CANADIAN OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE VOILE EN OPTIMIST

CODA Annual General Meeting - Minutes

August 21, 2016 7:30-9:20pm

Executive Present: Tony Staples (President), Fraser Howell (Treasurer), Tine Moberg Parker(Measurer), Kimberly Cudney (Ontario Rep), Vivian Zarow (Quebec Rep), Flor Siccardi (Coach Rep), Lisa Davies (Secretary)

Absent: Marc Robin (Class Development Officer), Kent Groves (Atlantic Rep), Paul Mendham (BC Rep), Chris Thompson (Registrar)

Members and Coaches Present: Rod Davies, Fiona Kidd, Christine Musiejczyk, Katrin Heidenreich, Walter Omielan, Cyrill Auer, Andrew and Carolyn Alberti, Scott and Lynn Dee Cuthbertson, Andrew Yates, Laura Goddard, Jeff DeJean, Keith Richardson, Jacqueline Stevens, Mandy Wilcox, Scott Ko, Don McInnes, Catherine Wan, Frank Zhang, Philip Friesen, Conor Totterdell, Adam Opara, Cynthia Godbout, Woon Jung Cho, Marie Helen Gauthier, Hubert Pelletier, Alexandre Page, Julien Brunet, Ellen Heron Howell, Lorrie McKee, Felicity Rodness, Karen Johnson, Dan Steinitz, Federico Donzino, Sylvie Pud’homme, Stephen Lloyd, Ainsley Doell, Kassandra Soin, Robin Gogan, Jillian Adler, Judith Jarrett, Ray Davies, Tara Macauley, Thane Calder, Nicole Roosen, Peter Stanger, Julia Linzmajer, Alex Leman

1. Introduction, Quorum and Approval of 2015 minutes:
	1. Proposed by Tony Staples, Seconded by Marie Helen Gauthier
2. Presentation of the AGM slideshow
	1. President’s Report:
		1. CODA role is as Canadian representative to IODA
		2. Protect class integrity
		3. Sanction national qualifier
		4. Select representatives for International Teams
	2. 2016 Review:
		1. Added non-voting coach representative to the executive (Flor Siccardi)
		2. Focus on training clinics – senior coaches coaching junior coaches with the goal of improving the level of experience of all our coaches nationally
		3. Full International Teams this year- there were some stand out individual performances
	3. 2017 Goals:
		1. Develop a long term strategic plan
		2. Increase sponsorship
		3. Continue to drive membership
		4. Drive the brand of the class (T-shirts etc.)
		5. Increase communication (Facebook, website)
		6. Review CODA legal structure
	4. Membership/Finances
		1. Membership has increased
		2. Continue to receive member fees and levys from CORK and the CAD’s.
		3. Majority of expenses are for promotional items (t-shirts) with budgets also going to regional reps and the support of coaching clinics
		4. Cash balance has increased – new strategic plan will set a plan to deploy these funds
	5. Class Development Officer (presented by Tine Moberg Parker)
		1. CODA has developed a Pathway from the beginning to the Opti sailor’s next class of boats (See Appendix to 2016 AGM presentation)
		2. Opti sailors can now complete their CANSAIL levels in the Opti
		3. Travelling is expensive and creating regional training makes sense
		4. Promote exchanges to teams in the US and training in US during the winter
		5. 2017 objectives include:
			* Growing the class at regional events
			* There are great opportunities at USODA and other international events
		6. Green Fleet – continue to promote participation and kids love the Green Fleet medals
	6. Atlantic Report:
		1. Increased number of opti sailors in the region, expanding our reach to PEI and NF.
		2. NYC in Cape Breton – Full summer opti program
		3. Ben Eoin, in Cape Breton – new opti fleet (10 boats)
		4. Participation across the region grew 5-10% over 2015
		5. Green Fleet strength is the future of the region
		6. Increase participation by the green fleet in the shoulder seasons
		7. Summer regattas are increasing in quality and numbers
		8. Plan to be in the US as much as possible in the winter
	7. Quebec Report:
		1. Coaching Development is the priority
		2. TRY and Sail Central have been identified for coaching the coaches
		3. First year of the program focused on technical skills
		4. Next steps include developing more effective training drills and use of technology (video, etc.)
	8. BC Report:
		1. Numbers are up across fleets
		2. Training Clinics:
			* Easter Camp
			* Opti Heavy Weather – San Fran
			* Remembrance Day Camp
			* Christmas Camp
		3. Coach Development
			* CODA Provincial Funds spent on training coaches from smaller club
	9. Ontario Report:
		1. New race teams developing outside of the Greater Toronto Area - Bay of Quinte, Ottawa, Bronte
		2. Code of Conduct for sailors, parents and coaches developed.
		3. Increased visibility working
		4. Good momentum
		5. Working on incorporation to enable the possibility of sponsorship
		6. Participation at each regatta is higher
		7. CODA t-shirts are still coveted.
		8. Green Fleet medals still awarded, new ideas welcome
		9. Continue to promote Opti Girls program
		10. Thank you to ABYC and in particular Laura Goddard and Jeff DeJean for hosting the Canadians
		11. An Ontario Optimist Championships has been reinstated. This will take place at Fall Cork on September 24, 25.
3. Updates and New Business:

