



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7 pm
by ZOOM meeting
MINUTES

	ATTENDANCE
	PRESENT: Heather Fatkin, Denise Crook, Debbie Scott, Gralin Doubleday, Betty Stockli, Pam Sutherland, Joanne Bolam, Dave Longman, Jen VanderBeek REGRETS: GUESTS: Mary Stardom
	WELCOME
	Called to order at 7:02 pm.
A	AGENDA
A-1	<u>Review</u> - additions and changes NOTE: starred items below (*) were amended here
A-2	<u>Agenda Additions:</u> (see also in each section and in N - NEW BUSINESS): 1. 2. 3.
A-3	<u>Guest Items:</u> (Mary) Skip to Section F
B	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
	Review (additions and changes); Move to accept: Joanne Second: Betty Carried
C	REPORTS – (For review) <i>see attached.</i>
C-1	DIVISIONS
	Dragon Boat (DB) – <i>attached</i> Voyageur/Rec Canoe (VOY) – <i>attached</i> Outrigger Canoe (OC) – <i>attached</i>
C-2	COMMITTEES
	Members at Large – <i>attached</i> Safety – <i>attached</i> Communications – <i>No report at this time</i>

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G-2	<u>Howes House</u> : (Gralin) work in progress
G-3	<u>Flow Meter Device</u> ; (Gralin) Possible purchase of a flow meter to be used by FLCC in the Channel was previously put forward by Joyce May. Pam Sutherland will add to the BCS agenda to inquire about the possibility of this purchase by BCS as it may be a benefit to all clubs under their purview.
G-4	<u>Swimmer's Guard Purchase</u> – (Betty) In the event of a water retrieval, this will keep any person overboard from getting hurt by the blades of the motor. We purchased one previously. There is one available. This item was previously approved in the budget. ACTION: Betty will purchase this now to be installed when the motor goes in for servicing.
H	DRAGON BOAT - <i>See attached report;</i>
H-1	<u>Corporate/School Outings</u> – VOY has a corporate outing booked for Wed., August 25. Our volunteers and five paddlers will attend. The proper Covid protocols will be followed. NOTED: Corporate outings in other divisions are suspended at this time. ACTION: Debbie will forward the policy to those involved in this outing with a request for affirmation that they have seen the policy statement.
J	OUT RIGGER - <i>See attached report</i>
L	COMMUNICATIONS TEAM – <i>no report at this time.</i>
K	VOY/REC CANOE – <i>See attached report</i>
M	ASSOCIATE CLUB – FCKC BUSINESS – <i>No report at this time</i>
N*	NEW BUSINESS ITEMS
N-1 NEW	<u>Discussion of Emails</u> (attached below C-5:1 , C-5:2 , C-5:3) – The announcement August 23 rd from Province does not address outdoor sporting activities. ACTION: FLCC will not adjust the CDP policy. Heather Fatkin will respond to all the emails by Wednesday August 25 th to state our position.
N-2 NEW	<u>Discussion re: Query from Jonathan Wilkins</u> - From Jonathan regarding adjusting minimum numbers in OC. Jonathan would like the minimum paddlers in an OC6 to be changed from 5 to 4 under non-freshet conditions for the most experienced teams. ACTION: The request has been rejected due to major safety concerns. Joanne will respond to Jonathan's email accordingly.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have been such a great help getting things up and running again. The biggest task was cleaning the bottom of boats that had been sitting on the river for 18 months. Fortified, Fusion, Iron Maidens, Race development and the Golden Masters, an OC6 team, tackled these less than pleasant tasks.



Accidents do happen on the river as there are many unseen objects in the water. Many of these hazards are constantly changing. Please be sure to report any incidents so that if needed, repairs can be done quickly. A hole was found in the bottom Blue BUK but all is well now



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Paddles up everyone!

[C-2] COMMITTEES

Members at Large Report – Betty Stockli and Gralin Doubleday – August 2021

OC6s

Installed vinyl strips on both sides of the stern of the tri-color Bradley.

