



Annual General Meeting

Sun, Nov 5, 2023, 11:30 - 3:00 pm

Member of
CanoeKayak Ontario



and

The Marathon Canoe Racing Council (MCRC)

of

Canoe Kayak Canada (CKC)



Ontario Marathon Canoe Kayak Racing Association (OMCKRA)
Board of Directors

Oliver James McMillan – President

Seb Courville – Vice President

Kim Snell – Recording Secretary

Don Stoneman – Race Secretary

Michael Bender - Treasurer

Christine Archer - Past-President

Vacant – Member At Large

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes from AGM held November 13, 2022
- Business arising from previous AGM minutes or members (add these items to Other Business)
- Presidents Report
- Race Secretary (Sanctioning Committee) Report
- Treasurer Report
- Membership Report
- CKO (Provincial Sports Organisation PSO) report
- MCRC (National Sports Organisation NSO)
- Other Business
- Awards
 - Point awards.
 - Race of the year; Adult Child Award; Award Merit; Sportsman Award
- Election of new Officers
 - 5 board members are elected for 2-year terms; 5 to be voted on in 2023.
- Instructions to the new board
- Adjourn

Meeting of the new board follows immediately after the AGM.

Meeting Minutes 2022 AGM to be approved.

Annual General Meeting of Members (AGM)

Minutes of 2022 AGM

Presidents Report (submitted by Seb Courville, VP OMCKRA)

Competitions

Many races and events were back in action this year throughout the province. 12 Sanctioned races were held during the 2023 season. With total counts at 1229 of which 814 were not members, registrations for most races have increased and were fairly close to pre-pandemic numbers. Unfortunately, 5 races remain cancelled for various reasons. Many paddlers taking part in sanctioned events are NOT members of OMCKRA. There is room to grow our membership numbers.

Initiatives and Coaching

OMCKRA hosted a **Paddler Development** weekend in late July in Bracebridge. Many paddlers attended the event where both canoeists and kayakers had the opportunity to be mentored and coached on paddling and racing techniques.

This year a group of outrigger paddlers at the storied Mississauga Canoe Club asked to be sanctioned as a “marathon” club so that they could take part in outrigger activities that are outside of the “Sprint” water safety policy. **Outrigger** is part of the club’s new policy to be more appealing to adult paddlers. (Could pro boats be next?)

Counting the “Missy” group, **OMCKRA sanctions four outrigger clubs** in the Greater Toronto Area. The others are Wai Nui at Oakville, Maka Koa at Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club and Outer Harbour Paddling Club near the Don River. Long distance Outrigger paddling is in a vibrant stage in urban areas, apparently now taking paddlers away from shorter-distance Dragon Boat events.

A **Race Subsidy program** encourages OMCKRA members to take part in certain high profile and highly competitive events outside of the province of Ontario, Nationals, Triple Crown, The Chattajack, Yukon River Quest, and some others.

An **Equipment Sharing Initiative**, encouraging members to lend canoes and kayaks to new paddlers, is getting underway.

A student, hired under a provincial **Summer Experience Program grant**, conducted **Economic Impact studies** on sanctioned events using a provincial ministry Tourism Regional Economic Impact Model (TREIM) tool. The Mattawa Canoe Race for example was estimated to contribute more than \$80,000 to the local economy.

The student also developed a “heat map” that charted where members are in the province. Marathon, both in terms of races and membership, has largely moved from its original geographic base in southwestern

Ontario to Toronto and areas north and east. Discussions with members point to traffic jams on the major highways around the Greater Toronto Area as being as much or more of an impediment to attending races as is the price of gasoline.

A **second summer student** was hired to complete the **Points Awards** calculations and produce reports required by the provincial government.

Coaching. In late October, Master Facilitator Trevor Robinson, Saskatoon, trained six ELCC Marathon coaches. Most were affiliated with the Collingwood Paddling Club, a small multi-disciplinary club on Georgian Bay.

Governance

A summary of the Associations governance – covering relations with the respective PSO:

OMCKRA board

- **Oliver McMillan**, President
- **Seb Courville**, Vice President
- **Mike Bender**, Treasurer
- **Don Stoneman**, Race Secretary
- **Christine Archer**, Past President
- **Kim Snell**, Membership Secretary & Recording Secretary

Representatives to the CKO board in 2023:

Peter Braul, CKO Marathon Director

Christine Archer, CKO Marathon Director

Karen Bender, CKO Marathon Director

Yvonne Kurz, CKO Marathon Director

Canoe Kayak Canada

Board member Don Stoneman is Chair of the Marathon Canoe Racing Council and sits on the board of Canoe Kayak Canada. The Ontario rep to the MCRC was vacant for most of this year.

