

# **Whitewater Ontario Annual General Meeting, November 14, 2015-MINUTES**

## **Whitewater Ontario Annual General Meeting Saturday, November 14th, 2015 Glashan Public School – Ottawa Via GoToMeeting weblink**

**1.0 Welcome – Jim Tayler** – The meeting was called to order at 10:50am by Jim Tayler. Welcome to those who are attending the meeting at Glashan Public School in Ottawa and to those who are attending via Go To Meeting weblink. We are attempting this new combination meeting format. The virtual meeting format will help to alleviate some of the organizational issues that arise in regards to hosting meetings and the need to travel. There will be some protocols and procedures that we will want to follow. Online questions can be posted in the chat. The chat will be monitored so that we can both pose and answer the questions in a meaningful manner. We will need to pay attention to the time so the meeting can proceed in a timely fashion. People online will be voting online. Kathleen will have the motions posted on screen. We will all practice the technology as well as the process.

**2.0 Approval of the Agenda by Jim Tayler.** The meeting agenda follows the same format as in the past.

**Motion to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Moved by Doug Corkery Seconded by Joan Duhaime Motion carried.**

**3.0 Approval of 2014 AGM Minutes – Jim Tayler.**

**Motion to approve the 2014 AGM minutes as presented.**

**Moved by Russ Duhaime Seconded by Isaac Verhoeven Motion carried.**

**4.0 WO Governance – Jim Tayler.** Written report on WO proposed constitutional amendments dated Oct.4.15 was circulated to the membership 30 days prior to this meeting. As a member of the executive over the last few years, it became evident that the governance model that came from “Forward Strokes” was in need of review and revision in order to more accurately reflect the current reality of WO’s volunteer base and to improve the decision-making capacity of the board. The executive committee agreed that the elections this year would be based on this revised model. Some board positions that are listed in the 2012 Constitution are either no longer relevant and/or have not been filled due to the scarcity of volunteers. The proposed governance model, presented here, addresses both of these issues and also adds further opportunities for individuals to be voting members of the WO board. See written report for details of the amendments.

**Motion to accept the WO Constitutional Amendments as presented.**

**Moved by Alison Smedley Seconded by Cale Reeder Motion carried.**

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- 5.0 CKO Governance – Jim Tayler.** Background: CKO has undergone a process of organizational review and governance model development. This was in response to the changing government rules for not for profit and charitable organizations. CKO is the umbrella organization for the 3 affiliates, Ontario Canoe Sprint Racing Affiliation, Marathon Canoe Racing Association and Whitewater Ontario. For funding purposes, the Provincial Government wants to deal with only 1 representative. The organizational and operational inefficiencies of the organization are partly responsible for driving this change. Under the existing model, the organizations tend to work as separate entities. Collaboration is virtually non-existent.

The average WO member has little knowledge of CKO. The funding model is competition driven and members question what are the benefits, if any, for recreational paddlers. Development is really about paddle sports, not just racing. WO had 3 representatives on the governance committee that participated in the development of the new CKO governance model. The written proposal, as published in the WO AGM package, has been put forward to all affiliates and to the CKO AGM, for consideration.

Discussion points:

- What would happen with the Preserve under this new model.
- WO brings the advocacy component to the table. There may be the opportunity for assistance from the other affiliates in this area.
- Change from an affiliate model to a council model. What is the impact ?
- How does this model address the volunteer issues that currently exist?
- Members have voiced concerns over commitment levels
- Collaboration in terms of grant applications could be beneficial
- WO motion to accept this model or not, to be tabled and dealt with by the incoming WO Board.
- We can make suggestions and have CKO address areas of concern.

**Motion: That the CKO governance model be accepted as presented at the WO AGM.**

**Moved by Isaac Verheoven Seconded by Liam Smedley.**

**Results - Ottawa – 8 yes, 9 no, 2 abstain**

**Results – Online – 15 yes, 18 no, 5 abstain Motion is not passed**

**Motion: That the new WO Board review the CKO Governance model for purposes of conducting a special meeting and plebiscite with the general membership with the timeline to complete and submit to CKO by March 31, 2016.**

**Moved by Dave Gillespie Seconded by Cale Reeder Motion carried unanimously in Ottawa and online.**

WO will bring the resulting recommendations to the membership for a vote. It may look the same or it may look different.

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**6.0 Nominations:** Nominations closure as presented in the slate of nominees.

