

CANOE KAYAK ONTARIO

2019 AGM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By David Gillespie

Some of us paddle a standard canoe or a specialized canoe, others a kayak or a SUP, some of us coach, some volunteer, some are just trying it out, others have been at it for years - we all have one thing in common: the sport of canoeing bonds us together.

In Canoe Kayak Ontario, it is our goal to support our members who enrich their life by paddling. As the umbrella organization for the three recognized provincial disciplines: Sprint, Marathon, and Whitewater, we support the disciplines' running of programs and events, while protecting those under our shared roof.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

From the three disciplines, there are 12 representatives on the CKO Board of Directors. We meet monthly via an online video/audio platform – GoToMeeting, from the comfort of your own home.

- 3rd Monday of the month. 7:30-9:00 pm. Occasional changes due to schedules
- If there is a need, we create a subcommittee to address specific needs.

2019 ACTIVITIES

- This past year we adopted new protocol for meetings and revised the meeting schedule (Sept-May) with 1 summer meeting (July);
- Reduced the fees per athlete for 2019;
- Created an Internal Financial Grant for organizers with sport initiatives;
- Shared critical info and advice to better the conduct of our clubs and events;
- Worked with Executive Director, Orest Stanko, as he ensured we met requirements from Ministry of Sport, submitted application for the 2018-2019 Ontario Amateur Sport Funding, and other duties as assigned;

2020 Issues for CKO to Address

1. Facilitating Rowan's Law for Concussion Awareness & Return to Sport.
2. Facilitating the rollout of SafeSport for the Protection of Athletes and Coaches from Harassment.
3. Arrangement of PSO insurance for Abuse/Harassment situations
4. Supporting the application of CKO policies by organizers, coaches, & athletes.

Final Comments

I have enjoyed working with the CKO representatives, as they are committed volunteers who contribute to make events and administration help our sport move forward. In the end, we share ideas and go through decisions together, and build a collective plan to enrich the lives of those connected to paddling.

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