2023 Participation

For this year, we got a **total membership count of 393**. Racing members accounted for 101 and club members accounted for 292 of the overall memberships.

Provincial Championships were cancelled in 2023.

National Championships Marathon Nationals were held in **Shawinigan Quebec** in mid-August.

→ END Vice President's Report

Race Secretary / Sanctioning Committee Report (Don Stoneman)

Thank you to the members of the Race Sanctioning/Support Team for your great work in 2023: **Bonnie Pankiw, Sebastian Courville, and Oliver McMillan**. Upper Jock River Organizer **Gaetan Plourde** has indicated he will take a position on the Race Sanctioning/Race Support Committee in 2024. The committee is looking for one or two more people.

Races, Clubs and Clinic Sanctioning

OMCKRA Sanctioned and/or Recognized **13 racing events, 7 clubs, 2 clinics** in 2013. The Race Sanctioning Committee typically starts its work early in the New Year when the first applications for Sanctioning are received. In the 2023 season sanctioning forms, especially from clubs, rolled in slowly straining volunteer resources no longer available to the committee in the paddling season. Sanctioning needs to be finished in February to get boats on the water April 1.

Races: Racing events were down from 15 events in 2022. The sanctioned **Sydenham River Canoe Race** was cancelled prior to the event because the parking area was too wet on race day. Generally, events had better numbers than in 2022. It is apparent from talking to former organisers that a shortage of volunteers is holding them back. Races held were:

- Toronto International Outrigger Challenge
- Nottawasaga Fall Classic
- Upper Jock River Race
- Marsh Mash
- Wai Nui Why Not
- Pittock Paddle
- Canoe The Nonquon
- Manotick Round The Island
- Saugeen Paddlers
- Parry Sound 50
- Kingston To Ottawa
- Muskoka River X

The **Mattawa River Canoe Race** was cancelled in 2023 whilst the host, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, reorganised after a change in staff at the top and the province cutting funding. The event was suffering because of a lack of volunteers, increased costs of caterers for the meal after the race, and conflicts with events in the community where the race ends. The Conservation Authority plans to go ahead with a date in early June of 2024 rather than late July and began approaching sponsors with a Dec. 31 deadline. If enough sponsors cannot be found the event may be handed to an interested volunteer organisation to operate. The Mattawa Race, known as the crown jewel of the Ontario circuit, has operated annually, (other than for covid) since the late 1970s.

Marathon has largely moved from its original geographic base in western Ontario to areas north of Toronto and east. The volume and unpredictability of traffic around the GTA appears to be more of an impediment to

attending races than does the price of gasoline. “Pro boat” races on river courses have been supplanted by Stock Boat races on lakes. We hope to sanction more river races in 2024.

Access to rivers, lakes and portages is all important. There are now requests from property owners such as Ontario Power Generation for \$10 million in liability insurance, double the current amount carried. The Race Secretary respectfully requests that this issue be taken to Canoe Kayak Ontario where three paddling disciplines share a common insurance policy.

Clubs: Sanctioning clubs was particularly slow in 2023. Club programming outside of their racing events are also reviewed for sanction by the committee. Clubs 2023 are:

- Saugeen Paddlers Canoe Club,
- Outer Harbour Paddling Club,
- Maka Koa Outrigger Club,
- Wai Nui O Kanaka Outrigger Canoe Club,
- Collingwood Paddling Club (Marathon division),
- Georgian Nordic Paddling Club and now
- Mississauga Canoe Club.

Coaching and Clinics: There was one paddler training clinic and one coach training clinic sanctioned by the committee. Several coaches ran paddler training of members which the sanctioning committee did not review. Counts are not shown in the table yet. In late October, Master Facilitator Trevor Robinson trained six coaches; most were affiliated with the Collingwood Paddling Club, a small sprint club on Georgian Bay that is becoming multi-disciplinary. Newly trained coaches are Jody Brault, Peter Brault, Laura Clemenagen, Angus Doherty, Sian Leyshon, and Audra Nicholson (Georgian Nordic, Parry Sound).

