characteristics of Successful National Governing Bodies. The Directors engaged in robust and detailed discussion on the key points of Mr. Sribar's presentation.

Ms. Colby motions, and Mr. Williams seconded, that the Board move into Executive Session to continue the discussion about Mr. Sribar's presentation. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

C.C. Williams
Board Secretary