



**Fort Langley Canoe Club
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 7:30 pm
Fort Langley Community Hall
9167 Glover Road, Fort Langley, B.C.

Eligible Voters Present: 73
Eligible Voters Present with Proxy Votes: 12
Proxy Votes: 20
Total Eligible Votes: 105

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Anderson, Bob	Kendze, Deborah	McLellan, Terry
Antifeau, Kara	Morrison, Debbie	Nelson, Kathy
Bath, Harpreet	Naples, Alana	Nevison, Lorrie
Bazylo, Pat	Kessler, Carolyn	Pawluk, Edna
Beattie, Barb	Kettler, Charles	Pawluk, Peter
Bedell, Ruth	Kettler, Katherine	Pinkerton, Joanne
Bell, Ken	Kilgour, Trish	Rawstron, Grant
Bennett, Cindy	Kitt, Darci	Robson, Wendy
Bennett, Irene	Kuiper-Zier, Yvonne	Scott, Denise
Berman, Reva	Langley, Jerry	Seaman, Francine
Bickel, Nancy	Langley, Karen	Shiels, Kirsten
Bolam, Joanne	Laviolette, Nancy	Shrimpton, Dianne
Brown, Sandra	Leason, Heather	Spencer, John
Cameron, Italia	Lee, Ben	Stark, Alicia
Chan, Jean	Li, Linda	Stewart, Jeanne
Cooney, Jeanette	Linden, Kathy	Stockli, Betty
Doubleday, Gralin	Linden, Terry	Sutherland, Pam
Fry, Mary-Beth	Longman, Dave	Svendsen, Paula
Gillis, Debbie	Lonnqvist, Janice	Tallentire, Bonnie
Gleboff, Starr	Mathews, Edna	Tan, Michelle
Grieve, Tammy	Mathews, Ron	VanderBeek, Jen
Gutjahr, Robert	McKee Lorraine	Wilkins, Allie
Harrison, Jacque	McKenzie, Bobbie	Wilkins, Jonathan
Ironside, Joanne	McLellan, Bev	Wright Corrina
		Wright, Keith

Eligible Voters Present with proxy vote(s): 12

Proxy Votes: 20

		Proxy Votes
Bublitz, Cheryl	Representing 1 proxy voter	Hunt, Sherri
Cox, Mare	Representing 3 proxy voters	Bruhs, Debbie
		Leibel, Marilyn
		Hillier, Sue
Crook, Denise	Representing 1 proxy voter	Fatkin, Heather
Ferguson, Sandy	Representing 1 proxy voter	Dunne, Terry
Hoffman, Brenda	Representing 2 proxy voters	Boundy, Sarah
		Farmere, Jo

Kask, Dianne	Representing 1 proxy voter	Corrine Hogarth
Paquette, Lynda	Representing 1 proxy voter	Paquette, Rebecca
Roddham, Kathy	Representing 1 proxy voter	Brown, Shirley
Sabiston, Audrey	Representing 2 proxy voter	Johnson, Judy Johnson, Rod
Spencer, Maureen	Representing 1 proxy voter	Barbour, Jaye
Stardom, Mary	Representing 1 proxy voter	Al Housani, Roberta
Welk, Cec	Representing 5 proxy voters	Brown, Mala Day, Susan Eddington, Pauline Grassmuck, Glenda McLeod, Betty
<p>The club has 534 eligible members. For a quorum, 80 members eligible to vote are required. Quorum has been met.</p> <p>As per Part 4 – 14. (3) of the bylaws, a quorum is 15% of the members eligible to vote, but never less than 5 persons. Each voting member present can carry a maximum of 9 proxies.</p>		
A	WELCOME	
	<p>Call to order. The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm with welcome and introductions by Jean Chan.</p> <p>Denise read a welcome letter from Heather Fatkin – FLCC Commodore 2021-2022:</p> <p>“Good evening, everyone</p> <p>I've asked Denise to take my place this evening as I can't be there. I did want to THANK you ALL for coming as life does get in the way occasionally, so appreciate you being here especially if it took that extra effort to do so.</p> <p>The current Board has prepared information for you this evening that will give you a sense of what the Board has been doing in the last 12 months. They've worked hard for you. I'd like to thank ALL the Board members for their contribution both to the club and in their area of expertise, for some that is very broad. Information provided tonight will give you a sense of what 2023 may look like for FLCC.</p> <p>THANKYOU to all the members of FLCC for giving me the opportunity to contribute for the last 2 years. I wish FLCC well and to each of you the very best that life has to offer both on and off the water.”</p>	
Item I Agenda	<p>MOTION by Ken Bell to adopt the agenda as circulated Seconded by Cec Welk In favor, none opposed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	

