



**YUKON CANOE & KAYAK CLUB**

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**Executive Board Meeting**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** Lawrence Brennan, Derrick Law, Geoffrey Cartwright, Karen McColl,  
Theresa Landman (calling in)

**Regrets:** Lauren Wonfor (proxy to Karen)

**Call to Order:** 7:20pm

**1) Approve Agenda for May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

1. Approve Agenda
2. Review April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Minutes
3. Executive Director Report
4. AGM Prep
5. Up Coming Events – Bins Clean Up, Gear Swap, Tutshi Weekend, Kalob Grady Clinics
6. Whitewater Rodeo Date
7. Float Bag Purchase
8. Volunteer Reimbursement
9. Project Thunderbox update
10. Donating Helmets to YFNED

**Motion to approve:** Geoffrey

**Second:** Theresa, passed

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**2) Review of minutes from April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Meeting.**

**Motion to approve:** Geoffrey

**Second:** Lauren, passed

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**3) Executive Directors Report (April 3 to May 13)**

*Fostering Community*

- Paddling Film Festival
- Whitewater Rodeo – phone calls with KDFN, Ta'an and CTFN (not connected with yet)
- Indigenous Youth Intro to Whitewater Camp
- COW Rec Expo



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### *Programming*

- Volunteer Organization
- Start of Beginner Whitewater Kayaking Programs
- Presentation in schools to for Youth Beginner Kayaking Program (5 different classes)

### *River Stewardship*

- Met with YRQ race coordinator to discuss Project Thunder Box
- Met with YEC to discuss YCKC concerns about Whitehorse Rapids Generating Station (WRGS) water license renewal)
- Submitted YESAB Comment for Whitehorse Rapids Generating Station Water License Renewal
- Working with City of Whitehorse to apply for Transport Canada application for Intake Wave Maintenance

### *Club Governance*

- Foundations Grant & Podium to Pathways 23/24 report and 24/25 application
- Insurance Renewal Application
- Develop Quickbooks processes with Treasurer

### *Projection for next month*

- Gear Swap/Raffle
- Paddle with the President
- 24/25 Budget
- Tutshi Weekend
- Clinic registrations

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## **4) AGM Prep**

- May 23 at the Paddling Gear Swap BBQ (~8:30PM)
- Agenda:
  - 1) Approve May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 AGM Minutes
  - 2) President's Report – David S.\*
  - 3) Treasurer's Report – Geoffrey C.\*
  - 4) Executive Director Report – Lawrence B.\*
  - 5) Membership Q&A
  - 6) Election of Officers
- Written copies of reports required for Minutes.



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## 5) Up-coming Events Update

### *Spring Cleaning at the Bins (Thursday May 16)*

- 3 to 6:30PM
- Provide BBQ dinner for volunteers
- Things to be done: Cover graffiti // set up picnic tables // set up new gear

### *Gear Swap (May 23)*

- Set up around 4, ready to go around 6
- 7 confirmed volunteers (Gear Swap Coordination, Food & Drink Sales)
- Waiting to confirm on sponsor attendance
- Gear Swap: YCKC provides space, paper and marker for participants to provide their information.
- AGM: 8:30PM
- Raffle Draw: 9PM

### *Paddle with the President (May 25)*

- Meet at the North Klondike Rest stop 8:30AM
- Takhini River Bridge to Mendenhall Landing
- 4 volunteers confirmed
- Bring raft with oar frame for young kids

### *Tutshi River Weekend (June 8 & 9)*

- Still looking for volunteers
- Saturday (9 to 3PM): Beginner skill sessions on Lower Tutshi
- Saturday (evening): BBQ at Final Rinse rapid
- Sunday (10 to 2PM): Boatercross races on lower Tutshi (below the sieve)



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## 6) Whitewater Rodeo Date

*Attachment: 2.Letter\_RodeoChangeRequest.pdf*

- Lawrence followed up letter with phone calls to KDFN, Ta'an, and CTFN (not connected as yet)
  - First Nations are supportive of pushing back to September 7/8 weekend - same as Klondike Road Relay
  - Lawrence recommendation: Saturday September 15
  - Suggested that YCKC apply to funding through the Yukon River panel to investigate the actual impact of kayaking on Salmon (submission deadline Nov.1) – 2025 project
- Lawrence is going to follow up with YEC about their ability to hold water back for a July 11<sup>th</sup> rodeo. Further information and decisions made via Slack.**

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## 7) Float bag Purchase

- ~ \$60/stern bag
- Options suggested by Derrick:
  - 1) Buy them as YCKC equipment
  - 2) Don't buy them
  - 3) Buy them for resale to participants as personal gear, this makes them responsible for the care of the bags, and will provide them with safety equipment whenever they acquire their own boats
  - 4) Same as Option 3 above, except offer to buy them back at the end of the season for \$10 less if they're undamaged (ends up being a rental fee and helps purchase additional bags/gear)

**Motion: Purchase 20 stern float bags (enough for 1 per boat) from this year's budget, with the intent to purchase another 20 next fiscal: Geoffrey**

**Second: Theresa, passed**



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## 8) Volunteer Reimbursement

- YCKC needs to solidify how it supports volunteers in attaining the Wilderness First Aid and Swift Water Rescue
- In the past, YCKC has
  - 1) Reimbursed volunteers who have taken a course on their own
  - 2) Hosted a course and covered the cost
  - 3) Hosted a course and subsidize part of the cost
- Recommendation from Geoff:
  - 1) Volunteers pay for course and are reimbursed a partial amount for each trip the volunteer with.

**Motion: Volunteers must take a YCKC hosted SRT or WFA course, they will pay for it themselves and will be reimbursed 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the cost for every beginner drop in or weekend trip/event for up to 2 years following the course, to the maximum cost of said course: Karen**

**Second: Geoff, passed**

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## 9) Project Thunderbox Update

- Waiting for YG approval of 2023 Summary before releasing to public (Carmacks to Minto)
- Still need to assessment of Minto to Dawson section to complete initial assessment of both Teslin & Yukon Rivers
- Need to find new funding for this year – Environmental Awareness Fund no longer running
- Yukon River Quest is supportive of the project
  - Invited YCKC to set up information booth at Registration – June 24 during the day
  - Might be able to help find powerboat for 2024 Assessment



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**10) Donating helmets to YFNED**

- Requested to borrow 15 helmets for Dry Grad (June 1/2) – YCKC leant out helmets for 2023 event.
- YCKC just bought 20 new NRS helmets
- Lawrence's recommendation is to permanently donate 15 of the older helmets to YFNED.

Motion: Donate 15 old helmets to YFNED: Karen

Second: Geoff, passed

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**Meeting End: 9:27pm**

**Next Meeting: AGM – 8:30PM @ YCKC Bins**