

Paddlers' Post



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Voice of the Nanaimo Paddlers



Un bref message de la présidente!

It came to mind that maybe I should brush up on my French in case those who govern the « on water laws » might decide that clubs should also have all their documents in both French and English. Do not worry as this opening is the extent of it... for now anyway.

For those of you who are new to the club, or who have been with our club for some time, who don't know me, allow me to introduce myself.

I was born and raised in Quebec; my first bout of exploration was hitchhiking across Canada at the tender age of 20; this must have satisfied my hunger as I stayed put until I joined the club some 6 years ago after moving to Nanaimo from the Mainland.

Thanks to Ray Roy whom I have met through the Tuesday Hikers, I attended my first meeting of the Nanaimo paddlers in January 2005. It took me a whole year of day paddles, of meeting the fantastic population of this club and of mentoring before, with the help of quite a few kind and dedicated souls, I ventured out on my very first overnight paddling/camping trip. I never looked back! ... and then I got acquainted with our past president and her consort and their flipping style ... and looked down! Now I look forward to the new experience of presidency and I must admit, my head is truly spinning.

As I have always been more comfortable working in the background, I am glad I can rely on our new VP to mentor me in the proper fashion of running a meeting so do not be alarmed if you see both Les and I brandishing the gavel. Before I chose to retire last year, my work experiences made me a waitress, dog groomer, phone

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operator, drafts(wo)man, fitness instructor and administrator ... although in my youth I had dreams of becoming a nun and doing missionary work, I will restrain my preaching to reminding you to check our website often for updates.

In closing I look forward in caring for our fun, social, safe and adventure full club and invite you to contact me with your comments and thoughts for the good health of our organization.

Respectueusement,

Reale, la prés

That First Week in March by Les Hudson

Can all of you remember "that first week in March"! The one when planes did not fly. The ferries did not run. And worst of all you had to bring back memories of paddling to keep you sane because your gear was hung by your kayak forlornly awaiting 'real weather'. Well, we beat the heck out of that week by gathering and paddling off to Whaleboat Island on March 5th. It ended up as a collection of eight, rejoicing in bright sunshine, slow currents and virtually not a whiff of wind. One problem ... did we really know which way to go? Who organized this trip anyway?! If you look at the photo you will see what I mean. You do see that don't you? Who knew which direction to go? Okay, we are pulling your skeg. It was a gathering of the clan—the Clan of the Neo Cacti People. We stopped for lunch on the SE corner of Ruxton Island in warm sun with Randy M. and Margaret O. entertaining the group with ample banter ... something about the rare Oldham Cacti found only on sandstone shelves in the Decourcy-Mudge-Pylades chain of Gulf Islands. Highlight of the trip for Dave N. was seeing, in his best Newfie language, "Two different tyes of comorants, side by each, intermingling." These were likely Brandt cormorants and Pelagic cormorants. Ooohs and awes of the trip were ... over Liz's new carbon fibre 'boat'. The Black Swan was surely lobbying for an Kayak Academy Award. Thanks be to all who came out. Let's do it again some time.



"Ele" submitted by Jan Kretz



Ele in the middle hatch of a double ... our newest members Barb & Jack Ives' Old English Sheep dog.

Seen in Passing by Les Hudson

1. Dave Nichols taking English as a Second Language lessons. Anna Bonnell agreeing to tutor Dave.
2. Ted and Margaret Oldham trying to use their Nanaimo Paddlers membership card to get 10% off on cruises.
3. Gloria Martens trying to use Crest toothpaste as a whitening agent on the hull of her NDK Explorer.
4. Stephen Meinke and Walter Van Brugen getting their Level II certification in Hull Repairs.
5. Randy Millar getting a case of the shingles after working on his cedar Greenland paddles.
6. Jan Kretz winning a three-day white water kayaking excursion to Spuzzum.
7. Bonita Chyplyk asking if the price of stamps has gone up on emails.
8. Beverley Scholman protesting that she is much too young to be on the archives committee.

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For Sale:

"Azul Aspen" touring fiberglass kayak
Length - 17'6" Width - 22" Weight - 51 lb.

Comes with underdeck storage pouch and upgraded foot pedal assembly, seat back connector, deck and rudder lines. This boat has large fore and aft hatches with generous-sized hatch covers for stowing all your gear. This boat has been well maintained and is in excellent condition.

