



American Canoe Association (ACA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2019

Location: Call-In

Attendance:

Voting Board Members Present: Robin Pope, Lili Colby, Bill Micks, Trey Knight, Marsh Jones, Scott Mann, Stanton Collins, Heather Davis, William Irving, Peter Sloan, Nik Miller

Non-voting attendees: N/A

ACA Staff: Beth Speilman

Agenda:

Robin opens meeting at 19:34

Motion to approve minutes: Marsh moves, Lili seconds, vote is unanimous.

Election:

Robin: gives an overview of nomination slate and opens for discussion.

Trey motions to approve, Marsh seconds: Unanimous approval. Lili, William, and Heather abstain.

By-Law Changes:

Beth: Compliance checklist audit from USOPC. After issues in other NGBs, USOPC wants more oversight. In our audit we had 5 deficiencies, 3 have been solved. One deficiency is they think our by-laws do not protect from BOD interference in the 20% athlete rule.

Change Language to reflect USOC to USOPC and a comment regarding Binding Arbitration.

Trey makes a motion to approve, Lili seconds, unanimous approval.

Executive Director report:

Beth: Quick discussion about the annual meeting.

- Lili: Low sign-up numbers for conference workshops.
- Trey: Discusses the challenges with organizing since we changed location from Maine to Richmond. looking at around 40 IT. Another issue is that many of the people who could come already have their training so there is no incentive to come.

Beth:

Visit to Sprint World Championships: Met with Simon (ICF president) and other national federation EDs. There is a desire to improve the US paddlesports. Simon agreed to help pay for sprint trials. Offered to send some coaches to hold a coaches' clinic. Aaron Houston will be heading the planning for that.

Nevin Harrison stayed after World Championships to compete in Red Bull event, went to Tokyo for test event, then to China for Super Cup. Need to work on managing Nevin's training and keeping the USOPC in contact in case they can provide a service.

NGB assembly in Colorado Springs: Met with lots of people who can help us grow. There is a lot of turmoil at USOPC with new people. Lots of SafeSport discussion. Learned about NGB services. About half of NGBs have a budget of under \$3 million. Problem with burden of compliance. Help with everything from compliance, legal, etc. Another service that will help us raise money. USOPC will help with funding for trials (Olympic year funding). Marketing group has pledged money to us (\$25000) for our high performance efforts.

Beth: Financial update. JD's last day is Sept. 27, will be replaced by Emma Walther. Fiscal year closes out on 9/30.

Immediate Priorities -

- IT conference details
- Close out 2019 FY cleanly
- 2020 Budget
- USOPC auditors will be in office at the end of October.

SafeSport dues may be increasing by 20-30% so we need to think about our costs and dues. SafeSport is pushing to make more people take training. We have a yellow rating right now and will definitely need our officials to take it and maybe our instructors. Board discussion about Safe Sport especially as it relates to instructors.

Adjournment:

Scott moved that the meeting be adjourned. Marsh seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 20:30

Submitted by,

Stanton Collins
Secretary, ACA Board of Directors