Summary of participation counts for sanctioned activities: Counts for races include those held by clubs, clubs’ counts are for club activities outside of races. Clinic counts are incomplete, not all numbers in yet.

Totals from	participant counts	M	F	o	Members	Sprint/ WO	Non-mem (DAY) O-N-Q
Races	1229	741	485		298	117	814
Clubs	112	54	57	1	0	0	112
Clinics/Coaches	6	2	4		3	3	0
MM-90 Totals	1347	797	546	1	301	120	926
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Footnote: “Sanctioned” means that an organiser uses OMCKRA’s insurance obtained through Canoe Kayak Ontario’s shared policy. “Recognized” means the organiser has its own insurance policy that still meets the province’s threshold of a minimum of \$ 2 million in liability coverage. Insurance is key to being able to host events on both public and private land. Safety is key to keeping that insurance available for all organisers. So are standardised classes and nomenclature for those classes. This is sometimes difficult to achieve. A points system encourages racers to take part in events across the province.

Respectfully Submitted, Don Stoneman Race Secretary
 → END Race Secretary Report

Treasurer's Report (Michael Bender)

Review of Engagement by RLB for fiscal year April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023

A Review of Engagement was completed by RLB accountants and approved in principle by the board on June 21, 2023. Reports below were copied from the Review of Engagement document. Full document is printed for review at the AGM and available to members upon request.

ONTARIO MARATHON CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MARCH 31, 2023 (Unaudited - See Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report)			ONTARIO MARATHON CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023 (Unaudited - See Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report)		
	2023	2022		2023	2022
ASSETS			REVENUES		
CURRENT			Grant income		
Cash	\$ 13,781	\$26,205	Membership revenue	\$ 8,377	\$ 4,565
Short term investments	\$ 25,238	\$15,209	Race and event day fees	\$ 6,119	\$ 2,340
Prepaid expenses	\$ 2,459	\$ 5,710	Project income	\$ 6	\$ 1,175
	\$ 41,478	\$47,124	Miscellaneous income	\$ 302	\$ 2,898
			Total	\$ 69,912	\$44,022
CAPITAL ASSETS (note 4)	\$32,103	\$15,796	EXPENDITURES		
Total	\$73,581	\$62,920	Provincials & Nationals	\$ 0	\$ 0
LIABILITIES			PSO administration	\$ 5,935	\$ 9,086
CURRENT			Development stream	\$ 2,429	\$ 3,223
Accounts payable			Program support	\$ 46,003	\$12,618
and accrued liabilities	\$5,456	\$ 2,997	Amortisation	\$ 3,259	\$ 2,716
Deferred revenue	\$ 885	\$ 1,300	Leadership development	\$ 47	\$ 5,189
Total	\$6,341	\$ 4,297	Bank Charges	\$ 81	\$ 90
NET ASSETS			Elite stream training	\$ 3,511	\$ 0
NET ASSETS	\$ 67,240	\$58,623	Miscellaneous expense	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$ 73,581	\$62,920	Total	\$ 61,295	\$32,922
			EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES for		
			the year	\$ 8,617	\$ 11,100
			NET ASSETS, start of year	\$ 58,623	\$ 47,523
			NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 67,240	\$ 58,623

CAPITAL ASSETS - March 31, 2023

	Cost	Accumulated Amortisation	Net 2023	Net 2022
Kevlar canoes	\$ 24,303	\$ 9,596	\$ 14,707	\$ 4,215
North canoe	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,780	\$ 3,220	\$ 3,500
Trailer	\$ 1,821	\$ 1,153	\$ 668	\$ 790
Boats	\$ 2,900	\$ 1,631	\$ 1,269	\$ 1,631
Paddles	\$ 12,676	\$ 3,783	\$ 8,893	\$ 1,478
Trainer machine	\$ 2,761	\$ 950	\$ 1,811	\$ 2,208
Computer hardware	\$ 2,193	\$ 658	\$ 1,535	\$ 1,974
Totals	\$53,654	\$21,551	\$32,103	\$15,796

Current fiscal April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024 - Updated to September 30, 2023

