

**Michigan Canoe Racing Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Virtual Via Google Meeting  
12/05/2023**

**Call to Order-** 6:03 PM

**Members Present-** Lynne Witte, Kyle Stonehouse, Zach Cheney, Mike Davis, Rebecca Davis, Cheryl Lucey, Austin Weiler, Sean Brabant, Weston Willoughby, Mary Schlimmer-Willoughby, and Danny Medina. Doug Heady also present for consultation on website.

**Secretary's Report-** Rebecca emailed out to all members for review. Mike moved to accept, Ausitn second, motion carried.

**Time Secretary's Report-** Mary and Doug are working with Two Rare to set up number order online. Numbers will stay \$12/set for this season. Membership increased in 2023.

**Insurance Report-** Kyle will forward a renewal to the board. The program was well excepted last year. Premium is anticipated to stay about the same as last year.

**Treasurer's Report-** Cheryl presented that the net income was \$3590.67 and was an improvement over last year, mainly due to increase in memberships and sponsorships. Weston moved to accept, Mike 2nd, motion carried.

**Election of Officers-** Danny moved to accept by unanimous ballot, Rebecca 2nd, motion carried 11-0.

President- Lynne Witte  
Vice President- Sean Brabant  
Secretary- Rebecca Davis  
Treasurer- Cheryl Lucey  
Points- Zach Cheney  
Times Secretary- Mary Schlimmer-Willoughby  
Insurance- Kyle Stonehouse

**Proposed Schedule 2024 Season**

Klondike- April 6 (Non-points) & Membership Meeting

Spring Fling- April 20 (Non-points)

Roscommon- May 4 & 5

Bellaire- May 11 & 12 ( May move back into April)

Kawkawlin- Tentative- 18 & 19

Huron River Canoe Challenge- June 1 Mixed Bonus

Newaygo- Tentative- June 8 & 9

Betsie River- June 15 C1 State Championship  
MRTD- June 22 & 23  
River Rampage- July 6 & 7 Women's Bonus  
Curley- July 13 & 14  
Spikes- July 20-21  
Soo Race- August 17  
Mio- August 24 & 25 Expert 2 State Championship  
Paradise- September 14 & End of year awards  
Monument Ceremony- September 22

It is the suggestion of the board to members to count the **10 best races per paddler for points in C1, C2, and E2 categories**. Danny moved to accept, Rebecca second, motion carried for the schedule and points suggestions.

**Spikes prize money and points-** Rebecca moved to have the MCRA waive membership for Spikes to receive prize money, but require both paddlers in C2 (or 1 paddler in C1) to be members in order to receive points. The MCRA will not provide funds for the Spike's bonuses, Zach 2nd, motion carried.

**Number Assignments-** Mary moved to have regular members retain numbers for 3 years. After 3 years with no races, the number will go back into the pool to be reassigned. The same rule will apply to lifetime members with a 5 year no-race limit. The board reserves the right to use discretion in special circumstances to waive this rule. Weston 2nd, motion carried.

Doug and Mary will work to post a list of numbers and assignments onto the website.

Kyle moved to allow the assignment of any open number from 0-999 if a member requests it, Mary second, motion carried.

Cheryl Moved to increase Spike's registration for C2 to \$45 preregistration and \$50 day of race. Weston second, motion carried.

Weston moved to decline sending a delegate to the USCA meeting for the 2024 season. Rebecca second, motion carried.

Rebecca moved to Adjourn, Cheryl second, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rebecca Davis, Secretary.