B	OLD BUSINESS
Item II Adoption of Minutes February 7, 2022	<p>Jonathan Wilkins stated that his “Notice of Motion” was written incorrectly. Several Board members disputed Jonathan’s statement.</p> <p>MOTION by Jonathan Wilkins to accept the 2022 AGM minutes Seconded by Ken Bell In favor, none opposed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Item III Consideration of Financial Statements; Budgets; Proposed Capital Expenditures	<p>Financial statements, budgets, and proposed capital expenditures were sent to all members.</p> <p>Audrey thanked Dave Longman for his continued support. She then provided a brief overview of the 2022 Financial Statements, the 2023 proposed budget and the proposed capital expenditures. The treasurer was thanked for her clarification of the financial statements.</p> <p>MOTION by Audrey Sabiston to accept the 2022 financial statements, as distributed. Seconded by Denise Crook In favor, none opposed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Betty Stockli and Gralin Doubleday provided a detailed report concerning the damage done to the canoe dock in December 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The north, east and middle fingers were purchased and installed in 2014. Blue Water Systems provided us with a quote to repair the north fingers aluminum frame, the east fingers bent pile hoops, installing a hinged connection point between these 2 fingers and installing two transition plates. The quote was for \$9400 + GST and the Board has provided approval to proceed with these repairs – they are currently underway. This amount was included in our 2023 budget • The south finger and the main float were purchased from Granville Island and installed in 2008 – they used to be the old Granville Island ferry docks and are 35+ years old. Due to the age of these floats and the fact that they are made of wood (and not aluminum), the Board asked Blue Water for a quote to replace both the main float and the south finger. • The quote for the replacement of the south finger with a new 160’ x 6’ aluminum framed new one was \$150,000. The Board felt that we could complete some repairs to the damaged areas of this finger on our own and is recommending that we do not replace this finger for at least several years, and therefore this is not included in the 2023 budget. • The quote for the replacement of the main float with a new 35’ x 20’ aluminum framed new one was \$88,000 and they can begin work on this in mid-Sept 2023. The Board has included this item in our 2023 budget and is recommending that we proceed with this replacement in 2023.

	<p>MOTION by Audrey Sabiston to accept the 2023 budget including the capital expenditures, as distributed. Seconded by Dave Longman In favor, none opposed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Item IV Reports	<p>The following reports/items (along with Notice of the AGM) were sent to all members prior to the AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2023 Agenda ▪ 2022 AGM minutes (Draft) ▪ 2023 Proxy Form ▪ 2022 Financial Statements ▪ 2023 Proposed Budget including Capital Expenditures ▪ 2023 Executive Nominee information <p>See attached reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commodore's report, by Commodore Heather Fatkin ▪ Dragon Boat Report ▪ OC Report ▪ Voyageur Report ▪ MAL Report ▪ Advertising & Promotion Report ▪ Safety Report ▪ Risk Management Report
Item V Election of Directors	<p>Chairperson handed the meeting over to Cec Welk for the election of directors. The following members stood for positions of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commodore: None ▪ Vice Commodore: Denise Crook ▪ Treasurer: Audrey Sabiston ▪ Secretary: None ▪ Dragon Boat Coordinator: Pam Sutherland ▪ OC Coordinator: Jim Heuving ▪ Voyageur Coordinator: None ▪ Member at Large: Betty Stockli ▪ Member at Large: Francine Seaman <p>The Election Officer called three times for each of the nine positions to be filled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The position of Commodore remains vacant ▪ Denise Crook was acclaimed in the position of Vice Commodore ▪ Audrey Sabiston was acclaimed in the position of Treasurer ▪ The position of Secretary remains vacant ▪ Pam Sutherland was acclaimed in the position of Dragonboat Coordinator ▪ Jim Heuving was acclaimed in the position of OC Coordinator ▪ The position of Voyageur Coordinator remains vacant ▪ Betty Stockli was acclaimed in the position of Member at Large