Revenue	Actual	Budget	Variance
Grant	\$3,812.00	\$14,100.00	\$10,288.00
F24 OASF		\$14,100.00	
Summer Student	\$3,812.00		
Membership	\$8,117.00	\$10,600.00	\$2,483.00
Racing/Club Rep	\$3,260.00	\$4,600.00	
Club Member	\$4,857.00	\$6,000.00	
Deferred Member			
Day Participant Fee - Race Ins	\$4,112.00	\$7,000.00	\$2,888.00
Program Income - Coach Training		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Misc. Income, ICF and GIC Interest	\$2,190.15	\$200.00	-\$1,990.15
Total Revenue	\$18,231.15	\$32,900.00	\$14,668.85
Expenses			
Provincial/National Competitions		\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Development Stream	\$3,668.75	\$10,900.00	\$7,231.25
NC/Rabaska/Stock		\$1,700.00	
OMCKRA Talks		\$500.00	
Race Org Support & Promotion		\$4,000.00	
Swag		\$1,000.00	
Member support	\$195.00	\$1,500.00	
Stummer Student Pay	\$3,473.75		
Paddler Training/Clinics		\$2,200.00	
Elite Stream Training (Coaching & Boats)	\$600.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,400.00
Paddlers doing High Level Races	\$600.00	\$4,000.00	
Equipment & Boat Purchases			
Leadership Development		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Coaches	\$62.99	\$5,800.00	
Officials		\$3,700.00	
Volunteers		\$500.00	
Schedule G Funds to Clubs			
PSO Administration	\$1,358.52	\$4,000.00	\$2,641.48
Communications - Hut & Website	\$1,358.52	\$500.00	
Board & AGM Meetings		\$1,700.00	
Office Supplies/Equipment		\$1,300.00	
Board Training & Development		\$500.00	
Professional Fees (Accounting)	\$3,729.00	\$3,900.00	\$171.00
Program Support	\$3,229.70	\$8,860.00	\$5,630.30
CKC Membership	\$955.00	\$1,960.00	
CKO Membership	\$2,274.70	\$4,600.00	
CKO Insurance (Full & Day Mem)		\$2,300.00	
Property Insurance	\$1,112.40	\$900.00	-\$212.40
Bank Fees	\$42.40	\$100.00	\$57.60
Miscellaneous (GIC Purchase)		\$200.00	\$200.00
Total Expenses	\$13,803.76	\$44,160.00	\$30,356.24
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses			
(Deficiency)	\$4,427.39	(\$11,260.00)	(\$15,687.39)

Motion: To Approve the OMCKRA Annual Financial Statements to March 31, 2023. Mover: Mike Bender, Secunder Peter Braul. Carried

Motion: To Appoint RLB Accountants to complete the Annual Financial and Review Engagement of OMCKRA for the year ending March 31, 2024. Mover Mike Bender, Secunder Peter Braul, Carried

→ END Treasurer’s Report

Membership Report (Kim Snell)

In the 2023 season (2024 fiscal) OMCKRA had a total of 394 members. Of these 102 were racing members and 292 were club members. The total is a little more than the previous year which had 379 members (115 racing and 264 club members).

age category percentages	age categories	2023						grand total
		racing (incl club rep)		sub total	club mem		sub total	
		F	M		F	M		
1.78%	U14	2	3	5	-	2	2	7
1.27%	U17	3	1	4	-	1	1	5
2.28%	U20	1	1	2	6	1	7	9
16.75%	Senior (20 to 39)	3	12	15	32	19	51	66
17.01%	Masters1 (40 to 49)	9	10	19	33	15	48	67
19.80%	Masters 2 (50 to 59)	6	15	21	50	7	57	78
26.14%	Grand Masters 1 (60 to	10	19	29	49	25	74	103
9.14%	Grand Masters 2 (70 to	1	4	5	22	9	31	36
2.28%	Grand Masters 3 (80 to	-	2	2	4	3	7	9
3.55%	unknown			-	8	6	14	14
100%	totals	35	67	102	204	88	292	394

gender percentages 34.31% 65.69% 69.86% 30.14%

Standard notes for every year

Year of birth (as well as name and city) is required information for insurance, reporting and Rowan's Law.

Racing Members: Fees are paid to National, Provincial and Insurance bodies for Racing Members. They are voting members of OMCKRA, provincial and national association members, and are eligible for medals in nationals. Included in these is one voting representative from each club. **Members of clubs:** Fees are paid to Provincial and insurance bodies for members of clubs. One rep from each club is a voting member of OMCKRA; club members are full members of CKO, not members of the National association and not eligible for medals if participating in nationals. **Associate Clubs:** These are other province Marathon Associations needing help with insurance. OMCKRA collects fees to cover the insurance but must not count these clubs as members of CKO so there is no PSO fee. They pay the NSO fee directly.

