



MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday April 20th, 2023
@ 7 pm

In attendance: Kathleen Reardon, Annie Ekhardt, Brenda Arndt, Shawn Wilson, Marie-Jeanne Monette, Joan Crawford, Carlos Peralta, Anne-Marie Ciancio, Michelle Lowry, Anna Kuhar, Evan Landry, Glenna Landry, Nalini Dempsey, Kendra Timlock, Tracey Pigeon, André Oelmann, Alan Wright, Liz Guitard, Ann Marotta, Laural Baliko, Bernadette Morrissey

This meeting began at 7 pm.

1. Opening Remarks – Tracey Pigeon

- Tracey welcomed everyone and introduced the Board members.
- Tracey will be Commodore & Treasurer (a position she will have filled for 6 years) until November.
- Liz Guitard & Annie Eckhardt will also be stepping down in November, after 6 years on the Board.
- Tracey presented the agenda of the meeting.

2. MOTION:

Moved by Kathleen Reardon, seconded by Ann Marotta, that the agenda shall be approved.

All in favour.

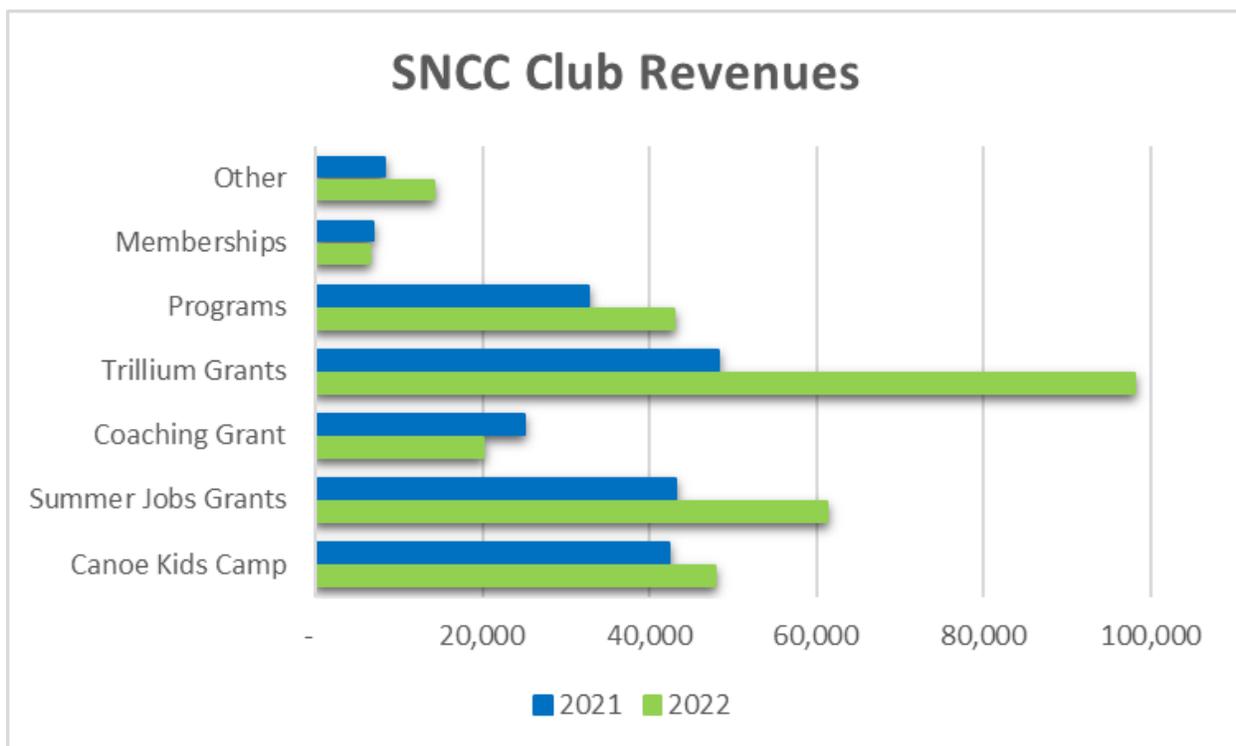
3. Annual report presentation – Brenda Arndt, who was Commodore during the period of this report