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Francine Seaman was acclaimed in the position of Member at Large <p>MOTION by Jean Chan for a vote of thanks to the outgoing executive members. Seconded by Ken Bell All in favor.</p>
C	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>After a discussion, Jonathan Wilkins moved to withdraw his 2022 Notice of Motion concerning the amendment of Bylaw 5.6. Seconded by Ken Bell</p> <p>MOTION by Jonathan Wilkins to amend the 2023 budget to include \$25,000 for the DB division and \$25,000 for the OC division. Motion was denied by facilitator as the 2023 Budget had already been approved (see Item III).</p> <p>MOTION by Dianne Kask that draft AGM minutes be published on the FLCC website within 30 days of the meeting. Seconded by Ken Bell. In favor, none opposed CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION by Sandy Ferguson that the Board looks ahead to renew the Dragon Boat fleet. Seconded by Ken Bell In favor, none opposed CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION by Jonathan Wilkins that before any capital assets are sold, all members should be advised and be invited to express interest within 14 days of notice of sale. Seconded by Ken Bell In favor, none opposed CARRIED</p>
D	ADJOURNMENT round of applause
Item H-1 Meeting Adjournment	<p>MOTION by Jean Chan, seconded by Karen Langley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.</p>

Minutes by: Bobbie McKenzie

Voter/proxy information by: Cec Welk

Attached Reports:

Commodore's Report - Commodore Heather Fatkin

2022 a year of come back. Today FLCC has 534 Voting Members; it is definitely a good sign for the club.

FLCC is one of the only paddling clubs in the lower mainland that does everything with volunteers. The

Board this year operated almost with a full board, with the position of OC rep being vacated for some of the year. The knowledge from the returning members of the Board Betty (Member at Large), Denise (Vice Commodore), Pam (Dragon Boat Rep) and Debbie (Voyageur Rep) allowed for some continuity for the Board. With the addition in 2022 of Audrey (Treasurer), Francine (Member at Large) and Bobbie (Secretary) the Board tackled a new era.

In December's Freshet we published "Celebrating 2022 FLCC Achievements". The list was a bit long, and all items were only achievable by the people that stepped up and decided to make it happen. To ALL those that did THANKYOU!!

Each Board member has submitted a report covering their divisions, or a specific team i.e.: corporate outings, Safety, Risk Management and our Communications team. As well, The Board together handled a lot of things that had all different levels of importance. They included for 2022:

- The Board had three allegations of violation of "Code of Conduct", all were investigated. Every member is governed by the Code of Conduct.
- The FLCC Board has been working with FCKC, BCS and ToL on the Paddlesport/Storage Agreements.
- The Board is currently dealing with having repairs done to the Canoe dock due to the severe weather and freezing conditions that occurred in December.
- The Board held a vision workshop in order to identify issues within the Club and find solutions.
- The Board has been successful in getting "traction" with the long-term goal of identifying items related to "Risk Management". The focus is what the waterfront may look like going forward. The concern is, if no dredging occurs will we have no water to paddle in.
- Members of the Board interacted regularly with the Township of Langley.
- The Board has removed the COVID Policy effective April 1, 2023

Yes, it is a new era, the last few years have changed people, in what they want to do and how they want to spend their time. Therefore, finding volunteers to take on roles within the club is now a bigger challenge than ever. People's time is valuable, and they are now cherishing it.