→ END Membership Report

Canoe Kayak Ontario (CKO) Report (Peter Braul) – Marathon (OMCKRA) representative on the CKO board

The CKO's board meets monthly approximately 10 times a year. Marathon reps are Karen Bender, Yvonne Kurz, Christine Archer, and Peter Braul.

CKO serves several purposes for OMCKRA. It is a clearing house for grant money from the province. (The one paid staff person, Executive Director, Orest meets regularly with CKO's provincial sports consultant). It is a conduit for an **insurance policy** that covers the three disciplines for liability as well as accident insurance for its athlete members and volunteers. **Through CKO, OMCKRA enjoys a shared insurance policy that provides liability coverage for race directors and backup insurance coverage for athletes.** Without this insurance, race organisers would find it difficult to get permission to use various properties for start and finish areas and portages. There is a third purpose. Canoe Kayak is one of 64 sports recognized by the Province and CKO is a conduit for policies handed down from the Province via the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

In 2023. CKO is revising its bylaws with input from each discipline to comply with not-for-profit changes. These changes will need to be voted in at next year's CKO AGM and active as of Oct 2024. In addition, the OASF grant application was a new application this year, meaning the formula to allocate funding from CKO to the various disciplines could be considered open for review. The disciplines will work together to come up with a new formula affecting this year and the likely 3-year term of the grant funding despite what disciplines may have planned in budgeting financials for this same year. Note that the OASF funding has not been received by CKO though in past years would have been received by now. There has been no indication from the Ministry as to whether or not to expect the funds, or when there might be a decision on funding, or timing of a payment in the case of the decision.

Lessons learned. It's important that OMCKRA have as many of its four representatives at CKO board meetings as possible. Our representatives need to be able to provide feedback for CKO decisions, and so need to make sure they are informed of the context and policies in place that govern these decisions. Good communication between the OMCKRA board and the reps is essential to our success in receiving additional grants and to shaping the sport for the future within the CKO framework. Without proper communication reps cannot really "rep", and instead become passive observers. As the CKO calendar is roughly the same every year, discussing the same funding and grants, OMCKRA reps should be informed in advance of CKO meetings what the critical issues are for OMCKRA. The association needs to ensure its board meetings cover the required materials in advance of the relevant CKO meeting and communicate advice to the reps. In turn it is essential that reps communicate any requirements CKO may have to OMCKRA's board as quickly as possible. Being a rep means attending one evening a month. There are policies to be decided upon, or in the case of provincial policies, handed down to the OMCKRA board and to members.

CKO fees and grant income. In addition to the insurance fees paid to CKO for the shared policy, each of the three disciplines pay a portion of the CKO Administration costs (approx. \$35K) plus a portion of the shared Abuse insurance policy (approximately \$850). The portion each discipline pays is based on the percentage of provincial grant income they receive through CKO each year. The approximate fee for Marathon tends to be around \$2,500 per year. The grant income tends to be between \$13K and \$15K and is determined based on programming and participant counts. OMCKRA must report to the Ministry through CKO regularly on how they are using the grant funds and is obligated to obtain an auditor's 'review of engagement' each year.

→ END CKO Report

Marathon Canoe Racing Council (MCRC) of CKC Report (Don Stoneman)

There is a lot going on at the National level, Canoe Kayak Canada, that directly reflects on marathon canoe and kayak racing in Ontario. Safe Sport is a big item.

Safe Sport

A May 11 announcement by the federal minister then in charge of sport clearly linked Safe Sport and federal funding. In July a new Sport Minister, Carla Qualtrough was appointed. She wants to fix the Safe Sport issue. The policy document from CKC speaks to Safe Sport as well.

Related to Safe Sport and finances, the audited statement for CKC ending Mar. 31 of this year notes: The organisation is economically dependent on Sport Canada as during the year 74% (2022 - 70%) of revenue was received from this single source. CKC has tentatively budgeted \$278,000 for Safe Sport this year. CKC

members have until April 1, 2025, to fully comply with CKC rules regarding Safe Sport including MANDATORY police checks for individuals such as board members, coaches and Race Directors.

A Safe Sport policy manual on the CKC website is necessary reading.

