



# Beaver Tales

Official News Views and Muse of the Beaver Canoe Club of BC

**February 2021**

## **FEBRUARY Beaver Canoe Club Meeting (Online)**

Date: **Wednesday, February 10, 2020**

Location: *Online*

Time: 8:00 p.m.

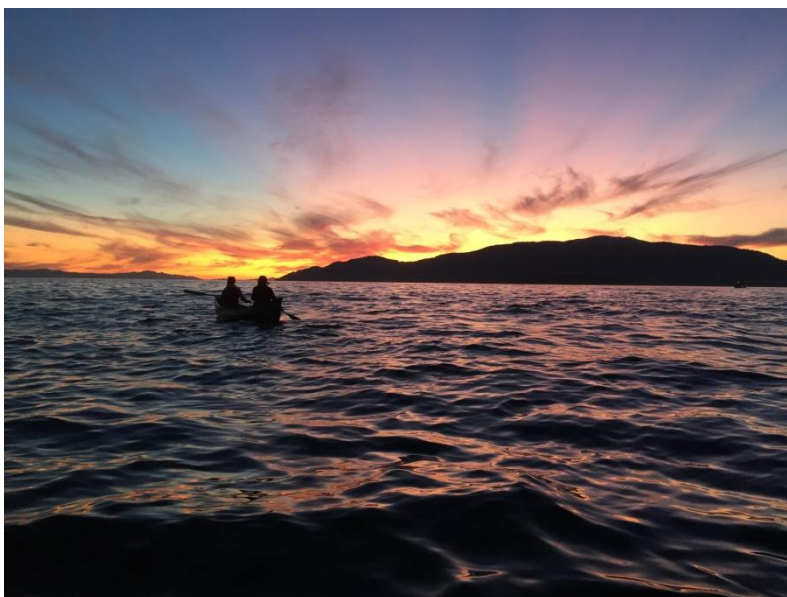
Instructions: 1. Beforehand, download the free Zoom app on your mobile device or computer (computer is better). 2 Watch for the email on [February 10](#) before the 8:00 p.m. meeting. It will have a link to Click and Join. If you can't see or be heard, click or tap on the video and microphone icons so there is no line through them. (If you can't see the icons, click or tap your screen and they will appear at lower screen). **Post-business meeting, ENTERTAINMENT:**

### **Ocean Paddling –**

### **local trips for local folks**

With shuttle concerns and out-of-region constraints on paddling options, consider a local ocean trip to keep your paddles wet!

Dave Broughton and Trish MacLeod



## President's Report

The Beaver Canoe Club's 2021 Annual General meeting was held on January 13, 2021. The business seemed pretty straight forward: Adopt an agenda, a motion to receive Beavers 2020 AGM minutes, and then passing a budget previously circulated by Jill Lee, Treasurer. Elections for a new executive were then held.

All of last year's Executive had indicated they would run again except Madeline Waring whom I would like to personally and on behalf of the Beavers, thank for all her many years of service to our club in various roles, including last year as Entertainment Director and prior to that a couple of years serving as the editor of Beaver Tales. There is much more to her contributions but many thanks to Madeline, (and I hope to see you on the river!).

Madeline chaired the Election, accepted any new nominations for each position, and called for votes by a show of hands, in favour, against, and abstentions. All nominations were received as of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, votes were cast, and the following persons were elected:

- a) **President** - Phil Rankin
- b) **Vice President** - Dan B
- c) **Secretary** - Trish M
- d) **Treasurer** – Jill L
- e) **Trips Director** - David W.
- f) **Training Director** – Carey R.
- g) **Newsletter Editor** - Jim S
- h) **Membership Director** - Bob P
- i) **Social Director** - Kara deL.
- j) **Entertainment Director** - Dave B.
- k) **Web Master** no nominations – Dan B. has generously agreed to fill this position temporarily.

*[Note: The detailed role and functions of these positions can be viewed on the Beaver Canoe Club dot org website –Ed.]*

I would also like to thank Trish McLeod for her work as Secretary and her remarkable turn-around time for minutes of the meetings, and her much-appreciated advice and help that I have relied on.

I think the Club functioned very well in 2020. Despite the pandemic and all the various restrictions, the Club kept functioning and most of the usual activities were carried on with the necessary modifications. (*President's Report, Cont'd.*)

I hope that 2021 might return to near normal. However, with the roll out of the vaccine schedule, it now looks like most of our members will not be vaccinated before the next Rivers' week. So, all lessons from this year will have to be repeated at Rivers' Week, as well for Basic Paddlers, if Health Directives allow.

This year's **Basic Paddlers** is set **April 26, May 1, and May 8**; dates for **Rivers' Week** is scheduled for **June 26 to July 4, 2021**.

I would like to thank all members, especially those who kept the Club functioning in last year's very odd year of COVID. I may thank some of you personally and I may forget to mention some of you, but it is not intentional so please don't take it personally, especially all the trip leaders that make the Club trips happen.

--President Phil Rankin

## Trip Director's Report

What is a canoe club without canoe trips? For us, to canoe is a verb, not a noun or an adjective. Last year was a different kind of year. 2021 promises to be different as well. We're under a no-gathering order through **February 5<sup>th</sup>**, with another order surely to follow. What will our paddling season look like? How do we plan for it?

