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American Canoe Association Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Location: Virtual

Board Members Present: Robin Pope, Pam Dillon, Scott Mann, Risa Shimoda, Anna Levesque, Dave Lumian, Dan Henderson, Suzanne Britt, C.C. Williams, Rainey Hoffman, Jack Wallace.

ACA Staff: Beth Spilman

Visitors: Kenny Kasperbauer

1. Call to Order

Mr. Pope called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM ET.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Williams called the role and confirmed a quorum was present.

3. Executive Director Report

Ms. Spilman and Ms. Britt provided a brief recap of the ICF World Congress. During the event they were able to spend some time with the contingent from the British Canoe Union and Canoe Kayak Canada. Both organizations expressed their support for the current direction of the ACA and offered to share information to assist with ongoing projects. The ICF also expressed their support for the ACA and reiterated that any agreement for international events in the US would be awarded and run through the ACA and not local venues. Other NGB's have expressed interest in hearing more about the ACA's model in order to gather information on how they might expand their own paddling base.

ACA BOD elections are ongoing. No additional update was provided due to voting still being open.

The routine financial audit will begin on Monday. No surprises expected.



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The LEAD Weekends this year have gone very, very well. The ACA worked with local/regional volunteers, BOD and SEIC members to provide four of these events this year. The funds raised on the upcoming Giving Tuesday will be used to expand DEI programs.

4. Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Dillon provided a brief update on the Strategic Plan process. To date there were 167 responses received. There was some discussion about the need to increase the number of responses. Directors requested that the survey be sent out again. The committee is currently working on going through the responses and will provide some high-level data to Directors. Several Directors offered to assist with this effort.

5. ITE Conference Update

Ms. Levesque provided an update from the recent ITE Conference. In short, it was a tremendous success. There were 26 ITE's that attended plus the SEIC Executive Committee. The group focused on refining and updating the ITE criteria but also addressed some concerns with Instructor and Instructor Trainer criteria. The event came in \$3,000 under budget.

6. Executive Session

Mr. Lumian moved, and Mr. Mann seconded, to move to executive session to discuss recent membership issues. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Mann seconded, to move back to open session. The motion passed unanimously.

7. October 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

There was brief discussion and minor edits requested to the meeting minutes for the October 19th BOD meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously as edited.

Mr. Lumian moved, and Mr. Dunne seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by C.C. Williams, Secretary.