### **7.0 Executive Annual Reports:**

**7.1 President's Report – Jim Tayler** – written report as presented in the WO AGM package. The Gull renovation project is complete and we are very proud of it. We are looking forward to hosting future events at the Gull. The Orillia Power issue dominated our organization this year. We have done the best we could to keep members informed about the Orillia Power proposal. Looking forward to working with the new Board. The level of commitment must be clear. We need to refresh our relationship with people like Boatwerks and be receptive to addressing their needs. Jim thanked Laura Duncan and Wayne Donison for the tremendous job they did on the Board.

### **7.2 Director Reports:**

- **Membership – Donna Boadway** – as presented in the WO AGM package.
- **MWWP – John Slot's** written report was presented as in the WO AGM package. Jim thanked John Slot and Russ Duhaime for all their efforts with the Preserve over the years.
- **Clubs and Events – Cale Reeder and Patti Johnson** - The only events in this area last year were King of Clubs and MackFest. The racing events are the responsibility of the slalom committee. This committee looked after sanction approvals for trips and events. We would like to get the word out that we are available to ensure future events.
- **Advocacy – Laura Duncan/Wayne Donison** – written report as presented in the WO AGM package. The advocacy committee dealt with a lot of issues over this last year, as outlined in the written report. Funds from the Ottawa Valley River Access Fund created this year, were donated to Wilderness Tours to help with road maintenance of the WT takeout (\$400), OWL Rafting to help with road maintenance of McCoys putin (\$400), and OWL Rafting to help with road maintenance of the Lorne access road (\$400).

**Motion: To accept the reports as presented today.**

**Moved by Tylor Lawlor Seconded by John Mason Motion carried.**

### **8.0 Additional Reports:**

- 8.1 Slalom Team Manager – Jim Tayler** – written report as presented in WO AGM package.
- 8.2 Promotions** – no update
- 8.3 CKO** – Jim Tayler – CKO AGM is next Saturday in Peterborough from 1:00pm until 4:00pm at the Best Western.
- 8.4 CKW** – no update

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**Motion: To accept the reports as presented.**

**Moved by Tylor Lawlor Seconded by John Mason Motion carried.**

- 9.0 Treasurer's Report – Isaac Verhoeven** – written report and financial statements as presented in the WO AGM package. WO financial health is good right now. We received a CAO coaching grant of \$ 5,000.00 this year. We will be receiving an additional \$25,000 grant for the Provincial Coach program next fiscal. We are working with Sprint for potential dual opportunities.

**Motion: to accept the financial report as presented.**

**Moved by Alison Smedley Seconded by Liam Smedley Motion carried.**

- 10.0 Elections:** The slate of nominees was presented with Scott Parker and Jennifer North competing for treasurer. Each nominee introduced themselves to the group. The motion with the slate of nominees was circulated via chat and email for the electronic vote. Results of the electronic secret ballot vote are as follows:

<b>10.1 President</b>	Jim Tayler
<b>10.2 Vice President</b>	Dave Gillespie
<b>10.3 Treasurer</b>	Scott Parker
<b>10.4 Secretary (ex officio)</b>	Donna Boadway

**Directors:**

<b>10.5 Minden Preserve</b>	Dave Humphrys
<b>10.6 Communications</b>	Celeste Corkery
<b>10.7 Instruction</b>	Isaac Verhoeven
<b>10.8 Competition</b>	Kathleen Tayler
<b>10.9 Recreation</b>	Cale Reeder
<b>10.10 River Advocacy</b>	John Mason
<b>10.11 Director at Large</b>	Carolyn Pullen
<b>10.11 Director at Large</b>	Eric Betteridge

**Members at Large (non voting)**

<b>10.12 Member at Large</b>	Erwin Ellen
<b>10.12 Member at Large</b>	Jen Adams
<b>10.12 Member at Large</b>	Alison Smedley
<b>10.12 Member at Large</b>	Emmett Proulx

We are proud to present the new board of directors. Our new model is exciting and we will continue to use this format for meetings. You will receive a welcome email from Jim and Donna. Now the work begins with the building of committees. All meeting information and links will be circulated by Donna via email. This isn't intended to be a job but it should be a fun thing to do. Thank you to everybody for participating in our first ever joint physical / online AGM.

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**11.0 New Business: Jim Tayler – no new business.**

**12.0 Motion to adjourn.**

**Moved by Isaac Verhoeven Seconded by Laura Duncan Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.**