One division that has been hit by the new era, is our Voyageur Division. A division years ago that did a lot of day trips, and even overnight trips. This discipline was at one time how a lot of members started paddling. Efforts have been ongoing by Debbie Scott to keep this division alive. With Debbie's departure this year from the Board this division will be in need of help to take over the organization of outings, it is small groups of 8-10 people. Those that do voyageur find it is truly the grass roots of "paddling."

There are a number of members within FLCC that wanted to become more involved and have chosen to do so by helping with one of our Committees or Groups, they include the following:

- The **Safety Committee** is a group of people that work tirelessly at very early hours. To Mary S, Joanne B and Bob A. THANKYOU. This is a group that is solid and goes above what is needed in ensuring that the members are safe. We are never overly happy when we hear "Freshet's been called" but it's necessary. I appreciate the fact that the membership treats this group with the SUPPORT, UNDERSTANDING and RESPECT that is deserving of the job that they do.
- A group that is often forgotten is our members that represent us on the **BCS (Bedford Channel Society)**. This group works at managing the agreement that is in place with the ToL (Township of Langley) for the dock and storage areas. That group is Dave L, Jonathan W, and Pam S - The names sound familiar I'm sure (all past / present Board members) and their knowledge of FLCC and BCS is helpful in having FLCC heard at this level.
- The **Communication Committee** may be newly named, maybe not, but this group consisted of Monique B, Dianne K, Debbie S, Penny M, Pam S and Betty S. These members stepped up and out into the community, plus a number of members volunteered to participate in the parades and helped at the community booths and markets. A lot of hours were spent talking

about the club all in the name of sharing the importance of Ohana. THANKYOU to all of those that took part.

OHANA (def: dictionary)

Ohana is a Hawaiian word which refers to a person's extended family, which can include friends and other important social groups, churches, schools, place of work, and recreational activities can all be the basis for developing ohana, referred to as one's work ohana, school ohana, and so forth.

- The Communication Committee also includes our **Webmaster** Joyce M who along with Irene B our **Freshet Editor**, keeps our website and newsletters coming at us. This communication tool along with FB -handled by Joanne B, Bob A and Instagram- Cindy R do a fantastic job of keeping our members informed.
- Ohana leads to us sharing our love of paddling, and our **Corporate Outings** do just that. The organization and time spent on making these events happen involve things that most of us have no idea of. Pat B single handedly gets everyone organized and makes it happen. Pat has given us a great report that will help guide us into the future. THANKYOU Pat.

I've listed a few of the members above that are continually helping the club and names we know.but there are a lot more members those that have helped in some way and being a member is one of those ways...**THANKYOU** for being members in 2022 and we hope to see you in 2023.

It has been a privilege for me to be your Commodore for the last two years. Thank you for putting your trust in me and the FLCC Board.

Respectfully
Heather Fatkin
FLCC COMMODORE (2021-2022)

Dragon Boat Report – Pam Sutherland

2022 was again an interesting year and it was great to see FLCC teams back in action at Regattas and Events. Lots of medals and awards came their way. In all, there were 17 teams and this included our Visually Impaired Team and Breast Cancer Survivor ladies. A Senior D team was formed for Nationals and three teams created for the Pan Am Games. Add 1 more team that is training for Barcelona and it has been a busy year! Several of these teams have been continuing to paddle through the rather interesting winter we have had.

Hosting Ottawa Dragon Masters for their Spring training camp was a bit of a challenge. Once again though, many wonderful volunteers made this a very successful event. Fun was had by all participants.

Regattas and Competitions started once again. Some Clubs were still not ready to hold a regatta in 2022 and attendance was smaller at others. 2023 things should be in full swing. A new sign-up sheet on the website for people willing to spare for other teams made life a lot simpler and worked really well.

The Dragon boat Drumbeat continued to be published each month and hopefully provide news and information for dragon boaters.

Drop-In (an UNCOACHED extra paddle) has been very well attended and many thanks to the Steers that volunteer for these mornings. I do hope more steers will consider taking a turn on a Sunday morning!

