

## Whitewater Ontario Annual General Meeting

Saturday, November 19th, 2016

Glashan Public School – Ottawa

Emergency Training Centre - Peterborough

Via GoToMeeting weblink

**1.0 Welcome – Jim Tayler** – The meeting was called to order at 10:30am. Jim has asked everyone to put their devices on mute in order to minimize background noise. This is only the second time that we have conducted an AGM online. This year we have also included 2 physical sites, Ottawa and Peterborough. We have an assortment of members who participate online or via phone. This is an effective way to conduct this important meeting. Welcome to everyone who is attending. Starting at the Ottawa location we will make introductions around the table. Today's AGM is devoted to the memory of Heinz Poenn, great paddling pioneer...this one is for you.

**2.0 Approval of the Agenda – Jim Tayler** –

*Motion to approve the agenda.*

*Moved by Jen Adams Seconded by Kathleen Tayler Motion carried.*

**3.0 Approval of 2015 WO AGM Minutes**

*Motion to approve the 2015 WO AGM Minutes*

*Moved by Scott Parker Seconded by Dave Gillespie Motion carried.*

**4.0 Nominations closure.** There are two nominations for Vice President, Eric Betteridge and Marc Joanis. There will be a vote for VP. Marc Joanis has requested that if he fails in the vote for VP he would like to self-nominate in the position of secretary. Donna withdraws her secretary nomination in order to continue in her administrative role. There will be a separate vote for VP and a potential separate vote for secretary.

*Motion to close the nominations.*

*Moved by Liam Smedley Seconded by Doug Corkery Motion carried.*

**5.0 Board Annual Reports**

**5.1 President's Report – Jim Tayler** – There will be a chance for questions at the end of the reports. Jim presented his report as submitted in the AGM package. The cumulative efforts of those across the province have resulted in some amazing contributions to the paddling world. We have much to be proud of as a result of those efforts. The focus on the Pan Am Games and the work completed in 2015 is now in the past. We need to be proud of our athletes at all levels. We have Olympians in our organization and are very proud of both Michael Tayler and Cam Smedley. Our new Provincial Coach, Anthony Colin, is working with both the development and competitive levels in Ottawa. Jim was pleased to meet Dave Humphrys, MWWP Director, at the Ottawa location today. Thank you to John Mason, Advocacy Director, for leading the charge this year and for securing the generous advocacy donation from HOHW that is

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put towards advocacy initiatives. Jim had the opportunity to meet Heinz Poenn, an incredible gentleman and paddling pioneer. Both he and Roger Parsons were responsible for getting our sport started at the Gull. 2016 will be exciting for the incoming board with the many projects underway and in the development stages. We have had a successful but quieter year. There will be new faces on the board along with returning members. May we move into the coming year with greater confidence. It has been a privilege to serve WO over these many years. Jim will continue to contribute in areas where he can provide support. He then thanked everyone for their ongoing support.

### 5.2 Directors' Reports:

- **Minden Wild Water Preserve – Dave Humphrys** – 2016 has been a transition year at the Gull. Dave found that not being local to the Gull created some management challenges. He will continue forward in 2017. Dave Gillespie has been a huge assistance and leader this year at the Gull. He has created the “Fix the Gull” project that involves extensive river restoration. Fundraising efforts were kicked off by Victor Ettel who has made significant financial contributions to the effort. Others have followed suite with donations to the project. The balance of the OTF grant has been used to build a competition club house on the grounds. We have approached Orest Stanko for assistance in accessing any grants that might be available for the river restoration project. We held a fall work weekend where several hazardous trees were identified and removed. We have negotiated a new contract with AOB which will continue in 2017. The dam reconstruction project is underway and is being overseen by Dave Gillespie. Parks Canada has provided financial compensation to WO for the storage of their equipment being used during this project. Parks Canada has ensured that there will be continued access to the river. There were no formal slalom races held at the Gull this year. We hosted a slalom training camp in the fall conducted by our provincial coach, Anthony. We will continue to work on our risk management policies during 2017. Parks Canada has indicated that there will be continued water flow during the project with minimal interruptions. They will communicate with us if there are going to be any water flow interruptions.
- **Communications** – Celeste’s report is in the AGM package. She has been an active member and has done a lot of work on the WO facebook page. Alison Smedley has also contributed in this area. Alison and Dave Gillespie have been working on the promotional aspects of the facebook page. Clubs will be invited to contribute event calendars so that WO can help to promote paddling events through all its channels. We are also planning to distribute spring and fall newsletters to the membership.
- **Competition – Kathleen Tayler** – The competition report was presented as written in the AGM package. A highlight of this year was the securing of a grant that allowed us to hire a new provincial coach. We have 15 athletes actively in the slalom program on a regular basis. Many are interested in joining the program next year.