DBs

A report of water “sloshing” in the blue BuK was reported. Upon Chris’ examination a small hole was found on the bottom of the boat near the rear seat. It was determined that this may have happened when the hole was drilled for the second drain plug. The gelcoat was intact but the fiberglass may have been compromised thus not showing an issue at the time. Necessary repairs have been completed.

Gas Cage

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The old gas has been disposed of and one 10 litre container filled with fresh gas for gas tank refilling. A tag was placed on the 10 litre indicating the date filled and that this is the one to use to fill tanks.

Yard Storage

A new key for the yard storage was supplied by the landlord (they change locks from time to time) and extra keys were cut.

Coach/Safety Boats

Ordered and installed on stern, number decals (1,2) on each coach boat. Club name decals were installed on boat #2 (both sides). Hour meter checked on motor #8... 29.4 hrs Jul 26/2021

Keys

Canoe dock keys cut and stamped with “do not copy”

Key cut for motor lock 51706, and both motor lock keys put in key lock box #4.

Joanne was provided 2 canoe dock keys as well as 1 Yard storage key.

Basement

Garbage from recent repairs has been removed.

Communicable Disease Plan (CDP)

Final copy sent to BoD

Copy sent to BCS – Marlene Hoyt

Ordered and posted appropriate signage at both the Canoe dock and Paddlesport boathouse.

Safety Coordinator Report – Mary Stardom – August 2021

COVID Restrictions Have Eased

Dragonboats, Voyageurs and OC6s have entered the River, and it is a busy place. COVID restrictions and protocols have now changed to the FLCC Communicable Disease Plan. Many discussions are occurring amongst teams and divisions on how to proceed under current conditions, including issues such as masks and vaccination status. Paddlers will need to continue to be flexible and kind as the situation unfolds.

Current concerns are for occasional **excessive heat**, and **possible air quality concerns from wildfire smoke**. Paddlers are encouraged to assess whether they can handle a long paddle or training in changing conditions. Wear sunscreen, drink lots of water, and consider taking frequent breaks or avoid training in poor air quality.

Huli Testing and Safe Paddling Reviews

Huli testing is now taking place for **OC1s** and **OC6s**. **Paddlers who use these boats**, even if they are involved in other paddling disciplines, must do yearly Huli Testing. Please sign up with the Outrigger Coordinator to book a time, and take the Huli Quiz on the FLCC website.

Paddlers involved in **Dragonboat** and **Voyageur** are encouraged to **review safety procedures for their paddling discipline**. These can be found in the Safety Manual on the FLCC website.

Incidents

No incidents reported. Way to be safe, folks!

Safety Manual – Voyageur Division

Review is underway

Communications Committee Report – Betty/Joanne/Jen – August 2021

No report at this time

[C-4] ASSOCIATE CLUB – FCKC

FCKC Commodore Report - Sandra Young, Commodore –August 2021

[C-5] OTHER REPORTS and/or CORRESPONDENCE

C-5: 1

[Email directed to all Board members from Christine Allenby on Friday, August 20 at 11:00pm]

Hi All

I am sending this email as I have had an upsetting series of emails regarding the issue of vaccinated vs. unvaccinated members attending practice etc. I have emailed Heather Fatkin and her responses to me have been very disturbing.

I have asked that the board of directors ask the membership for a vote as to whether or not they are comfortable with unvaccinated members being in the boats. Heather has told me that I cannot ask members if they are vaccinated and that rather than ask , I should excuse myself from attending drop in.

I am justified in asking as it is my safety and that of my family that concerns me. I am looking forward to attending drop in, as long as there are no unvaccinated people in the boat. This is my right. I will not get into the boat if the group agrees to allow unvaccinated to paddle.

The unvaccinated are putting the safety of the vaccinated at risk. The job of the club is to ensure the safety of its members, not to protect those who chose not to vaccinate.

