# CCE Paddling Club AGM 2019 REPORTS

## Overview

* Kayak lessons, camps and slalom training
	+ A small team of 5 full-time slalom athletes (2 new youth have joined, 2 have left)
	+ 9 competitive youth members
	+ **40** recreational youth members
* Community events and Races 2019:
	+ Boathouse clean-up, CRYK, WCK Paddle Expo (Cultus Lake), Rich Weiss Race, Team Trials, Cookie Race, Nationals, [Tamihi 5-0], River Rescue Course, Mamquam Race, River clean ups
* BC gaming grant $22.500 in 2018
	+ As expected funding was decreased to $13,000 in 2019
* Boathouse at Cultus Lake
	+ CCE paddling club is now the leaseholder
	+ Sailing Club has (mostly) moved out.
* Eric Munshaw scholarship

## Accolades

* 5 athletes nominated to the BC Provincial WW team
	+ <https://www.canoekayakbc.ca/news-media/ckbc-news/2018-news/thirty-eight-paddlers-named-to-2018-19-ckbc-provincial-team>
* 4 athletes qualified for 2019 Junior and U23 CKC Whitewater slalom National Team (3 in 2018) and competed at Jr World Championships (K1W Junior, K1M U23, C1 Junior x2 and C2 Mx)
	+ <https://www.canoekayakbc.ca/news-media/ckbc-news/2019-news/five-ckbc-athletes-taking-part-in-national-canoe-slalom-team-trials>
	+ <https://www.canoekayakbc.ca/news-media/ckbc-news/2019-news/four-b-c-paddlers-named-to-2019-canoe-slalom-national-teams>
	+ <https://canoekayak.ca/junior-u23-canoe-slalom-team-wraps-up-2019-world-championships/>
* 6 CCE athletes at National Championships with 19 medals awarded
	+ <https://www.canoekayakbc.ca/news-media/ckbc-news/2019-news/six-b-c-athletes-compete-at-2019-whitewater-national-championships>
* Isabel Taylor and Finn Wakeling awarded best female and male WW athlete of the year by CKBC

## Programs

#### Race training programs:

* Train to Compete - 5 athletes
	+ 5 Provincial Team athletes, 4 National Team athletes (Austin, Finn, Isabel, Jake)
* Train to Train - 4 athletes

#### Rec Instructional Programs:

* Intro to Rec Kayaking (flatwater) 3 lessons, 8 participants
* Intro to kayaking (Fall program) 8 weeks, 9 participants
* Learn to kayak in the pool, 15 registrations so far

#### Camps:

* CCE Spring Break Camp - 5 athletes attended
* CKC Spring Break Camp (2 weeks Seu d’Urgeuil) - 4 CCE athletes attended
* CCE Summer Camps – 3 camps with 19 participants
* CKC “Next Gen” Pre-Junior Worlds Training camp - 5 CCE athletes attended
* CKC Nationals “Next Gen” Fall Camp – 5 CCE athletes, 13 Alberta athletes, 1 USA athlete

#### Other Programs:

* Cultus lake Rec group paddles (led by Teena Shaw)
* NEW! Girl’s Night Drop-in (Mondays through the summer at Cultus Lake)
* NEW! Chilliwack River Whitewater Drop-in Evenings Tuesday (in Partnership with Purple Hayes) and Thursday (in Partnership with Waterflow), supported by Summer coach Michelle
* School programs (6 schools, 113 participants), Scout and Guide groups
* Pool sessions (Public and Members-only times)

## Coaching

* **Brendan Curson** has moved on to a new job in Alberta
* Canada Summer jobs hire, **Michelle Fortier**, May to September 2019
* Additional coaching support: **Josh Askew, Jon Allen, Craig Allen and Charlie Locke**
* Interim Head coach **Ali Borrows** (ex-Australian National Team athlete) October 2019-Feb 2020
* Future Head coach: **Ron Lugbill** (ex-USA National Team athlete and long-time slalom coach).
	+ Currently awaiting federal approval of a Labour Marker Impact Assessment for the work permit. Tentative start date February 2020.

## Membership

**64 NEW Recreational members** compared with November 2018. Increase in recreational membership, due to a wider variety of options for Recreational Paddlers (Pool sessions, girl’s night drop in at Cultus, whitewater evenings), increased availability of and participation in summer camps and introductory programs, as well as an increasing Facebook following. Overall membership #s are >50% higher than November 2018, which we hope will translate into improved BC Gaming Grant funding in 2020.

**Total # members = 325**

Competitive 12 (5 full-time athletes)

Coaches/ instructors 4

Recreational 88 (40 youth, 48 adult members)

Drop-ins 27 (Rich Weiss 12, Girl’s Night 15)

School Programs 136 (incudes Pathfinder 11, Scout group 12)

Volunteer/other 58 (51 sign-ups at April Open House)

*Data compiled November 22nd 2019*

## Challenges

* CKBC
* Compulsory “Rule of Two”
* Parking restrictions at Cultus Lake
* Transport of boats/ athletes
* Fund Raising: T-shirts, Recycling, Flip-give

## Looking ahead: 2020

#### 2020 National Championships at Tamihi

An organizing committee will work with CKC and CKBC on Nationals planning. Progress has already been made with campsite booking, catering options, funding and planning of Tamihi improvements (Working with FVRD/ Recreation Sites and Trails BC/ Tourism Chilliwack).