We have to be optimistic. As usual, we will present a trip plan in the March Beaver Tales, for discussion and approval at our March general meeting. We will then have some trips in abeyance, to start whenever regulations, prudence, weather and water levels make it possible. We'll do everything we can to get some canoe trips going, safely, as soon as we can.

Thanks in advance for your patience, willingness to lead trips on short notice, and flexibility in adapting to a changing situation.

Dave W

## Training Report - Carey

A Trip Leaders' clinic will be conducted via Zoom this year **Saturday, Feb. 13, 7:30 PM**.

All members, (including those that have taken it in the past), are encouraged to attend.

To register send an email to [training@beavercanoecub.org](mailto:training@beavercanoecub.org)

## *AWARDS NIGHT INDUCTEES*

At the December 12, 2020 End of Year Party and Awards Night, the following persons we zoomed in on as they received their respective awards:

### **25 YEAR MEMBER – DAVID MIDDLETON**



Carey had the honour and pleasure of presenting David with his certificate, and at the Awards Night, he spoke of David's continuous contributions to the club and its members:

#### **David**

Joined [July 1995](#)

Membership Director 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2012, (Outdoor show, Metrotown Shopping Center, First to display at MEC,

Completed Basic Paddlers 1996

2001 LW Instructor 2002, 2003

It goes without saying that David has and continues to participate in many trips. He also has written numerous Trip Reports.

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And one of David's early Trip Reports Carey recited:

## THE CLUB AND I

By David Middleton

My Boats have been hibernating for the past few months, just like the bears do. But it's time to wash off the green stuff and get the airbags inflated and reflect on last year.

It was my second year with the club and I was determined to get out and do things! Like get into the river rescue course that Carey gave, along with 6 or so other members willing to put up with the new guys who needed coaching and practice. Everyone had fun testing the water temperature in the Chilliwack that day.

Then we rallied to the evening videos of water safety and two full Saturdays on Deer Lake doing our paddle strokes. I can tell you as an old paddler of 30 years' experience, I learned something new and I was tired after the first day of this stroke after that stroke. My muscles talked back and said: "hey old guy...you are out of shape...you better get out more often.". So I listened to them and I did.

For the second year, I wasn't going to miss the Mamquam expedition, where I started with the club the year before (and swam it!). And on this trip the trip leader gave me an excellent lady paddling partner, whose husband couldn't come. And we stayed afloat all the way.

The River of Golden Dreams trip gave us a tour of Whistler from the water and some good practice playing the eddies as we zigzagged our way down the little tree covered river.

My next outing was with my son, when we headed up to Merritt at 5 am one [Saturday](#) morning to join a trip down the Nicola, camped overnight at the club takeout and paddled [Sunday](#) down to the ranch takeout. Hey! Now we were seeing country and some good water.

If you haven't been out much in the last year or so, make it a resolution to come out and help us share these great experiences this paddling season. If you don't have the right boat or any boat, call up the trip leader and ask him to find you a partner. There is usually someone willing to share and some of us have extra boats to rent (if you are careful with it). And you might have something to offer on the trip, like bird watching experience, fishing, or an easy way to cook tea biscuits. Come on out, we need you!



## **EAGER BEAVER AWARD**

**Ian and Jaylene**



## **DUMPER OF THE YEAR**

**Carey Robson**

*[No Photos of this Unusual Event Occurring at the Confluence of the Nicola and Spius are Available due to Eyewitnesses Doubled-Over While Trying to Remain Upright in Their Own Canoes – Photo below shows him on a better day in 2020 staying high and dry.]*



## PHOTO CONTEST



**ACTION – Paul S.**



**MISERY - Madeline W.**





**HUMOUR – Leigh B.**



**SCENIC – Carol Mc.**



***APRIL POPS HER CORK!***

April launched her new canoe recently at Whonnock Lake. The paint on the hull sparkled, and so did the champagne. As per provincial health order, no one gathered for the event, just a few onlookers from the distance. – Dave W.



April pops a cork as her new pink canoe prepares to float like one

Photo – Dave W.

## ALT'KA7TSEM/HOWE SOUND AND UNESCO BIOSPHERE

Most of us are familiar with Howe Sound, that body of water that stretches about 23 nautical miles from Cape Roger Curtis, Bowen Island in the south, to Squamish in the north. Its widest expanse, about 11 NM, bisects Gambier in the west and Lions Bay in the east.

Apparently, after years of deleterious effects of the runoff from long-dis-used Britannia Mines, Port Mellon pulp mill, and other sources, the Sound is coming back to life with concerted efforts to mitigate those effects; rare glass sponges are repopulating small niche reefs, while whale and seal are recently more likely to forage in its waters.

Brought to the Editor's attention by Leigh B., and whereas interesting from a local perspective, especially for those who enjoy the recreational pursuits of the waterborne variety, the newslink below indicates its potential value on an international scale:

<https://www.squamishchief.com/news/local-news/howe-sound-formally-being-considered-to-become-a-unesco-biosphere-1.24250120>

