

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
for the year ending 2008

Date: January 24, 2009

Location: Boston Pizza, Whyte Avenue

1. Call to Order at 1150 by Dale O'Brien
2. President's Welcome and Opening Remarks
 - Dale gave a warm welcome to all members who took time to attend the Annual EWP AGM.
 - SEE ATTACHMENT 1 for remarks
3. Approval of Agenda and Approval of Annual General Meeting Minutes for the year ending 2008.

Motion: 2009-01 AGM "to approve the agenda"

Moved: Barb Allan Second: Rick Checkland

Discussion: None, no amendments

Called to vote: Carried.

Motion: 2009-02 AGM "to approve the previous AGM minutes as presented"

Moved: Barb Allan Second: Chris Goss.

Discussion: None – no amendments Called to vote: Carried

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Report Dale O'Brien

1. Dale reported that he has received correspondence from the City of Edmonton. He will represent EWP and will be working with the City of Edmonton in the review of pool rental distribution in the Edmonton owned pools
2. Notification has been received from Mark Lund that River Days will be held June 30 at Rundle Park. There has been a request for a volunteer to coordinate the paddling event.

Action item: Darryl O'Brien informed the committee that he will assist with the paddling event.

3. Notification has been received from the Alberta Gaming commission that the Alberta Canoe Polo will be awarded a casino in the July / August block. The draw will occur Feb 14, 2009

Vice President Report: Terry Botterill

Assisted the Committee when required, although due to the Worlds 2008 function, EWP was not as active this year.

Treasurer Report: *Darryl O'Brien*

Darryl O'Brien presented a hand out of the Financial Statement and discussed details with the membership and answered questions that were raised.

EWP assisted in purchasing items for the 2008 Worlds, i.e. docks, chain link. It is planned to sell off a number of these items.

Secretary Report: *Brenda Lukasik*

Membership was advised that minutes are being kept of all Executive Meetings and there were copies of the previous AGM available for review.

Social Coordinator Report: *Richard Allan*

Richard was not present but Barb Allan presented on his behalf. .

There were few events in 2008 due to the 2008 Worlds that was hosted here in Edmonton. Although the following did occur:

- Cup of the North—February at Kinsmen Pool
- Eastern Cup – April was held in Montreal
- River Days was held at Rundle Park, along with a small tournament
- World's Tournament was held in Hawrelak Park, July 2008 (Organized by the 2008 worlds committee) many EWP members volunteered.
- Christmas Party was held at WEM. Dinner was held at a near by Boston Pizza prior to the event.

Communications Report *Barb Allan*

A Newsletter was last posted on the Website in October 2007. Due to a hectic 2008 season with the Worlds event, information is now being gathered for the next Newsletter.

BUSINESS ARISING**1. Motion 2009-03 AGM *"To approve Executive Plans, Motions and other activities as relates to EWP Club Business for the year 2008"***

Moved: Carolyn Karasiuk

Second: Mary Lukasik

Discussion: In the future membership would like the AGM minutes to be posted on Web site for membership to review, prior to the AGM.

No amendments

Called to vote: Carried.

2. Newsletter

- Membership was notified that is the Plan to have the Newsletters, when completed, to be posted only on the EWP Website.

3. Casino Report

- The EWP casino was held 15 & 16 January at WEM.
- Volunteers showed up for all shifts.
- Next EWP casino expected in 2010

4. Xmas Party 2008

- Not as well attended as previous
- The pizza at a separate location (Boston Pizza) appeared to work out OK.
- members who attended the pool session seemed to enjoy themselves

Action: Members felt an earlier Christmas party, such as late November would be better attended.

5. Cup of North

- Scheduled for Feb 20, 21, 22 at Kinsmen Centre.
- Entry deadline is set for Feb 1, 2009
- Teams that pay using the Pay Pal account will actually be sending the funds to Alberta Canoe Polo.
- Alberta canoe Polo will then reimburse EWP for funds received for this event.
- Pool times are booked
- Post pizza banquet will be held at Boston Pizza, Whyte Ave.
- Billet hall has been booked.
- Doug Bates, who has a scaffolding company, will provide the scaffolds for the event.
- Budget for Cup of North is estimated to be around \$6000.00 (Expense Appendix supplied by the President)

NEW BUSINESS**1. WEBSITE:**

- There was discussion regarding the improvement of the current Website.

Action Item: Dale and Barb will discuss Jean Leduc regarding the feasibility of Website redesign.

2. ALBERTA CANOE POLO CASINO

- Notification has been received from the Alberta Gaming commission that the Alberta Canoe Polo will be awarded a casino in the July / August block. The draw will occur Feb 14, 2009
- EWP members will be asked to assist as volunteers to support this event.

3. NOMINATION COMMITTEE –EWP Executive

The following names have been put forward for the 2009 Executive: Dale O'Brien – President, Terry Botterill – Vice President, Brenda Lukasik – Secretary, Darryl O'Brien – Treasurer, Barb Allan – Communications, Event Coordinator – possibly Richard Allan

4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

- President *Dale O'Brien*
- Vice President *Terry Botterill*
- Secretary *Brenda Lukasik*
- Treasurer *Darryl O'Brien*
- Event Coordinator *Richard Allan (PENDING ACCEPTANCE)*
- Communications *Barb Allan*

Motion: 2009-05 AGM "That the above acclamations / decisions for the 2009 EWP Executive be accepted":

Moved: Mary Lukasik, Second: Dylan Zingle
 Discussion: Richard Allan will be asked if he would accept the position.
 No amendments
 Called to vote: Carried.

4. Next Executive Meeting

- Date: February 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
- Location: Alberta Canoe Polo Office (Old Worlds Office)

5. Motion AGM 2009-06 "to Adjourn"

Moved: Reg Lukasik Second: Terry Botterill
 Discussion: None - No amendments
 Called to vote: Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1230 hours.

**Post meeting social was enjoyed by the membership.
 Darryl O'Brien presented Texas a slide show of the US Nationals, held in October 2008.**

Minutes prepared by Brenda Lukasik
 Secretary, EWP

Minutes are subject to review, correction and approval at the next Annual General Meeting.

ATTACHMENT 1

2008 President Report

As all of us are aware the prime focus this past year was our involvement as a partner with the Alberta Canoe Polo in sponsorship of the 2008 World Canoe Polo Championships. It was a huge amount of work for all of us involved and I cannot say enough to express my gratitude about the dedication and hard work put in by all of our primary Organizing Committee members to make the event a great success. There remain a few jobs such as selling off the water curtains, perhaps a few of the wharves and nets to help offset some of the financial stress on the Club.

The EWP was again active in putting together an Edmonton Team for the paddling activities of the Alberta Summer Games. Although off to a shaky start team recruitment finally brought a team together for training and they did quite well winning a number of medals including the Canoe Polo Gold. Good job guys. The EWP contributes volunteers and equipment to run the Canoe Polo portion of the Games in Medicine Hat.

Unfortunately little organized whitewater tripping was done last year although we did get one sea kayak trip to Murtle Lake after the Worlds.

In 2009 we look ahead to several events which the Club has a good chance to be involved with. Those include the 2009 Canadian National Canoe Polo championships and the Continental Cup of the Americas for 2009. In addition several EWP members are preparing to attend the Worlds Masters Games in Sydney, Australia in October.

I have very much enjoyed working with our executive over this past year and certainly would do it again.

Dale C. O'Brien
President
Edmonton Whitewater Paddlers 2008