Our team (sundragons) asked for guidance from the club, we were told it was up to each team to decide on whether or not to allow unvaccinated in the boat. As the club was not prepared to develop a policy.

A policy would protect members and the club itself. Sundragons decided by voting , that overwhelmingly they would not paddle if anyone was unvaccinated, that included coaches and steers.

I don't think anyone can argue that Covid19 is a life threatening virus, and those who chose not to vaccinate do so at their own risk.

This risk should not affect others, and to say that I cannot ask if there is a risk to myself or my family is ludicrous.

I have paid my dues and I have signed up for drop in. I will ask if others are vaccinated until the club develops a policy where they tell members they cannot paddle unless vaccinated.

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Unvaccinated paddlers etc should not be allowed to risk the safety of other members, it is the duty of the club to ensure this.

The members of the club should be allowed to vote on this. I am asking (requiring) that the club put a vote to the membership – the membership should decide if they want unvaccinated people in the boats.

The job of the board of directors is to ensure the safety of its members, allowing unvaccinated members into the boats is not ensuring our safety.

Please let me know how you plan to proceed. I look forward to hearing from you.

For tomorrow, I will be attending dropin and I will ask if there are any unvaccinated there, I will not put myself or my family (grandchildren who are too young to be vaccinated) at risk.

Thank you

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C-5: 2

[email directed to the Commodore Heather Fatkin from Susan Murray <susan.murray@telus.net> on Saturday, August 21 at 6:54pm

Subject: Club policy

Hello Heather.

I am not comfortable having unvaccinated people in the boat with me and I ask the Board of Directors to please put a vote to the membership of the club asking each member to let their feelings on the matter be known, so a policy can be adopted by the club. Members should not have to ask others if they have been vaccinated, members should not be put at risk by paddling with unvaccinated paddlers. Thank you for your consideration, Susan Murray
member of the Sun Dragons DB team

C-5: 3

[Email directed to Board members from Carolyn Armour <armour@shaw.ca> on Sunday, August 22 at 7:45am]

Subject: Covid vaccine

“ I am not comfortable having unvaccinated people in the boat with me and I ask the Board of Directors to please put a vote to the membership of the club asking each member to let their feelings on the matter be known, so a policy can be adopted by the club. Members should not have to ask others if they have been vaccinated, members should not be put at risk by paddling with unvaccinated paddlers”

C-5: 4

[Email directed to the Board from Adelita Ragnitz adelitaragnitz@gmail.com on August 22 at 12:30pm.]

To the Board of Directors of the FLCC,

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These are very difficult times and therefore this is a decision that should be put to a membership vote and not defined by the BoD.

Regards Adelita

C-5: 5

[Email directed to Pam Sutherland from Lisa George at >lisageorge001@gmail.com on Sunday, August 22 at 9:20am]

Good Morning

I am just emailing in response to keeping medical information private as it should be in regards to covid or anything else.

Thank you for supporting privacy

Sincerely

Lisa George

C-5: 6

[Email directed to Heather Fatkin from Karin Kaldenhoven kkaldenhoven@shaw.ca on August 22 at 3:21pm]

Subject: Dragon Boat Paddling and COVID Exposure Concerns

With the ever increasing number of COVID variant cases I am not comfortable having unvaccinated people in the boat with me. I ask the Board of Directors to please put a vote to the membership of the club asking each member to let their feelings on the matter be known. I am requesting a policy be established by the club based on what the majority of our members wish. Members should not have to ask others if they have been vaccinated, members should not be put at risk by paddling with unvaccinated paddlers. DB paddling is not a sport where safe distances can be established nor would a mask be sufficient protection in such close quarters.

I hope to be able to continue as a member of FLCC but not at the risk of bringing the virus home to my young grandchildren. Virus exposure is a real possibility paddling with unvaccinated paddlers who may not be aware they are carrying the virus.

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Sincerely,
Karin Kaldenhoven