



American Canoe Association (ACA) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: February 7, 2018
Location: Teleconference

Attendance:

Voting Board Members Present:

David Bell	Robin Pope	Steve Hutton	Bill Micks
Peter Sloan	Lili Colby	Kirk Havens	Anne Maleady
William Irving (arrived at 20:24 est)			

Absent Board Members:

Elite Slalom Athlete Director – Scott Mann
Elite Sprint Athlete Director – Stanton Collins
Elite Paracanoe Athlete Director – Kelly Allen

ACA Staff:

Wade Blackwood

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by President Peter Sloan.

A quorum was established with 8 of 13 voting members present.

Wade - Competition Council Operating Procedures approved in October 2017 have been modified to comply with USOC standards of practice.

Kirk- motion to approve Competition Council Operating Procedures as amended. Peter second

Discussion Kirk reviewed and looks good, Wade staff recommends approval

Peter called the vote. Unanimous approval , no nays, no abstentions

Properties Discussion

Bill Micks : Chris and Bill creating a manual to present all information relating to Fredericksburg properties. Other two properties being asked to do same

Lili - will same work be done with regards to Bryson City property. Wade acknowledged need

Bill- board needs to sign off on discussions with City of Fredericksburg. Fredericksburg is waiting on ACA, Bill would like us to firm up direction.

Athlete education discussion segue:

Bill and Kirk will set up meeting with the University of Mary Washington President to explore free online college course credit for national athlete team members. Kirk named 5 schools involved/exploring program; College of William and Mary, Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Mary Washington, Longwood University, Penn State

Lili: Coooollll!!!

Wade: athletes are very excited that we are looking in education direction

Kirk: will help recruitment, reassure parents of validity of athletes pursuit,

Peter: cited press piece on USOC and its perception of only supporting elite athletes

Lili: expect in 4 years an opportunity for a tv/press piece, powerful feel good story.

Back to properties discussion

Bill invite Fredericksburg City Manager, leaders to Board meeting in March

Wade: city is planning on doing things for ACA as a result of recent NGB status

Minutes approval

Anne: seeking board approval of minutes sent on January 5th. April, October, November 2017.

Bill: made motion, Lili second. Vote unanimous, no discussion, approved

Safe Sport

Wade: policy needed, gymnastics repercussions , wan to get in front of this. Seeking legal and insurance council, researching best practices. Received letter from Senators Moran (KS) and Blumenthal (CT) asking for policy and procedures. ACA already self governing, working with VA Rep Wittman, VA Senators Kaine, and Warner. Working on ensuring a transparent policy and environment. Legal ensuring P&P covers all aspects. Insurance clarify policies and coverage. US Figure Skating has strong policies.

Wade: vote in March. 16 February response to Senators Moran and Blumenthal. USOC has asked for extension. Wade wants to respond on time. Financially doing this right is expensive but the right thing to do. Get it right from Day 1 Our legal team has experience with Scouts and Schools.

Wade: Priority #1

Kirk: good way to do it. meet deadline, will arrange meeting with Sens. Kaine and Warner

Lili: Safe sort, other sites have statement on the website, button to report abuse (Fencing). Good practice

Wade: better for athletes to get this done

Kirk: Safety instructors not required to do Safe Sport? Could be something instructors may want to have the opportunity to get credited for. Can we provide the safety instructors with the option to take the safe sport course?

Wade: offer Safe Sport and background check to athlete instructors (club coaches). Can provide option for safety instructors to take safe sport course if they want,

Monroe Case and March Meeting

Wade: Monroe case postponed to early June, insurance is okay with delays, not an issue

Wade: March meeting present audit, details being resolved, good to get outside perspective

Wade: OLG insurance, insurance bot program, instructors and members get quick answer on insurance questions and requests. Bot a game changer, income stream initially and in subsequent years, Buddy 5% of profits to ACA annually. Took 5 years to build this program together. Introduction at March mtg.

Misc.

Kirk: To avoid conflict of interest [problem has Scott Mann's resignation from USACK been confirmed?

Wade: No, ACA divorced from USACK, some last issues to close, Slalom issues being handled by staff. Low tolerance for high demands. Slalom needs to get their operations organized quickly

Anne: Request that you get a copy of Scott's resignation letter to avoid potential conflicts

Wade: will do

Lili: Name change status

Wade: USOC wants, not being rushed, Platform change would result in \$50-75k funding annually, What content does USOC control regarding advertising, etc. Doors are open now to sponsorship request, not contingent on name change. USOC argues USA branding is the big sell.

Lili: March meeting conversation.

20:24 William arrives. Wade committed to bringing him up to speed after call.

Anne: board meeting info location

Wade: on ACA Board site

Meeting closed 20:29

Submitted by,

Anne Maleady
Secretary
ACA Board of Directors