MCRC's chair has been taking part in a process known as Good Governance Two. This involved consultations as well as presentations and interviews with a facilitator. The MCRC chair has spelled out concerns with the NSO and made recommendations on how to fix them. Links: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2023/05/minister-st-onge-announces-new-measures-to-improve-accountability-and-foster-a-safe-and-sustainable-culture-change-in-sport.html>

https://canoekayak.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/CKC-Policy-Manual_FINAL_Dec2022_EN.pdf6

Marathon Worlds

The following Ontario paddlers competed at the **Marathon Worlds** in Denmark in late August: Zoe Bergeron, Mississauga Canoe Club, 8th in U23 Women C1 and Massimo Montanari, Burloak Canoe Club, 26th in U23 Men K1.

The **Marathon Worlds Team** is selected from athletes who are not typically members of the organisations represented at the Marathon Canoe Racing Council, although they are required to join a provincial marathon organisation in order to take part. Congratulations to paddlers who also took part in their Masters age classes at the same event, including Canoe Kayak Canada President Chris Helyar from Toronto.

National Marathon Championships

Quebec hosted Nationals for the first time since 1997, in Shawinigan Quebec in mid-August. Although attempts were made to publicise the event, including the opportunity for free accommodations, turnout from the rest of Canada was poor. Most of the 300 athletes taking part were from Quebec. Only two attended from Ontario. The organisers would like to host Nationals in Quebec again in 2024, likely with a different format. The MCRC board will be looking at a proposal in a couple of weeks. A new Quebec representative to MCRC, Sophie Coupal, is fluent in both official languages and we hope that better communications with Quebec will result in a better turnout at a Nationals event in 2024.

Ontario (OMCKRA) needs a new representative to MCRC.

Ontario's new representative to MCRC resigned early in the paddling season and we continued without an official Ontario representative. Ontario needs a rep who believes that a national organisation is a necessity and in the concept of multi-discipline clubs, spanning the gap to the other disciplines at the national level.

Respectfully Submitted
Don Stoneman, Chair MCRC
→ END MCRC Report

Other Business

Items added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting will be discussed here.

- None

Instructions to new board (updated for 2023)

Each new board is instructed to:

- review strategic and operational plans and set goals and budget for the year including:
 - maintain corporate status and report to Ministry, provide insurance and sanctioning for provincial races, run a Provincials, training of paddlers, training of coaches, subsidise coach professional development, subsidise paddlers for high level races, equipment sharing program, Points and other awards, newsletter, website, Facebook page, other social media, CKO and CKC membership.
- update the Corporate Report using Form 1 for not-for-profit i.e. maintain corporate status, which requires 5 executives of Chair (Pres), VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Race Secretary.
- set new signatories with the bank if needed.
- set and communicate fees.
- review and approve organisation documents, update if changes to articles.
- determine where provincials will be held.
- report to the Ministry
- add any instructions coming from **membership and AGM.**
 - Various questions around the Equipment Sharing Policy were to let assets be known to others so they can be shared, explain where, criteria to get access, make it easily accessible to many; identify person responsible to oversee the policy.

→ END Other Business and instructions to the new board

Awards Presentations

AWARDS BASED ON POINTS – Race Secretary Don Stoneman

Open (U20/Seniors) Male paddler – awarded to **Bill McGowan** with **18** points over 6 races.

Masters Male Paddler – awarded to **Dean Coulson** with **20** points over 5 races.

Masters Female Paddler – awarded to **Danielle Holdsworth** with **10** points over 3 races.

Grand Masters Male Paddler – awarded with **19** points are **Robert Ross** 5 races and **Don Stoneman** 7 races.

Grand Masters Female Paddler – awarded to **Liz Loek** with **20** points in 6 races.

Recreational Male Paddler– awarded to: **John Liversage** with **19** points (9 of which in rec class) in 5 races.

Recreational Female Paddler– awarded to: **Gail Bailey** with **19** points (7 of which in rec class) in 5 races.

Not awarded as none were able to attend 3 races - recognition listed.

Open (U20/Seniors) Female paddler – not awarded.

U17 Male Paddler– recognized is Ewan Pengra

U17 Female Paddler– not awarded.

