

## **2009 Paddle Manitoba AGM**

*Location:*

Fort Whyte Alive

*Board Members Present:*

Cam, Dusty, Eric, Sharon, Peter, Jamie

*Board Members Regrets:*

Charles

*Paddle Manitoba Members Present:*

15

*Non-members:*

4

*Meeting Opened:*

6:15pm.

- Opening remarks delivered by Eric.
- Reports delivered by board members.
- Past President's Report. Delivered by Cam.

Summary of Paddle Manitoba over 2008:

- Loss of President through resignation in July.
- Increase in overall membership.
- Increase in overall funds.
- Strong events attracting members and non-members.
- Low volunteer turnout.

Summary of upcoming year, 2009:

- No Waterwalker Film Festival due to problems facing Paddle Canada at this time.
- Changes to Paddlefest structure with Mountain Equipment Co-op operating event as title sponsor.
- Paddle Camp continuing.
- Better course promotion though Fort Whyte Alive
- Wednesday Night Paddles to continuing.
- Following poor attendance at volunteer information session, board positions remain unfilled, particularly executive positions.

- Nominees for convenor positions cannot enter onto board without an executive at the helm. Difficulty in obtaining members to fill board positions has led to proposal for contraction from the current form of Paddle Manitoba to an instructor and instruction based form.

Questions regarding Past-President's Report:

Question - Stephen Challis, member

- Are those nominated at this time for various positions on the board willing to continue with Paddle Manitoba if an executive can be formed?

Answer – Cam, Eric

- If a full board could be formed, those nominated would continue to work towards the goals of Paddle Manitoba.

- Treasurer's Report. Delivered by Sharon.
  - Current cash held by Paddle Manitoba - \$28, 380.20
  - Breakdown given in report.

Question regarding Treasurer's Report:

Question – Stephen Challis, member

- What are the items falling under the "accounts receivable" category?

Answer – Sharon

- Funds for Waterwalker, from Paddle Canada, that have not yet been received.

- Indoor Program Report. Delivered by Dusty.
  - Review of Indoor Program events delivered.
- Instruction Report. Delivered by Cam.
  - Paddle Canada undertaking review of canoe instruction program.

- Membership Report. Delivered by Peter.
  - Membership up by ~40 members. Most of this is attributed to a rise in the number of Family memberships.
  - Breakdown given in report.
- Newsletter Report. Delivered by Eric.
  - “The Ripple” now distributed in Winnipeg Public Libraries.
  - Winter 2008 – 2009 issue late due to proposed changes to organization structure.
- Resources Report. Delivered by Eric.
  - Three trips offered to members over 2008.
  - Trips included Husavik Marsh, Whitemouth River and Roseau River.
  - Two trips a go with 8 – 12 participants. Whitemouth River and Roseau River.
- Paddle Canada Report. Delivered by Jamie.
  - Changes to canoe program manual.
  - Changes to Paddle Canada website coming.
  - Changes to KANAWA/ Waterwalker in process.
  - Changes to sea-kayaking program.
  - Small Changes to river-kayaking program.

- Election of Officers and Convenors:
  - Paddle Canada Representative  
*Jamie Hilland nominated*
  - Fund Raising  
*No nominations or volunteers*
  - Advocacy  
*No nominations of volunteers*
  - Indoor Program  
*No nominations or volunteers*
  - Resources  
*Eric Gyselman nominated*
  - Newsletter  
*Yvonne Kyle nominated*
  - Instruction  
*Cam White nominated*
  - Membership  
*Peter Loewen nominated*
  - Treasurer  
*Sharon Touchette nominated*
  - Secretary  
*Charles Burchill nominated*
  - Vice President  
*Stephen Challis nominated*
  - President  
*Chris Whitmore nominated*

Cameron White pointed out that the election of president and vice-president would be reviewed by the board based on a question of membership

- Old Business

- None

- New Business

- Proposed changes to structure of Paddle Manitoba as outlined in document handed to attendees.