Division D (70+) was recognized by DBC. Team D-Fyance travelled to Montreal to compete in the first

competition in this Division. There were several teams competing in different categories and hopefully, attendance and participation in this Division will continue to grow. The Sport of Dragon boating can keep you active for many years.

It was wonderful to hold a FUN regatta for all members of FLCC. About 150 members joined in and there are plans to hold another one in the future. This time, hopefully more people from the OC and Voyageur Divisions will join the festivities.

It was great to once again have a Moonlight paddle with two full boats.

Santa arrived in a slightly different manner due to a very cold evening. As he emerged from the Paddlesport boathouse, he was greeted by lots of young folks and escorted to the Community Hall to light the tree.

A major fundraiser for the dragon boat division is the Corporate Outings. Please find a summary report included at the end of this report. PLEASE be sure to answer the call to help with these outings!

2023 will be a good year and even though there will be challenges, things will happen and get done. EVERYONE must do their part to keep FLCC the great Club it is. FLCC has many qualified people who can help and mentor you in whichever role you choose.

Paddles up and away for 2023!

Dragon Boat School and Corporate Outings – Pat Bazyllo

This year's program could not have been reached without the contributions of a number of members of the Club who volunteered their time. I am indebted to these volunteers for without their support we would have been unable to manage the outing workload.

The dragon boat outing season began with great interest and on occasion involved requests for joint ventures with Voyageur canoe outings. End of school year activities and professional development days were very popular to the extent that we were unable to accommodate every request on one professional development day.

Funds raised for nine outings totaled \$5,400 plus tax, with one repeat participant. Volunteers included 7 steers, a few with repeat duty and 49 members for dock crew/callers/lead strokes, 9 who double, triple, and quadruple answered the call for volunteers.

Limitations:

- Freshet rules impeded outings booked in June for schools wanting to schedule end of year outings and time on the water before the summer months. As it was, freshet came mid-July and lingered well into August on the Bedford Channel.

Feedback from group users:

Feedback from the corporate and school users was positive. Comments included the following:

- Would love to paddle again, especially with the group of volunteers we had. Will be back and will recommend this outing to others
- Will try to get funding for 2 dragon boats this fall (repeat participant)
- All the thanks go to you and your amazing crew. We had such a wonderful time on the Bedford Channel, enjoying the scenery, the banter and learning how to manage a paddle. You guys made it so much fun for us!

Volunteering has a direct impact on the ability to achieve a successful outcome and deliver our program to school and corporate participants.

Overall, the school and corporate outings program was successfully delivered.

OC Report – Heather Fatkin

For most of 2023 the Board oversaw the OC division. Getting extras done were luxuries and growing the division was limited, myself I was grateful that there were others that knew what needed doing more than I, knew how and when to do it and were willing to help. THANKYOU, you know who you are (basically it's all those that got that email in those early morning hours from the OC rep asking for help).

To recap what our year looked like in the OC division here goes...

In February, a questionnaire was sent out to get information on what was needed. The big boat River Race for April was cancelled in February due to not enough lead time given to teams. The small boat event went ahead on Sunday April 10th. 40 participants in V1, OC1, K1, and OC2 took part. Key long-term members assisted, Jim, Francine, Joanne, Betty and Gralin were key in making this race happen.

In the month of May, OC 6 online sign out was decommissioned, the feeling of the Safety Committee and the Board was that with cell technology members could operate safely as long as a cell phone was on board. We were to accept delivery of two new OC1's in March, delays on delivery due to being stuck on a ship resulted in them appearing in Mid-May. In May FLCC lent the OC6 Bradley's to CORA for the National Sprint Championships. The yearly event of Freshet arrived mid-May and a Freshet Steering Clinic occurred to ensure that OC steers understood the water and had the necessary skills to steer during Freshet.

In June we dealt with key issues to get onto the Paddlesport Dock as the Tol had closed the dock due to Freshet. Numerous calls and lost keys provided challenges to everyone that wished to paddle. In June the Club offered a 6-month boat usage fee to get members out on the OC1's.

