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American Canoe Association Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Location: Virtual

Board Members Present: Robin Pope, C.C. Williams, Rainey Hoffman, Thom Crockett, Pam Dillon, Dave Lumian, Jerry Dunne, Jack Wallace, Brandon Slate, Risa Shimoda, Suzanne Britt, and Scott Mann.

ACA Members: Andrea White

ACA Staff: Beth Spilman, Rok Sribar

1. Call to Order

Mr. Pope called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM ET.

2. Introductions of Directors & Guests

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

3. December 4, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Approval: C.C. Williams

Mr. Mann moved, and Mr. Pope seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 4, 2021. There was no comment and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Executive Director Report: Beth Spilman

Ms. Spilman welcomed all new Directors and provided an overview of several onboarding tasks that will need to be completed in the coming weeks. Stanton Collins from the ACA Office will be reaching out to all Directors that need to complete onboarding or required training/paperwork.

Ms. Spilman provided an overview of current ACA operations including and organization chart, data on ACA Instructor expirations and renewals, grants update, and an update on the current financial audit. Ms. Spilman answered several questions from Directors regarding current member/instructor trends and grant projects.



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5. DEI Committee Update: Risa Shimoda

Ms. Shimoda provided an overview of the work of the DEI Committee over the past 18 months and expressed her appreciation for the willingness of all involved to do the challenging work of diversifying not only the ACA but all paddling disciplines we represent. Ms. Shimoda reported that the ACA recently received a \$75,000 grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation in addition to two smaller grants to support ACA DEI committee projects. Ms. Shimoda responded to several questions from Directors about the DEI committee and projects.

6. Board Officer Nominations: Robin Pope

Mr. Pope opened nominations for Vice President and Treasurer. **Mr. Jerry Dunne self-nominated for Vice President. Ms. Suzanne Britt self-nominated for Treasurer. Mr. Pope seconded the nomination slate. Slate passed as presented without discussion, opposition or abstention.**

7. Competition Update: Rok Sribar

Ms. Sribar provided an overview of the updated plan to leverage the LA 2028 Olympic Games and relationships with existing paddling venues to increase awareness of competitive paddling, drive membership and funding for the ACA, and increase overall participation in competitive paddling disciplines. Mr. Sribar responded to several questions from Directors about potential events, programs, and partnerships.

Ms. Britt moved, and Mr. Lumian seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed as presented without discussion, opposition or abstention

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

C.C. Williams
Board Secretary