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## American Canoe Association Board of Directors

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, June 16, 2021

**Location:** Virtual

Board Members Present: Robin Pope, Heather Davis Miller, Scott Mann, Lili Colby, John Traendly, C.C. Williams, Adam Joseph, Thom Crocket, and Bill Micks

ACA Staff: Beth Spillman

#### 1. Call to Order

Mr. Pope called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM EDT.

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

#### 2. Executive Director Report: Beth Spilman

In response to previous inquiries from Directors, Ms. Spilman highlighted several key aspects of the current financial position of the ACA. Several factors have contributed to the current, positive financial outlook: forgiveness of the Payroll Protection Program loans, reduction of overhead expenses and debt, increasing memberships, and return to normalcy post-pandemic.

Ms. Spilman reported that the three year financial audit has been completed and is now posted on the website. Ms. Spilman highlighted several key recommendations from the auditors and responded to several questions from Directors.

**Mr. Mann moved, and Mr. Joseph seconded the motion, directing the Executive Director to take all steps necessary to comply with all of the recommendations of the auditors. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.**



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During her update on competition programs, Ms. Spilman reported that the US National Team selections for slalom, sprint, and paracanoe have all been completed. There were several questions from Directors about marketing plans for any ACA Athlete winning a medal in Tokyo. Ms. Spilman noted that she has been meeting with USOPC staff regarding plans for marketing and will follow-up with additional information in the coming days. She also updated Directors on the status of a case regarding Olympic quotas that will soon be before the International Court of Sports Arbitration.

Ms. Spilman reported that the contract for several Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion projects has been signed and includes specific and measurable objectives for the contractor.

Ms. Spilman shared the current draft of the revised ACA website and answered several questions. The new date for release of the new website is July 1, 2021. Directors discussed the need to have the website updated, with information about all athletes competing in Tokyo, prior to the start of the Olympics.

Finally, Ms. Spilman noted that the ACA received one grant for this cycle from the United States Coast Guard to move the Paddlesports Safety Facilitator Certification course to a virtual format.

### **3. June 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes Approval: C.C. Williams**

**Mr. Traendly moved, and Mr. Crockett seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 2, 2021. There was no comment and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Mann moved, and Mr. Pope seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM EDT**

Respectfully submitted,

C.C. Williams  
Board Secretary