

PARA Marine Search & Rescue



MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
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MINUTES OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING

WEB MEETING
April 29, 2021 at 19:00

- 1. Call to Order** – As Chair, Bill McLean called the meeting to order at 19:04.
- 2. Declaration of Quorum Present and Notice of Meeting Sent Out** – Bill McLean confirmed we had a quorum. There were 31 members present with no proxies.
- 3. Introductions** – Bill McLean thanked the members for attending and all they do during the year and then invited the Board members to present themselves to the membership. The Board members individually all spoke of how proud they are to serve an organization that is so well respected and appreciated by the boating community, their municipalities, and other SAR organizations.
- 4. Review and Acceptance of Minutes of the past Annual General Meeting, June 11, 2020** – Bill McLean asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 2020 AGM as printed. John Rycroft moved and Colin Thomson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 5. Reports** –

A. Commodore: Colin Thomson

Colin thanked the membership for their support over the last difficult year. He highlighted how far we have come as an organization as our members have dedicated themselves to embracing the values of safety, teamwork, professionalism and a sense of community. We have over the last year completed the rebranding exercise and strengthened our ties with all the communities we serve. Upgrades to PARU have continued which allow us to better serve those in the water – complete report attached

H. Secretary Treasurer:

Report was distributed prior to meeting, highlighted improved financial savings, audited financial statements attached.

- 6. Election of Commodore** – Bill McLean informed the membership that Colin Thomson was willing to stand again as Commodore and then asked if there were any other nominations from the floor, there not being any other nomination Rob Anderson moved, Gary Endicott seconded that Colin Thomson be elected as Commodore - The motion carried.

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- 7. Election of the Board of Directors** – Bill McLean presented the current Board of Directors who all indicated their willingness to continue in the position, Bill then asked if there were any nominations from the membership, there being none – Ivan Barsby moved and Alan Macdonald seconded the motion that: Bill McLean, John Rycroft, Robert Anderson, Rhonda Mulcahy, Gary Endicott and Mark Poray be Directors of PARA for the next year - The motion carried.

Bill McLean confirmed that Sean Collier and Keenan Watters are willing to continue as appointed Board members.

- 8. Changes to the Bylaws** – Rob Anderson presented the proposed changes to the bylaws of the Association which were previously distributed. The focus of the updates to the Bylaws were to reflect the change in the legal name of the organization, include Coxswains as “Officers”, provide clarity as to when the Chair should vote and some minor improvements in wording. Rob Anderson moved that the Bylaws be amended as distributed, Francois Gauthier seconded the motion passed with greater than a 2/3rds majority. – proposed changes document attached.
- 9. Jennifer McGuinty** reported that she had contacted various other Auditors in the Region for proposals for the 2021 audit. After a review of the responses her recommendation was to continue with Mike Evans as Auditor for the organization. Keenan Watters moved, Rob Anderson seconded that Mike Evans be appointed as auditor for 2021. - The motion carried
- 10. Other Business** – Annual Awards - Although in the past the membership at large was asked to vote on these awards, during this period the Committee felt the membership has not had the exposure to all members as it normally would and decided to make the decisions within the Committee – but that this was due to extenuating circumstances not a change in policy. Ivan Barsby related the Executive Committee’s struggle with awarding the Rookie of the Year award as there were so many outstanding Rookies this last year, despite the operating restrictions because of COVID. However, after considerable reflection he was pleased to announce the award will go to Justin Tumino.

The Lifetime Achievement award, will not be presented this year.

Ivan also reported that when the Executive Committee reflected upon the Above and Beyond award candidates for the past season a single candidate was difficult to find as the work/sacrifice and dedication of the entire membership last season to ensure PARA was able to meet its obligations while maintaining a safe environment for its crews during COVID had to be recognized and therefore the Above and Beyond award will be presented to the PARA Marine SAR Crew.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 19:45

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Attendees:

Adam Chan	Eleonore Edwards	Justin Tumino
Alan Macdonald	Emily Cullen	Kevin Gibbs
Benjamin Harrison	Francois Gauthier	Marcus Howse
Bradley Greenland	Gary Endicott	Mark Poray
Clint Scott	Ivan Barsby	Michael Galita
Cody De la Cuba	Jason Brown	Paul Darnbrough
Colin Thomson	Jason Goodyear	Pierre Pelletier
Craig Newell	Jessica Templin	Rob Anderson
Cyril (CJ) Wellman	Jillian Gobrecht	Sandra Karakolis
Duane Judd	Jonathan Clayton	Sofronio Garrucho

Approved:; by general membership April 21, 2022

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