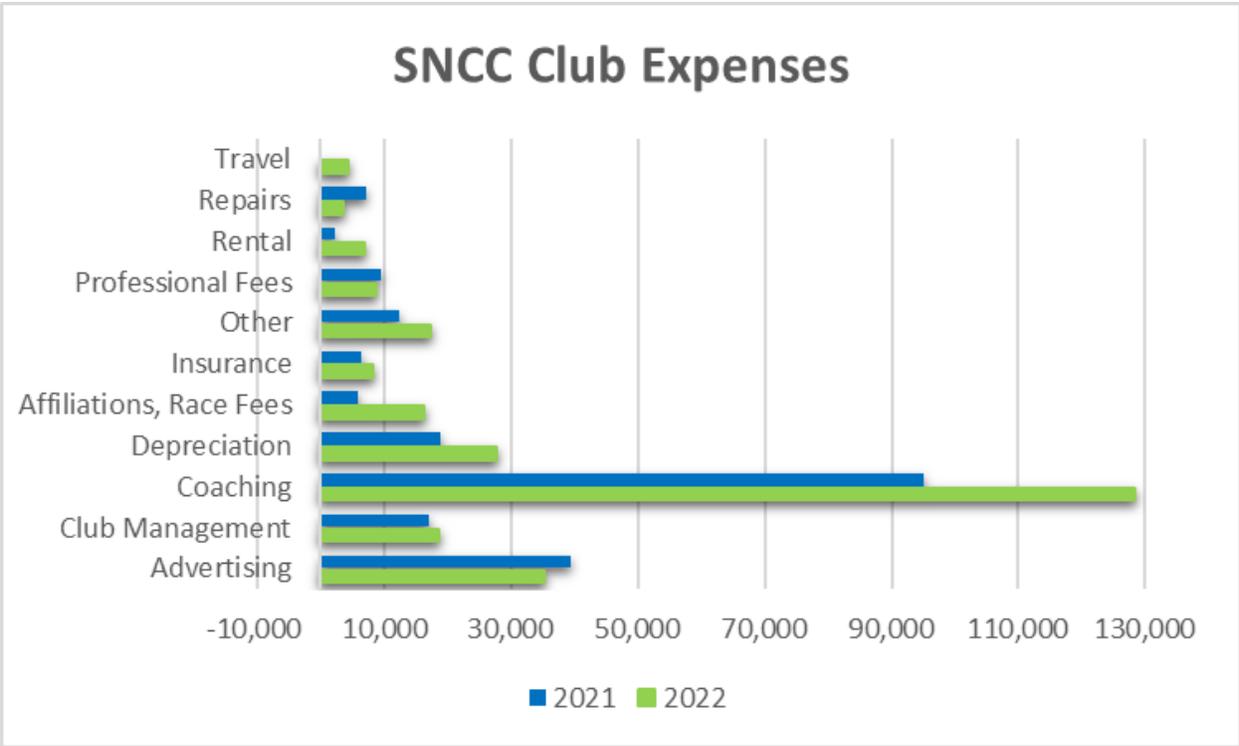
- A question was asked about consultants when website was updated. They were Co-Op students. One worked on French translation of the site. Carolyn Ruth & _____ converted the old website to the newer version.
- Joan Crawford & Brenda Arndt have done all the marketing additions to the website. All is driven by the Grow Grant, to grow Hope Floats, which in turn grew the entire club.
- A question was asked about the meaning of “Exit Polling”. It is when people leave the club, finding out why they left. It could help us avoid people leaving in the future. We could create a questionnaire using Google Form then poll everybody.
- Another question was asked about where to find Board Policies etc. On our website, they are no longer under the tab “About Us”. Members only can find the at sncc.ca/policies.
- We talked about programs. Special Needs is Friday evenings during July & August. New 8-week Youth Racing Program(replaces 2-week racing), currently has 8 registrants. In 2021, when Casey became Head Coach, membership grew. Since her leaving, Evan & Doug bridged the gap over the winter. U14 is 10-14 years of age, with some flexibility. Canoe Kids Camp is under 10. It showed huge numbers in 21/22 thanks to Marketing! So far we have 155-180 registered for 2023!!!
- Fundraising
 - Needs to be revived ... really diminished due to the pandemic
 - BINGO: easy volunteer job ... 2 hrs ... contact is Marilyn Abbs
 - CK Camp: Brenda got a call from Vance Badawey confirming that we will be getting \$88 000 from Canada Summer Jobs!!
- Capital Equipment
 - + 5 containers
 - + new Zodiac after 2022 fiscal year

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Tracey Pigeon

The club ended the year with income from operations of \$15,559, compared to a small loss last year of \$7,330.

- Total bank balance as of October 31, 2022 was \$107,233, without Trillium grant \$24,801.
- Overall, the club experienced an increase in operational revenue. Total revenue for the year \$291K. Revenues across all programs were up year over year and the club received significant operational funding.
 - Total Grants: \$156K: Trillium: \$98K, Summer coaching Grants \$61K, Coach Grant \$20K.
 - Programs \$90K: Canoe Kids \$48K, Member programs \$43K
 - Memberships \$7K
 - All other: \$14K
- Total operating expenses \$275K.
 - Coaching: \$128K, Club Management \$19K
 - All other: \$129K (Insurance \$8K, Depreciation \$28K, Advertising \$35K, Affiliations \$16K)





MOTIONS:

Moved by Shawn Wilson, seconded by André Oelmann, that the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 financial statements as prepared by DJB Chartered Accountants be accepted.

All in favour.

Moved by Alan Wright, seconded by Liz Guitard, that DJB Chartered Accountants be appointed to prepare the financial statement for South Niagara Canoe Club Inc. fir 2021/2022.

All in favour.

5. Election of Board Members

Returning Members

- Tracey Pigeon
- Annie Eckhardt
- Carolyn Swan
- Mark Swan
- Bernadette Morrissey

New Board Members as of January 2023

- Michelle Lowry
- Kathleen Reardon
- Alan Wright

Anyone else interested?

MOTION:

Moved by Bernadette Morrissey, seconded by André Oelmann that Shawn Wilson, Marie-Jeanne Monette, and Carlos Peralta be acclaimed as directors of the South Niagara Canoe Club as per the enacted by-laws of the club.

All in favour.

6. Other competent business

- Alan Wright summarized where things stand with the new Canoe/Kayak Coach that we are looking to hire. The hiring committee includes Alan Wright, Kathleen Reardon, and Michelle Lowry, who also consulted Brenda Arndt and Tracey Pigeon.
 - Has not been an overnight decision; need one more meeting.
 - Expense expected: bringing someone from overseas.
 - Brief comments were made about the new coach's title and role.
 - Head Coach Canoe/Kayak
 - A coordination role ... and interaction with Dragon Boat
 - It was pointed out that the position has always been Head Coach for Canoe/Kayak. Anything more would need Board approval.

This meeting ended at 8:10 and was followed by a brief Board of Directors meeting.