In July the waterways were busy with teams and individuals making the most of water time during the good weather. In August we saw a number of members head to London to compete. Members represented both FLCC, National team as well as competing in solo sprints. Our own Ann Mohs brought home a gold in the Women's 75 solo 500m.

In August HULI's were held, with a focus on an opportunity to figure out what it took for "you" to get back in the boat. 200 OC6 Huli evaluations and 58 OC1 Huli Evaluations were completed. Many members did multiple Huli's in order to ensure that any member that wanted to Huli did and had success.

September saw the last of the Huli drills done and teams trying to steal the hours of good weather to be on the water.

Come October we had 18 teams that booked OC6 and V12 boats for the winter months. With many teams booking 3 times a week. On October 29th FLCC Small Boat Classic happened - 37 paddlers and 28 boats crossed the finish line.

In November a used OC6 was found then purchased, officially named "ELMO". When Elmo arrived, he received a well needed scrub and after a thorough going over it was determined to be in better condition than other boats in our fleet. Repairs were numerous on the OC6's and OC1's during the year, mostly wear and tear from usage. Members for the most part when using the boats "do treat the BOATS AS THEIR OWN". Watching for rocks, paying attention to buoys, using the OC1 cradles, wiping down the boats and lifting the boats with assistance are all great things to do to help with the longevity of the boats. With the help of Betty and Gralin, a steering Clinic was held, it was well received, and 18 members took part. The favourite race, Wetdashe in Victoria happened and FLCC was well represented. A group of talented paddlers and enthusiastic members started the team CTP (Competitive Training Program) with the goals of high caliber racing (CORA CUP), and is offering weekly coaching with a committed group of paddlers.

In December we headed into freezing temperatures and dock closures. We were short one OC6, which

resulted in teams sharing and rotating using the V12. We put all the OC6's on the Paddlesport dock, during the freezing temperatures to protect the ama's from damage.

The Board is hopeful that in 2023, the OC division gets the help and attention it needs to move the OC program out to the membership for both recreational and competitive paddling.

Voyageur Report – Debbie Scott

We had a great year even though we lost quite a few paddlers due to covid, but we still have keen people to paddle. There was a great turn out for Brigade Days in August and Cranberry races were full and very successful. We paddled to Bruce's Market a couple times. We took out a couple school and corporate groups, paddling which is always fun and profitable. We need someone to step up as Voyageur Rep to keep this division going. We will need to try to increase interest in the Voyageur, possibly more trips in 2023. Ideas are always welcome.

MAL Report – Betty Stockli

2022 has been another busy year for our Members at Large. Along with the constant list of maintenance items keeping us afloat, there were a few items needing special attention after a couple of covid years.

- The two Swift DB 10's had repairs completed and seats and gunnels refinished.
- The original tri color Bradley OC6 and a newly acquired tri color Bradley are undergoing some major repairs and refurbishment. They should be in service soon.
- The voyageur fleet received some needed attention after two years of storage at the yard. In order to get them ready for the return of Cranberry, they needed to be pressure washed and cleaned and several needed seat repairs. New wheels and tires were installed on the 2-boat voyageur trailer as the old ones were showing signs of their age.
- The extended and late freshet brought quite a bit of debris with it causing several issues with our debris deflector at the Canoe dock. Post freshet we needed to remove a significant number of rogue logs as well as resecure several of the debris deflector logs. Maintaining the debris deflector is a constant and ongoing process that requires monitoring and response all year long.
- An OC6 steering clinic was organized and held in November accommodating 18 members. The majority of participants were at a beginner level and several had never steered an OC6 before. The presenter was Gabe Somjen of Jericho, a long-time paddler and steers with a lengthy resume of local and international race experience. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with many commenting on the quality of the presentation and instruction.
- An early cold snap and freeze up in December caused ice buildup on the river that ended up causing some major damage to parts of our Canoe dock. Repairs are a top priority and underway. In examining damage that occurred to the main float we have had another opportunity to view the condition of the underlying timber structure. This float is an aging structure and will need attention/replacement soon.

