



# Alberta Canoe Polo Association

“The mission of the ACPA is to promote the sport of canoe (kayak) polo in Alberta for the enjoyment, safety and health benefits of Albertans, young and old”

Alberta Canoe Polo Association  
Annual General Meeting April 6, 2008  
at the Worlds Organizing Committee Office  
10385-60<sup>th</sup> Ave, Edmonton AB T6H 1H1

## Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 10:20am
- Attendance: Pres (JL), VP (DCOB), Sec (DWOB) EWP rep (CG), CKC rep (DG) Director of Development (KS)

### **Approval of the Minutes for 2007**

- minutes read aloud
- no errors or omissions
- motion to approve minutes Dale/Chris\_ carried

### **Amendment to By-Laws**

-Gaming commission required that casino funds be specifically mentioned in the By-laws if the society was dissolved.

- Motion to amend the by-laws to read: Darryl/Chris\_ carried

*“In the event of dissolution of the Alberta Canoe Polo Association, all assets including any casino derived income will be dispersed in a fair and equitable manner among the member clubs of the Society prior to dissolution who are in good standing with the Association in the year of dissolution of the Society. Casino funds so dispersed will be spent in accordance with previously approved spending guidelines provided to the member clubs at the time of dispersion of the funds.”*

### **Year End Financial Report**

-presented by Secretary, Darryl O'Brien for Treasurer, Rosemarie Chinchilla who was absent from meeting.

-reviewed by the Executive

-Motion to approve the financial report subject to audit by two members of the Executive And that Chris Goss and Dan Groeneveld appointed for member audit. <carried>

## **OLD BUSINESS**

In the financial statement of 2007, there was an outstanding cheque (from 2005) payable to Cottonwood Kayak Club (CKC) which represented dispersement of funds received from the Alberta Whitewater Association in 2005. This cheque had not been cashed. Dan Groeneveld from the CKC requested that 5 ACPA kayaks currently in CKC possession be transferred to the CKC in lieu of the amount due to the CKC in order to remove this item from outstanding accounts.

Motion By: Chris/Jean “That ownership of the ACPA kayaks (5) currently in CKC possession, be transferred to the CKC and this the cheque to the CKC from the ACPA, still outstanding, be cleared from the outstanding accounts. <carried>

### **Report**

The Host Organizing Committee of the 2008 World Canoe Polo Championships in Edmonton in July of 2008 reports that 26 countries and 57 teams will be in attendance, making this the largest worlds ever held outside of Europe. For the minutes, it should be noted that this Committee operates under the auspices of the ACPA, that it will use bank accounts set up by the ACPA, that an ACPA casino was held in January of 2008 to raise funds to host the 2008 Worlds and that following the Worlds, the legacy of equipment and funds (if any) will be used to further promote canoe polo to clubs in Alberta and possibly beyond

### **NEW BUSINESS**

(a) Since the ACPA general account was used set up as an exclusive casino account as required by the Gaming Commission, it is necessary for the Association to create a new general account.

Motion: Chris/Dale “that a new general account be set up and that the existing general account remain as the ACPA casino account. All non-casino funds will be transferred from the “old” general account to the new ACPA general account.” <carried>

(b) The subject of the relationship of the ACPA and the promotion of canoe polo by other Associations, in particular the Alberta Whitewater Association (AWA), which in 2002 voted to expel canoe polo as a discipline from the AWA for its lack of “whitewater” involvement, was discussed by the ACPA members present. The ACPA is concerned that recent activity by the AWA to promote canoe polo may be in contradiction to the 2002 motion that required that the discipline of canoe polo to form its own association and that this activity may jeopardize the existence one or both of these associations to pursue funds for canoe polo activity by their respective associations.

Since the AWA was represented in these discussions, the **recommendation** was made that if the ACPA is to be considered a discipline under the umbrella of associations represented by the AWA particularly in regard to the staging of canoe polo in the 2008 Alberta Summer Games, that the minutes of AWA meetings be sent to the President of the ACPA and that the ACPA have a representative on the Board of the AWA.

c) It was noted that June 8 was selected for the Alberta Summer Games paddling trials for Zone 5 and 6 to be held in Rundle Park, Edmonton. It should also be noted that June 7 is River Day in Rundle Park.

- d) With the 2008 Alberta Summer Games being staged in Medicine Hat in August, it was suggested that the ACPA take an active role in promoting canoe polo in the zones to facilitate its presence in the ASGs.

Motion: Jean/Darryl “That three developmental coordinators (North, Central and South) for the sport of canoe polo be created with responsibilities to promote the sport in specific zones and arrange clinics.” <carried>

Furthermore the following individuals have agreed to take on these positions: for the North (Zone 7 & 8), Rob Kerestes; for the Central (Zone 5 &6) EWP; for the South (Zone 1,2,3,4) Steve Gale (Canmore) and Dan Groeneveld (Innisfail).

Their responsibilities are to contact the clubs in their respective zone responsibilities, to serve as resource persons and to organize clinics for the ASG. These clinics would be proactive events, not dependant on requests for clinics. Also these individuals could provide aid to clubs in organizing tournaments.

- (e) Election of Officers: Nominations were opened for positions. The call for nominations was made three times at which time nominations were closed. The following names were proposed as Directors.

Jean Leduc, President  
Rosemarie Chinchilla, Treasurer  
Darryl O’Brien, Secretary  
Vice President, Dale O’Brien  
Director of Development, Steve Gale

These individuals were declared to be elected by acclamation for 2008.

- (f) Appointment of Signing Officers:

Motion by: Dan/Keegan “To appoint the following persons, *Jean Leduc, Rick Checkland, Rosemarie Chinchilla* and *Darryl O’Brien* (new) as signing officers for the Association for all present accounts and those to be created”. Keegan Smith would be removed as a signing officer. <carried>

Motion to adjourn: Chris Goss.