



YUKON CANOE & KAYAK CLUB

“To inspire and support Yukoners to safely paddle and responsibly explore Yukon’s river systems”

Annual General Meeting

May 10, 2022

Minutes

Attending: Dave Swinson, Derrick Law, Lauren Wonfor, Luke Morris, Peta Nolan, Rob Kunde, Janelle Greer, Lawrence Brennan

Call to Order: 7:15pm

1) Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Dave

Second: Rob

Passed

2) Review and Acceptance of minutes from November 17, 2021 AGM

Motion to approve: Lawrence

Second: Luke

Passed

3) President’s Report (David Swinson):

Thank you to:

- all volunteers for running programs, helping with events, and supporting the club
- all sponsors who provide financial, equipment, rental, training, and other support to YCKC
- all outgoing board members for their contributions to club leadership
- special mention and thank you to outgoing past-president Erin Giesbrecht for all of her efforts over the years leading and supporting YCKC
- Lawrence Brennan for all of his work as Executive Director as he endeavors to build a bigger and better club
- to the board members who I sit alongside on the YCKC executive.

The board of YCKC is, in practice, a flat organization with all board members having an equal say and equal opportunity to contribute to executing YCKC’s mandate. I want it to be recognized that despite having the title of president my contribution and position within the executive is no more significant or important than any other persons. Although I didn’t have any special interest in becoming president I have thoroughly enjoyed serving in this role, working alongside the rest of the executive, and making what contributions I can to support the Yukon Canoe and Kayak Club.



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4) Treasurer’s Report (Luke Morris):

Highlights:

35k in grants, \$1.1k in sales (maps), \$1200 rodeo, \$15k programming: total \$54k
\$61k in expenses. Bin renovation over by \$4k, 198 members

Treasurers Report:

I am pleased to present my Treasurer’s report for the 2021 Yukon Canoe and Kayak Club’s AGM.

Through another challenging and busy year, YCKC generated a Net Loss of **\$8,048.36**. While our gross income for the club this fiscal year was \$52,713.30, the club had several expenses that generated this loss. The largest of the expenses this past year was the new retrofit of the ‘Bins’ area by the Intake Rapid. This project was projected to cost \$12,500 and was primarily funded through CDF funding, however, through escalation and inflation the project was over budget by \$3856.09. This was deemed an acceptable expense through the decision of the YCKC board of directors, in order to complete the vision. We are also happy that part of the funding for this project paid the wages of the employed Youth at Risk through the BYTE program here in Whitehorse. Another contributing factor to the loss YCKC occurred this year is the Executive Directors Wage Expense as he has put in many hours organizing the great events throughout the territory and working on the **Rock the River** project.

YCKC has contracted out a Consultant (S2O Design) firm for preliminary design concepts for the project. This expense was anticipated and deemed acceptable by the Board in the hopes of further pushing the project forward. We do anticipate that the Rock the River project will incur further expenses moving into 2022 as we update our Business Case and Feasibility study. This is to entice outside stakeholders, and donors and ideally get approval from all governing bodies to begin a phased construction process.

Our budgetary and financial commitments will be maintained throughout the process of programming, projects, and events and it is in my opinion, needed to see the paddling community grow even further since moving to this magical place.

I am pleased to continue as the club’s treasurer for the upcoming year and I want to say a big thank you to all of the hard-working board members for their support throughout the 2021 paddling season. I look forward to working with the team in the year ahead.

Sincerely,
Luke Morris



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5) Executive Director’s Report (Lawrence Brennan):

See Appendix A

6) Special Resolutions:

Background

As YCKC is a category B society for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the club can waive the requirement for a financial statement review by a professional accountant.

Motion to waive the requirement for a financial statement review by a professional accountant: Dave

Second: Rob

Passed.

7) Election of Officers:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by/Seconded/Acclaimed
President	Dave Swinson	Acclaimed
Treasurer	Luke Morris	Acclaimed
Secretary	Derrick Law	Acclaimed
VP	Lauren Wonfor	Acclaimed
Director at Large:	Theresa Landman	Acclaimed
Director at Large:	Karen McColl	Acclaimed
Director at Large:	Michelle Klaben	Acclaimed

Meeting Adjourned: 20:06



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APPENDIX A

The Executive Director position is a leadership role that supports the Board of Directors, YCKC operations and initiatives. This position has been rewarding and challenging as YCKC continues to grow a leader in the Yukon Paddling Community. I have divided this report into the four pillars identified in the *2021-2026 Strategic Plan*; Program Development, Fostering Community, River Stewardship and Club Governance.