Our Members at Large wish to thank and acknowledge the many members that assisted in all these activities over the past year... No job succeeds without the help of others.

Advertising & Promotion - Betty Stockli

In 2022 FLCC participated in a number of community events such as the Fort Langley May Day parade and the Aldergrove Canada Day parade. A booth at the Community Day at Douglas Park and at the Langley Community Farmers Market were also attended.

A new FLCC banner was purchased and used at the parades and at the community and market

booths. 500 copies of the new FLCC brochure were printed off and volunteers handed it out at the parades and at the farmers market and community booths. The brochure was also put into recreational and community facilities in Langley, Abbotsford, Surrey and White Rock.

FLCC also partnered with the City of Langley (COL) about doing some beginner, entry level paddling programs. FLCC would provide the facilities, equipment and instruction and COL would look after the registration. A Voyageur and Dragon Boat program were set-up but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to low registration.

Safety Report – Mary Stardom

Paddling was enthusiastically embraced by all FLCC paddling disciplines during 2022, with old and new teams taking to the water and many races being reopened.

Training & Workshops

- Know Your Paddling Environment - led by Grant Rawstron
- Freshet Clinic, Dragon Boats – planned by Pam Sutherland and Joyce May 11

Freshet Steers Clinics

- Huli Drills
- Beginner and Intermediate OC Steers Clinics

Weather Events:

Snow and ice closed the docks and froze the river for several days during the Christmas Season. Low water levels were a concern in early spring and late summer, as was fog, while freshet and high water were unusually late and lasted well into August.

Summer also brought occasional excessive heat, and air quality concerns.

Incidents:

- January 25: paddler slipped on dock and fractured femur. First aid rendered by another paddler, ambulance and fire called for assistance
- February 27: While docking the blue OC6 Advantage at the Dragonboat dock the front iako hit the rope on the dock. Both lakos now appear to be out of alignment slightly.
- February 28: 2 paddlers in second row seats were changing sides, and one fell forward onto the neck of paddler in seat one, causing neck injury and severe concussion to seat one paddler
- March 28: loose screws on blue BUK
- March 28: Paddler slipped getting onto dock from DB while trying to avoid standing on seat. Bruised hip.
- April 11: Wind pushed back of OC6 into pub dock while returning to canoe dock under the bridge. Rub mark on stern, no damage
- May 12 – OC6 returning to dock under the second arch of the bridge. Stern of the boat bumped the bridge pylon when the boat turned left towards the dock. No damage.
- May 25 – OC6 Paddled upstream, ran boat slightly along barge while momentarily inattentive. No damage. Paddler acknowledges need for more space and to maintain attention
- June 7 – Moving orange and yellow Bradley OC6 to the water on the new dock. Patch of gel coat chipped off the bottom of the boat, revealing a crack that had been absorbing water. Boat unrigged to put aside for repairs, ama rigged onto another hull
- June 12 –blue Advantage OC6 was pushed by the current into the bridge pylon during approach to the canoe dock under the second arch (by the pub dock). Steersperson was reassessed, and agreed to wait until conditions ease. One Advantage was moved from the canoe dock to the new dock, and teams were instructed to leave and return from that dock. No damage, no injuries.
- June 12 - Paddlers traveling upstream between airport and boathouse dock turned between

dock and deflectors, with current pushing OC6 into metal dolphin. Shredded rigging lines off ama. Upon recovery and return, new lashings were put on ama. Crews should travel upstream along the shore in this area until well past the boathouse and deflectors until freshet conditions ease

