



# Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club Newsletter January 2015

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## **VCKC Annual General Meeting Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**



Jean Chandler, VCKC president, donates a club dragon boat to William Morris of the Geronimo Canoe Club of Brentwood Bay.

## EXECUTIVE NEWS

### Membership and Storage Renewals, 2015 Annual General Meeting, and a New Canoe

#### Membership and Storage Renewals:

VCKC Year End is December 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership renewal, boat storage and locker fees, and MOU's for Associate Group Memberships are all due December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Memberships can be renewed on line at <http://www.vckc.ca/members/> Enter your user name and password into the box on the top right corner of the page.

1. Click on Renew Membership: View Waiver and Pay Fee
2. Proceed through the form.
3. Be sure to update your member information: you may select a variety of volunteer activities for which you would like to be contacted.
4. Be sure to agree to the waiver.

You can complete a membership form and sign a waiver, then leave both with your cheque in the Membership Director's mail slot in the clubhouse, or mail it to the clubhouse.

1. Go to <http://www.vckc.ca/members/> and click on Application with Waiver in the bottom right corner. A pdf document will be opened for you to print.
2. Alternately, you can pick up a membership form and waiver in the clubhouse.
3. Be sure to complete both the Membership Application Form and the Waiver
4. Write your Cheque out to Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club. The bank does not accept cheques with VCKC as the payee.

#### AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Note that this is the second Tuesday of January. This replaces the previously scheduled meeting on the first Tuesday of January. A review of the past year's activities and finances, a 2015 budget presentation, and elections of officers are on the agenda.

Note: Although the nominations committee has many of the executive positions listed with a member nominated for them, additional nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

You must be a member to vote. If you plan to pay your dues at the meeting, please arrive by 7:00 p.m. so that there is sufficient time to complete the membership transactions.

Good News: the executive are writing job responsibilities and "how to" descriptions for incoming executive to use as they learn the jobs.

#### A New Canoe!

Executive approved the purchase of a new Langley canoe at the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting. (A Langley is an oversized Voyageur.) Joe Boyd will be completing the purchase ([voyageur@vckc.ca](mailto:voyageur@vckc.ca)). Watch for the Langley on the Paddle for the Kids training sessions.

Trail Swag is a website that lists outdoor active clubs in BC. [Http://trailswag.ca](http://trailswag.ca) VCKC is listed there.

#### A New Home for our Old Dragon Boat

VCKC executive determined that our 25-year-old Dragon Boat had too much damage for the fibreglass to be repaired by the club. After agreeing to dispose of the boat, and acknowledging that it was in too bad of shape for use as it is, a last ditch effort was made to find a new owner who could repair and use the boat. On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the dragon boat was lifted from the VCKC boat compound and placed on a truck. The dragon boat left our premises with great joy among the recipients, the Geronimo Canoe Club of Brentwood Bay. They have a shop big enough for the Dragon Boat and fibre glassing expertise. It will be repaired this winter for use in the spring. The club mixes children and adults in competitive paddling teams. They are keen to include a dragon boat in their fleet.

## EXECUTIVE NEWS

### New Clubhouse Floors, Long Term Planning and Clubhouse Use

#### New Floors in the Clubhouse

During the week of December 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, the kitchen, hallway and two small rooms upstairs in the clubhouse will be getting new flooring. Sandy Rattray is organizing a group of volunteers to move all items from these floors on December 13<sup>th</sup> then back again by December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Sandy if you can assist.

#### Web Development

Volunteers continue to work on the development of a new website. We are far enough along that we are discovering snags that may either be worked out or an alternate web host tried. We'll keep you posted on the progress. If you would like to help and have web development expertise, contact Victoria Mann at [victoriavckc@gmail.com](mailto:victoriavckc@gmail.com)

#### Long Term VCKC Planning

The 10-year plan is nearing completion and will be forwarded to the 2015 executive to complete and review. Each year it will be reviewed and updated by executive as a guide for decision-making.

#### VCKC Donations

The executive decided to allocate the funds raised by miscellaneous fundraisers to Big Brothers and Big Sisters. They will include bottle returns, Canada Day Rides and the Christmas raffle but not the Paddle for the Kids.

#### Policy Clarification of Clubhouse Use

The executive reviewed the intent of policy for the use of the clubhouse. The policy is very clear for outside groups.

For MEMBERS ONLY, use of the clubhouse after a paddle for a warm up or debrief is fine as long as it is not booked. Planned use by a program or a team other than spontaneous after paddle times requires booking. Any executive member may do the clubhouse booking on the VCKC calendar. Other members who know how to sign into the calendar are not authorized to book the clubhouse. Any use of VCKC coffee and tea supplies requires donations to replenish the coffee fund. The donations tin will be left in the kitchen for this purpose.



Pictured here are the executive at the end of the December Executive meeting. I know that this year's executive has worked very hard throughout the year to address the business of the club. For their hard work, I am extremely grateful. Please take a moment to thank them for the tremendous amount of volunteer time they have invested in our club this year.

Jean Chandler, President.

## CLUB HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHS



Sharon Lansdowne illustrates the extent of the King Tide (Photo by Wendy Clapp)



King Tide reaching close to the voyageur trailer (Photo by Wendy Clapp)



Christmas time at VCKC. Top left: Jean Chandler and Louise Johnson. Top right: Irena Jazwinski, Jack Louie and Louise Johnson. Bottom right: Louis Johnson and Renee Bagwell (All photos by Wendy Clapp)



# VOYAGEUR PROGRAM

## Don Munroe's MacKenzie River Brigade Journey

Don Munroe - Mackenzie River Brigade

On July 7<sup>th</sup> of this year, I joined eleven other friends for the Mackenzie River Brigade for an incredible wilderness journey from Fort Providence to Inuvik (23 days, 1,487 km).

In memory of it I've made a video that can be seen on Youtube.com with the Link being Mackenzie River Brigade 2014

For a better picture set the HD gear on the bottom right of the video to 1080p and then punch your cursor on the 4 small brackets to the right to get full screen, then sit back and enjoy.

If you enjoy this video you might want to check out my other videos of Africa (2), Nepal and Northern India, Southern India and my Virgin Alaskan Cruise.

Paddles Up,  
Take it away,  
Don Munroe



Crew members of the 2014 Mackenzie River Brigade (Photo by Don Munroe)



Starting off down the MacKenzie River (Photo by Don Munroe)



Rest break on the stony shores of the MacKenzie River (Photo by Don Munroe)

## VCKC Executive

### Executive

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Note: The next deadline for submissions for the newsletter is January 18<sup>th</sup>.

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