



## Presidents Report to the Annual General Meeting

Saturday, March 13 2021

Good Evening All;

As I prepare these notes the evening prior to our meeting, we have some 34 registrants for this AGM, a full slate of officers prepared to stand, and completed executive reports. The club has survived in good shape what will go down as a very memorable and challenging year. This years success are due to a committed group of volunteers who serve as your executive. If we were meeting in the Lendrum hall, I ask for a round of applause for their hard work... please turn on your mikes and let give it the old ZOOM try over the web!

In addition to your executive another crew of members have been working on the Edmonton Paddling Centres (EPCA) Facility Committee trying to complete our project to expand storage at both Rundle Park and Buena Vista Parks for the four paddling clubs involved. This will mean the addition of three "sea can" containers at Rundle Park next to the Rundle Park Paddling Centre (RPPC) to house Edmonton Whitewater Paddlers (EWP) boats and gear, and four 40' high cube containers at the EWP site in Buena Vista park, one each for the Northwest Voyageurs, and United Albertan Paddling Society, and two containers for our club. This project means that our Ceyana equipment that is presently stored on two acreages some distance from Edmonton, will once again be centrally located and much more accessible for our members and programs. We can discuss this in more detail later in the meeting.

The COVID-19 Pandemic was declared just a year ago this week, and it essentially shut down club programs until early June. Members still found ways to paddle and to do so more or less within the COVID restrictions. Once restrictions were eased the club returned to our regular, though reduced programing. In particular given the non-filling of the Rundle Ponds our biggest programs were cancelled. Donna our Education Chair, manage dto run a program nearly equal to previous years, over fewer weeks. Her report is attached below. Ellen stepped up to fill our Tripping Chair position mid way through the season. With the help of many members she coordinated a successful program. My brief review of our registrations showed some 4 day/evening trips with 44 participants, and 5 weekend/overnight trips with 44 participants. Given the shortened season and restrictions... well done! Anyone who followed our Facebook page "Ceyana Community" realizes that our formally registered trips likely account for half or less of the paddling done by our members. I would suggest that in 2020 our Facebook page really facilitated our tripping programs. Members though must continue to recognize that any trip organized through the Facebook, and not approved by our Trip Chair, is an informal trip, is a trip run on a "adventures in common" basis and is not covered by our liability insurance. Members on these informal trips need to recognize that they must be able to look after themselves!

Over 2020 the club hosted three socials: a nordic ski day, our "slides 'n lies" evening, and a "share an adventure" evening. These events attracted some 75 participants in total. Just prior to the pandemic closure last year we had 16 members assist at the "Big Canoe" shuttle at the *Flying Canoe Festival*. Due to pandemic restrictions it was decided not to offer this in 2021.

Surprisingly membership help up pretty well for a year with reduced opportunities to paddle. Our RPPC Tuesday evening drop-in sessions have been a good source of new memberships, and of course this was not available this year. We have been promised water at Rundle for this 2021 season so hopefully we'll be able to offer much of what we have in the past at RPPC... and this will mean that we'll be looking for Tuesday evening volunteers again. Following the Education report, Kim has provided a summary of our 2020 memberships.

As we move forward into this paddling season your executive is expecting an interesting, and full year. Paddling in the Edmonton area exploded last season. Many of us have never seen so many boats on our local paddling venues... and our paddling retailers have never had so many boats pass out their doors. We expect that this will

put increased demands on our instructional drop-in and tripping programs this year. The completion of our Buena Vista storage should allow us to return to the loaning of more club gear to members, and it will provide a venue and access for river programs: lessons, big canoe training, and evening paddles.

So... onto a new paddling season!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lund". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small dot at the end.

Mark Lund

## Ceyana Canoe Club, Program/Education Report 2020

This has been a very interesting year for programs thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. We had a relatively full slate of courses lined up for the spring and summer, but had to quickly change things due to the restrictions placed on various activities by the Alberta Health Services during Phase 1 of the “relaunch”. The Rundle Park ponds were not filled this year due to COVID so our programs had to find other places to run. This also changed many of the programs from running over a few evenings to being offered primarily on weekends. We also had to provide all the gear for the participants and haul it to the locations being used, which meant regular trips out to the Bobey’s. Keith and Donna were exceptional in their availability and help with the boats and trailer.

We were able to run most of the basic/intro courses and follow the COVID protocols of maintaining physical distancing, and doing the health screening prior to the courses. So even though it was a little more “difficult” to run the programs most of these courses/clinics offered had reasonable registrations. Another issue that came to light with not being able to function out of the Rundle Park Paddling Centre was that the people who signed up and attended our Intro Canoe and Kayak courses had no opportunity to practice and hone their skills. I did take a few of these people out over the August long weekend to paddle on a couple of different lakes, then Mark and I organized a trip to Star Lake where we had about 7 people come out to practice and further their skills in canoes and kayaks.

The following table is a summary of courses offered, along with registrations and cancellations.

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Registrants</b>
Intro to Kayak – RPPC	June 2, 4, 9, 11	Cancelled due to COVID
Intro to Tandem Canoe	June 2, 4, 9, 11	Cancelled due to COVID
Intro to Tandem Canoe, moving water course	Dates changed to June 20 and 21 <sup>st</sup> from a Tues/Thurs/Sat.	2 registrants, 2 could only make it one day, then had to cancel because of COVID
Intro to Tandem Canoe, Pond based	July 11 and 12, afternoons	6 participants
Intro to Kayaking, Pond based	July 11 and 12, afternoons	6 participants
River Rescue Clinic	July 25 (moved from June 27 due to inclement weather)	10 participants
Intro to Solo Canoeing, Pond based	August 15, one afternoon	4 people
Intro Paddling Practice Session for Canoe and Kayak	August 22	7 participants
Intro to Solo River Canoeing	July 18 and 19	Only 1 interested, so course was cancelled
Tandem Canoeing, Lake Canoe, the next level	July 25 and 26th	No interest so the course was cancelled
P. C. Lake Canoe Advanced Skills course	May 9 and 10 <sup>th</sup>	Cancelled due to COVID

Submitted by Donna McKean, Education Chair

## Ceyana Membership 2020

Level	Total	Active	Overdue
Adult 1 Year	15	15	
Adult 2 Year	19	19	
Adult 5 Year	2	2	2
Family 1 Year (Primary Adult)	18	18	
Family 2 Year (Primary Adult)	25	25	1
Family 5 Year (Primary Adult)	11	11	8
Family 1 Year (Second Adult)	2	2	
Family 2 Year (Second Adult)	7	7	
Family 5 Year (Second Adult)	10	10	9
Honorary	7	7	
Senior/Student 1 Year	3	3	
Senior/Student 2 Year	8	8	
Senior/Student 5 Year	2	2	2
Total	129	129	22

Adult membership- members over the age of 18

Children-members under the age of 18

Seniors members- 65+

Students- adults enrolled in post-secondary memberships

Overall, memberships being renewed regularly despite Covid-19 restrictions. It has been a blessing and a curse for the paddling community. On one hand, restrictions have gotten more people out on the water with their family but lessons and club events have been put on hold due to gathering restrictions. We are thankful that members have maintained their memberships throughout last year.