- July 15 – paddlers retrieving safety boat from water were pushing it up the ramp into the boathouse and it suddenly stopped. One paddler fell, and received bruising on hip. Recommend having more help to push the boat into the boathouse, stop and adjust angle of approach if boat stops.
- July 27 – tiller bar cracked on Millennium DB. No injuries. Boat pulled from service until repaired
- August 8 – paddler in borrowed, private OC1 hulled in channel and was unable to self-right. Assisted by FLCC Club members. Paddler exhausted, no injuries reported
- August 11 – Red BUK DB rubbed over submerged debris. No damage found, no injuries
- September 9 – Screws on Red Buk tiller arm caught on tiller arm of Green 6-16 and broke it. Tiller arm repaired
- September 13 – Split on rudder of OC1 #771 reported for repair
- September 18 – Paddler slipped off hull of OC6 while doing Huli Drill. Bruised ribs and leg. Assessors discussed with them how to execute action with more success
- Sept 30 – crack in ama of OC1 discovered. Examined for repair
- Oct 11 – OC1 Huli while headed east before the bridge. Ama grazed paddler's head. Rather than do traditional recovery, paddler towed boat to dock, where other members helped recover the boat and paddler. FLCC members monitored paddler until they went to their car to go home, paddler followed up with phone call to member once safely home.
- Oct 16 – Damage on forward edge of OC1 rudder, after contact with possible rock outside of warning buoy near the gas line sign (south side of channel, east of Paddlesport dock)
- Oct 28 – V12 found unlocked at dock
- Oct 29 – Racer in Fall Small boat race hulled personal OC1 at end of race near the new dock. Two safety boats responded and rendered needed assistance. Exhaustion but no apparent injuries. Was monitored by partner after race
- Nov 8 – Paddler on OC1 coming East toward New Dock hit rocks on south side of channel by the gas lines. Paddler thought they were sufficient distance from buoy marking rocks. Slight damage to leading edge of rudder. No injuries
- Nov 11 – during training session, safety boat's outboard propellor cage hit a submerged log. Slight dent to cage. Motor continued to work well
- Nov 17 – Steers-in-training was returning V12 to dock. Right side muku caught a rope on the right-side dock and twisted the lako. MAL Betty and Gralin examined and re-rigged the boat. No injuries. Wind was also an issue.
- Dec 7 – paddler stepping out of Dragon Boat onto canoe dock slipped back into the boat. Sore elbow, tailbone and neck
- Dec 9 – bottom of OC6 rubbed across a submerged deadhead alongside Fort Langley airport. No damage apparent.
- Thank You to all who reported safety incidents. This allows needed inspections and repairs to take place, as well as allowing us to review procedures for possible improvements for everyone's safety. When everyone cares together, we can continue to paddle together!

Risk Management Report – Denise Crook

The FLCC Risk Management Committee (RMC) began meeting in early 2022. The consensus was to narrow the scope of focus to the three most important issues facing the club. The channel, buildings and docks becoming unusable, a support change in local government, recruiting Board Members and engaging volunteers. A survey was sent out to all club members looking for input on these issues and we received some very helpful responses. Thank you to all who participated.

The issue of the Channel and docks becoming unusable was made very clear 2022. Mother Nature has given us an indication that the dredging should happen sooner rather than later. Low water made paddling on the channel very difficult and in some places impossible and the ice buildup and damage to the Canoe dock and Paddlesport dock this December probably would not have occurred had the channel been deeper. The docks will be repaired and upgraded where possible to limit future issues regarding water flow and ice. The full extent of the repairs, upgrades and replacement of Canoe Dock sections will be evident in the coming months.

Regarding the channel dredging, FLCC has representation on a new local community group that includes Kwantlen Land Development, the Eric Woodward Foundation and local Fort Langley residents and activists. The first and only order of business this group intends to focus on is the dredging of the Bedford Channel. We will not concern ourselves with any other matter at this point so as not to cloud the issue. Waterfront development will be pointless if there is no water. The members of this committee have a network of the contacts needed to navigate this complicated issue (and believe me...it is a complicated issue). We will be reaching out to other community groups and channel user groups to make sure all Fort Langley and Kwantlen interests are heard regarding the Channel. The new Township of Langley council has put together a committee to investigate all aspects of channel dredging and expect that they will be looking at the previous dredging history and current environment and requirements for the channel. We don't expect them to release a report until spring or early summer. There is a lot of work ahead.

The RMC will continue to work on the issues to make FLCC a more cooperative and inclusive environment for all members and the community of Fort Langley. Your support in these endeavours is crucial.

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