#### Programming

Supporting our slalom athletes remains a primary focus, however the club cannot continue to thrive without an active youth and adult recreational paddling program.

Our priority in 2020 will be to grow recreational youth members group and provide it with targeted programming, including introductory kayak programs, Spring and Summer camps and BC Summer Games training, to increase the pool of paddlers that might take an interest in slalom paddling programs.

There is an ongoing need to hire at least one summer instructor to support the programming needs of the Rec. group. We have had good success with Federal Canada Summer Jobs program funding to subsidize the cost of summer instructors, and intend to apply again for the 2020 season. The biggest challenge is to find NCCP qualified candidate instructors.

Bridging the training gap between beginner paddler programs and the competitive slalom athletes remains a significant challenge.

#### Whitewater Park proposal

Chilliwack municipality has approved funding for a new Whitewater Park close to the Vedder Bridge. The planning for the park is well underway with significant support from local and provincial bodies and local business. A number of Local, Regional and National organisations have been included in the planning process including CKC & CKBC, Chilliwack SAR, UFV and a number of agencies interested in whitewater rescue training opportunities. The proposal has been submitted to the federal government for funding. If funded, the park could be operational as early as 2021.

#### Equipment

New boats [5 Rec flatwater (new), 6 Creek boats (new), 7 slalom boats (2nd hand] and ~10 old boats sold. Need to build new shelves to organize and declutter the remaining equipment in the boathouse.

Urgent need to critically organize and review the equipment we already have to see what our needs are.

## Message from President (Marko Kryworuchko)

Please thank all CCE members and the Board on my behalf for their support and confidence over the last few years.

We’ve done a tremendous amount of work together to help the club evolve productively and according to member needs, and it desperately needed to evolve, particularly if we reflect on the state of affairs when I first joined as President in early 2016.

There have been many achievements that we can be proud of while recognizing that we continue to have a long way to go. As I step down, I’m confident that I am leaving the club’s management in very capable hands.

I hope and trust that members will understand that I can’t be there for the AGM this weekend. I’m needing to focus on the day-to-day and the monumental effort it will be to figure out how in fact our family can evolve in order to carry on without Jen.

## Vice President Report (Fred Atkins)

My regrets for not attending tonight. I will be stepping down as VP so I’m hoping there is someone that is willing to take my place. I’ll still be around to help with facilities when I can.

* Canadian Slalom team selections were held at Oklahoma City’s artificial course from April 12-14 in conjunction with the US team trials with 5 CCE club athletes attending and 4 being selected for the Canadian u23/junior team. Isabel K1 jr, Jacob and Finn C1 jr and Austin K1 u23. Sorry to see Finley have to pull due to injury. Great job athletes and thank you to coach Brendan Curson. Unfortunately, Brendan was unable to attend so a big thank to CKC next gen coach Michal Staniszewski and Alberta Coach, Michael Holroyd for stepping in to coach our CCE athletes. Thank you also to Patsy and Marko for being there to help. Great facility but difficult to get boats to.
* Rich Wiess race was held in May. This is always a fun event. Would be nice to see the Americans back at the races again.
* Canadian National Championships held in Minden, ON from August 12-18. Great work athletes and coaches.
* With the summer job grant we were able to hire Michelle to help with the summer programs. She did an amazing job organizing and running the programs. Thank you, Michelle!
* Many thanks to Ali for being able to step in and take over as head coach even though it will only be for a short time. I have heard nothing but good things from the athletes about you.
* Huge thank you to Jenny and James, you have done so much for this club. I don’t know where you find the time to do it all along with full time jobs and other commitments. Jenny you will make a great president.
* Thank you again Marko for taking on the role as president this year it’s been a trying year and sorry to hear that you are stepping down. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family, Jennifer was a beautiful person and will be missed by everyone that ever met her.
* Looking forward to 2020 Nationals in Chilliwack.

Best wishes to all the coaches, athletes, volunteers and parents in the years to come.

Sincerely,

CCE Vice President – Fred

## Treasurer’s Report (James Wakeling)

CCE Paddling Club balances (as of November 21):

* Main account = $18,705.62
* Gaming account = $13,251.57
* Fundraising account = $405.03 – disbursements = $255.03
* Eric Munshaw scholarship = $2,789.07 – disbursements = $2039.07

This year, through a series of grant-supported purchases and generous donations, we have acquired 6 x K1, 1 x C1 and 1 x C2 pre-owned slalom boats, as well as 5 x new recreational kayaks, and 6 x new creek boats.

## Recreational Report (Teena Shaw)

This year the recreation group of paddlers went out on the water over 40 times from early April until the end of October. There were several longer trips planned. The Hope River, Chilliwack Lake, and the Lightning Lakes went ahead. Two trips were canceled due to low registration or poor weather.

I would like to say thank you to the club for the purchase of two foam roof rack kits and two sets of wheels to transport boats to the water. The roof racks especially were very useful as we often launched from Entrance Bay and not everyone has their own roof racks. The wheels work very well and are great for our older paddlers.

The decision to launch from Entrance Bay was taken most often because of the cost and uncertainty of parking at the Main Beach boathouse. This continues to be of concern for our paddlers.

There will be a meeting in the next few months to plan next year’s schedule. Anyone interested in participating please let Teena know.