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- **Instruction – Donna Boadway** – Donna presented the instructor numbers report as recorded in the 2016 WO membership report in the AGM package. WO has not had an active director of instruction over the last couple of years. Work is needed in this area.
- **Recreation** – Director not in attendance. HOHW and KOC were very successful well organized events this year. The MackFest race is under this umbrella as well. It is generally well organized and well attended. Tony Whetham is the new MackFest director for 2017 and will be organizing this event in the spring.
- **Advocacy – John Mason** – The report was presented as written in the AGM package.

*Motion to accept the board annual reports as presented.*

*Moved by Alison Smedley Seconded by Kathleen Tayler Motion carried.*

### 6.0 Additional Reports

**6.1 Canoe Kayak Ontario – Jim Tayler** – CKO AGM was held last Saturday. The meeting was attended by Jim Tayler, Eric Betteridge, Jen Adams and Donna Boadway. CKO is the umbrella organization for the three paddling affiliations, Sprint Racing, Marathon Racing and Whitewater Ontario. At the Sunday CKO governance committee meeting, the day was spent looking at how we in the long term can bring our three disciplines together in a more cooperative working manner. We need to meet the new legislation for not for profits coming into place in order to align with CKO. CKO will be re-writing its constitution and by-laws. There is a willingness to work together on this and to rejuvenate our by-laws and constitution. The CKO governance was a topic for discussion last year. No action will be taken until after the constitution committee presents its revised documents to the CKO board. WO is obligated to nominate three of our members to serve on the CKO board. It is important to have our voice heard.

**6.2 Canoe Kayak Canada – James Cartright** – Congratulations to the Ontario RIO athletes this summer. The hiring of a new provincial coach is a step forward. Congratulations to Ryan Whetung for his role in freestyle. The CKC AGM and Summit will be held on Dec.3-4, 2016 in Ottawa. Hopefully some WO representatives will sign up and attend. On Dec.4.16 the WO CKC council will meet and discuss a new strategic plan. For workshops contact James at the CKC office. CKC would like to become more multi disciplinary in structure. This will create the opportunity for WO to become more integrated into CKC programming. It is important to look at ways to increase membership and related programming budgets. The ORR club house is under construction at the Pump House. CKC and ORR have been working together to set up a fundraising campaign to support this construction project. CKC will ask the provinces to establish a white water domestic committee.

*Motion to accept the additional reports presented.*

*Moved by Eric Betteridge Seconded by Liam Smedley Motion carried.*

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**7.0 Treasurers Report – Scott Parker** – The report was presented as written in the AGM package. We are fortunate that all the programs are basically in the black this year. The WO cash position is healthy as at Oct.31.16. The slalom program is funded through grants and athlete program fees. The MWWP is supported by camping fees, grants and left over Pan Am funds. We should utilize Orest Stanko, CKO Executive Director, to seeking out both recreational and competitive program grants.

**8.0 WO Board Election – Jim Tayler** – The slate of 2017 directors was presented as per online nominations and nominations from the floor. Each nominee in attendance presented a short biography and a written one from the nominee who was not able to attend the AGM meeting. There was more than one nomination for the positions of Vice President and Secretary. Online and in person voting occurred for each of these two positions. With those results the following slate of 2017 WO Board members was presented for approval.

President	Dave Gillespie
Vice President	Eric Betteridge
Treasurer	Scott Parker
Secretary	Sherri Audet

### Directors at Large – Voting

MWWP	Dave Humphrys
Communications	Celeste Corkery
Instruction	Andy Parry
Competition	Kathleen Tayler
Recreation	Cale Reeder
River Advocacy	John Mason
Director at Large	Jen Adams
Director at Large	Carolyn Pullen

### Members at Large – non voting

Member at Large	Jennifer North
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*Motion to accept the 2017 slate of WO Board of Directors.*

*Moved by Richard Van Geilswick Secoded by Doug Corkery Motion carried.*

Congratulations to the incoming Board of Directors.

**9.0 New Business** – Any new business will be deferred to the new board.

**10.0Adjournment** – 1.11pm Good luck next year.

*Motion to adjourn the meeting.*

*Moved by Alison Smedley Secoded by Dave Humphrys Motion carried.*