U14 Male Paddler– recognized is Jenson Bohm

U14 Female Paddler – recognized is Ruby Bohm

Note: OMCKRA race points are awarded to those OMCKRA members who participate in 3 or more OMCKRA sanctioned or recognized races, distances 9K and up, and in boats fitting OMCKRA specifications More points are given when placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. The awards are assigned based on the paddlers age category. The intention of points awards is to encourage participation in multiple long-distance events, encourage use of standard specifications and to recognize paddlers for their achievements.

AWARDS VOTED ON BY MEMBERSHIP

Race of the year: – awarded to **Pittock Paddle**

Recommendations from membership were:

- **Pittock Paddle** for having more participants than the well-loved Thames Classic which it replaces on the schedule, for creating a race to continue the Thames and doing well for a new event.
- **MRX** for being consistently great at running an event covering many jurisdictions, great safety check points and support teams, providing results in a clear and timely way, super awards ceremony, and just overall fun, inclusive, and welcoming atmosphere.
- **Upper Jock** for great welcoming and fun atmosphere, well run, magical river course especially in the fen area.
- **Nottawasaga** for easy to get to location, great river, and boats of all types especially the Marathon Pro boat class.
- **Parry Sound 50** for lots of great paddlers in the marathon Pro C2 class and a well-run event in a great location

Adult Child Award: – awarded to Dave Nichols and Petra Nichols

Recommendations from membership were:

- Family Darryl, Rory and Ruby, Jenson Bohm (age 11) WaiNui Why Not race winner circle.
- Dav Fekete and Jasper Fekete (age 6) first race WaiNui Why Not race winner circle.
- Dave Nichols and Petra Nichols (age 14) Father and daughter team attended 6 OMCKRA training sessions Petra attended the 8- to 15-year-old training day on lake Vernon. This team won the parent child first place in the Muskoka x sprint race Parent and child race. 4
- Mike Cremer and son at MRX

Award Merit: – awarded to Oliver McMillan

Recommendations so far from membership are:

- Oliver McMillan, outgoing OMCKRA president for dedication to the sport and organisation, arranging the successful 2023 paddler clinic while juggling work, school and possibly having covid.

Sportsman Award: – not awarded.

Recommendations so far from membership are:

- Mike (Granddad) and Dav (Dad) Fekete for encouraging and supporting young Jasper (6) as an explorer and paddler, celebrating the outdoors. (did not fit criteria for Sportsmanship Award, no other recommendations)

Note: **Race of the Year** must be a sanctioned race other than the Provincials. Next year races will also be assessed for accuracy, professionalism, and timeliness in sending in forms, emergency action plans and post-race reporting; and how well they adhered to safety and specifications policies. ; The **Sportsmanship Award** may be given to the most deserving individual who performed a sportsman-like act during the past year.; The **Award of Merit** may be presented to the person or persons who made the greatest contribution to the betterment of OMCKRA.; The **Adult-Child award** may be given to the Adult and Child who demonstrated the most enthusiasm and participation in the sport over the season.

Action: identify a volunteer to create and send certificates to winners. Peter Braul will create and mail the certificates and bill OMCKRA for costs.

→ END Awards presentations

Election of new Officers at 2022 AGM (2023 season)

Elect five (5) members to the board.

There are seven (7) board members. Of these five (5) are elected by the general membership.

Four (4) members have come to the end of their second-year term, and one has resigned leaving all five (5) board members to be voted to the board by general membership. **Don Stoneman** and **Mike Bender** have expressed interest in being on the board and hope to be recommended by membership. **Oliver McMillan** will take the non-elected position of **Past President**. There is an opening for the non-elected position of **Member at Large**.

Members make recommendations, those recommended will accept or decline, members vote upon the recommendations. In addition to the appointed **Member at Large** position, volunteers are needed for **MCRC and CKO reps, Newsletter Editor, FB and social media updates, Sanctioning, Coaching and Paddler support and training committees**. Let the board know if you are interested in being involved.

Adjourn AGM

Note: The first Meeting of the new board is to follow immediately. At this first meeting of the new board the elected will determine amongst themselves which of them will take on the five (5) roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Race Secretary. The two (2) members who will take on the assigned roles of Past President and Member at Large on the board may be included in this meeting. The two (2) assigned board and other non-board roles are assigned by the board at this meeting or as soon afterwards as possible. Non-board roles include Membership Secretary, CKO representative (4), CKC representative (1) and the members of the sanctioning and coaching committees. Positions are for two years.

→ END AGM Report

Meeting of new board