Program Development

YCKC’s programming plays a key role in supporting our members and the general Yukon Paddling community. From May to August, I oversaw the delivery of the weekly Adult & Youth Beginner Whitewater Kayak programs. This included advertising, registration and volunteer organization. I also supported the club’s volunteers to deliver weekly drop-in programs on the Yukon River. I was responsible for overseeing YCKC’s sea-kayak clinics that were held in June and required extensive communication with YCKC’s membership, contracted coach and the Yukon government because of the uncertainty created by COVID-19. I supported the expansion of YCKC’s Tripping Program by working with YCKC volunteers to create Trip Plans and Emergency Action Plans, as well as submitting accurate Trip reports.

With another COVID-19 wave during the winter, I was responsible for keeping YCKC’s membership informed on how public health restrictions were impacting the pool programming (weekly kayak polo and monthly skills sessions). The winter months were also spent preparing for summer 2022 programming. I spent time recruiting volunteers, producing the summer schedule and working with YCKC volunteers to create new Women & Non-Binary Whitewater Kayak Program. I have been organizing National Coaching Certification Program training for YCKC leaders, as the first step to creating an in-house training program. I also able to book Kalob Grady, Team Canada Head Coach for Freestyle Kayak for three days of courses in July. I have been coordinating with local businesses to provide Swift Water Rescue training for our members.

Fostering Community

As a leader in the Yukon paddling community, YCKC is working to foster a safe, responsible, inclusive and diverse paddling community. My position contributed to this goal by overseeing the completion of YCKC’s storage improvement along the Yukon River in Whitehorse. I was also responsible for organizing two successful weekend paddling events at the Wheaton River and Tatshenshini River. Working with Yukon Built, I developed club hoodies to help promote club spirit. I oversaw the annual Whitehorse Whitewater Rodeo, with the introduction of a well-attended post-competition BBQ, hosted at newly updated bins. I have been working with



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YCKC’s Director of Communication to increase the club’s social media presence, while ensuring content is current and relevant.

In preparation for the 2022 summer season, I have been working to include more social events, including a spring Gear Swap in May and Lapie River Festival in July. I have also been working with Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Youth Achievement Center (YAC) to develop a weeklong youth Intro to Whitewater camp slated for July. I am also working with YAC to develop a summer rafting program. I continue keep up to date with correspondence with people interested in joining and/or volunteering with YCKC.

River Stewardship

To ensure future generations are able to access the benefits the Yukon’s rivers have to offer, YCKC is undertaking multiple river stewardship initiatives. Alongside YCKC members and the Yukon Youth Conservation Corps (Y2C2), I have been designing the 2022 assessment of the Teslin River. I have had ongoing discussions with Yukon Parks to establish an outhouse at Mendenhall Landing, the take out of the popular Takhini River day Trip. On the Rock the River front, I have been the lead contact person Kwanlin Dün First Nation, the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Yukon Energy Corporation, with the intent for the parties involved to complete a feasibility study in 2023.

Club Governance

In order to successfully serve our membership, YCKC needs effective and transparent governance. Working with the President & Secretary, I worked to ensure Board meetings were efficient by ensuring Board members were prepared with an agenda and supporting materials in advanced. In order to provide low-cost programming for members and achieve club initiatives, YCKC needs the support of grants and sponsorships. I ensured all 2021 reports were up to date, applied to a variety of government and non-profit grants, and looked for new sponsorship opportunities. Working with the Treasurer, I developed the 22/23 YCKC Operating Budget, a projected surplus. I have also worked to ensure that all required permits for YCKC operations are up to date.

I am proud of how YCKC continues to grow as an organization and grateful that I have the opportunity to contribute in this role. I am so proud of all the hard work the Board and YCKC Members and excited for the future.

-Lawrence Brennan