* 1. 2017 Canadian Championships
		1. Rob Barbara of LYC presented their submission for the 2017 Canadian Championships to be held at Lunenburg Yacht Club, Nova Scotia
			+ Significant Race Management Experience
			+ Amazing race location with very reliable sea breeze and no shipping lanes
			+ Entire club would be dedicated to the regatta
			+ Ample space for boats, trailers
			+ Full service club/restaurant
			+ Activities to be planned for the kids
		2. Katrin Heidenreich of RNSYS presented their submission for the 2017 Canadian Championships to be held at Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squardron, Halifax, Nova Scotia
			+ **Voting: 12 in favour of LYC, remaining majority in favour of RNSYS for the 2017 Canadian Championships**
	2. Nominations- Proposed Executive for 2017/2017
		1. Proposed by Tony Staples/Seconded by Walter Omielan

President – Tony Staples

CDO – Marc Robin

Treasurer –Fraser Howell

Registrar – Lisa Shishis

Secretary – Lisa Davies

Class Measurer – Tine Moberg Parker

BC Rep - Paul Mendham

Atlantic Rep – Katrin Heidenreich

Ontario Rep – Kimberly Cudney

Quebec Rep – Christine Musiejczyk

* + - * **Voting: All in favour**
	1. New Business:
		1. Motion to direct the board to proceed with the incorporation of CODA as a non-profit legal entity under Canadian tax laws and with appropriate Directors and Officers liability insurance proposed by Tony Staples and seconded by Christine Musiejczyk
			+ **Voting: All in favour**
		2. Motion tabled for CODA to review the start time of CORK
			+ KC to discuss with USODA to consider a change to the timing of the NE’s
		3. Fiona Kidd, Secretary of IODA, recommended all members review the IODA Handbook. Any proposals for change of these guidelines need to go through our Canadian Association to IODA. Submissions need to be made before **January 1, 2017.**
		4. Member representative Walter Omielan requested that CODA discuss the merits of requesting a change to IODA guidelines around age of eligibility from year of birth to age at regatta.
		5. Member representative requested that CODA discuss helmet guidelines.
		6. Member representative Jeff DeJean requested CODA consider a change to the By-Laws to allow bids for CODC to be submitted 2 years in advance to allow for more lead time for preparations and sponsorship.
		7. Executive member Fraser Howell requested that CODA assemble a committee to discuss benefits of providing Race Committees with a protocol/guideline to allow more experienced sailors to continue racing in heavier winds.
1. Meeting Adjourned at 9:20pm.