Name: Liz. Phone: 250-954-1064 Price: \$1650.00 obo

Welcome to New Members

Submitted by Jan Kretz and Anna Bonnell

Nanaimo Paddlers continues to grow and our membership at 275 members is the highest that we have ever experienced ... we must be doing something right! Thank you to all who have renewed and a big welcome to those who have recently joined us. We look forward to your continued support and assistance in making this a welcoming Club with lots of opportunities to meet like-minded people and share in one of our favourite activities ... paddling!

List of new members since September, 2010

Kim and Brian Banting
Teri Bayliss
Glen Bye
Lorna Craig
Blake Drummond
Carol Fornelli
Roger Griffiths and Sally Topley
Cheryl Harvey
Beverly Hipolito
Douglas Hudson
Sarah Hughes and Autumn Umanetz
Barbara, Jack, Kimberly and Jessie Ives
Birgit Kuit
Don and Nancy Lutes
Mary and Helge Mejlholm
Ron Receveur
Akbar and Antoinette Rhemtulla
Patricia Robison
Doug Roszmann
Lucienne Siedlecki
Gerry Stern and Sue, Dan, Alex Kurucz
Mark and Suzie Vinden



The Minutes: A Retrospective Submitted by Linda Adams

A Tribute to the Long Suffering and Anonymous Secretaries of the Nanaimo Paddlers
(Highlights from the minutes of the General Meetings from January, 2000 –March, 2011.)

The meeting of the Nanaimo Paddle Club—Nanaimo Paddlers (Paddlers’) Canoe & Kayak Club—Nanaimo Paddlers Club—NPC—Nanaimo Paddles—Nanaimo Paddlers—was called to order at 7:30 p.m., 6:40 p.m., 7:37 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 1900, and 1907:42, approximately, by President/Chairman/Chair Richard Moe, Joan Hume, Ian Whitmore, Laura Beck, Richard Moe and Stephanie Meinke. The President pointed out that the club functions under “Informal Robert’s Rules of Order.” (Mar. 1, 2006)

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, emailed or not read (because the secretary did not have any minutes to read) (Sept. 5, 2001), by the secretary, by the treasurer, by the President and by one member who was back-filling for the secretary. There were so many errors and omissions, gaping holes actually, that when asked if there were any errors or omissions, the room was silent not knowing where to start. This was mistaken as approval and the minutes were accepted as read. (April 1, 2009) The minutes were approved as read, approved as amended, hastily read and passed as read. Score another one for the Secretary. (Sept. 2, 2009)

Treasurer’s Report:

Balance as of Jan. 12, 2000 was \$814.65. May 3, 2000 (given over the phone)—\$1327.17, June 1, 2005—\$3777.49, February 7, 2007—\$2677.39, May 6, 2009—no report due to vacationing treasurer, February 2, 2011—\$5658.73. If any of you wish details of the Treasurer’s Report the treasurer will gladly open the books to any paid-up member. (Apr. 1, 2009)

Correspondence: (A letter sent to the Ministry of Finance, Corporate and Personal Property Registry, Oct. 8, 2004)

Re: File No. 545 741

As per your advice, I am writing to formally request, on behalf of Nanaimo Paddlers, that the Club be permitted to give notice of meetings to its members by means of electronic mail. Approximately 75% of our members use e-mail and have provided us with their addresses. This is the means by which we regularly communicate with our members. We will of course ensure that members receive e-mail notice in a timely manner. We will also ensure that members who do not use e-mail will receive notice by the traditional means.

There are two principal reasons why we wish to communicate by electronic mail. First, this is much less expensive. Second, using e-mail is much less labour intensive and time consuming, and therefore more convenient for the Club.

I hope the information provided here is sufficient, and enclose here a cheque for \$40.00 as you requested.

Committees:

**Safety & First Aid—Training—Safety & Training—Safety—Education and Safety—Safety and Education—
Safety, Education and Skills:**

In June on Nanaimo River there will be training for canoes. (Jan. 3, 2001) The importance of dressing in layers was talked about. (Mar. 7, 2001) The Club has rented the pool for April 2nd and 4th for the purposes of safety training. At \$20 it is a good deal. (Mar. 6, 2002) There were 8 boats and 16 paddlers at the rescue practice held at the Bebin pool. This type of thing is important for the club to continue doing. (May 1, 2002)

Dressing for Immersion. It was suggested that the Club start a policy of encouraging dressing for immersion. After a few comments from some of our paddlers stating that they wouldn't be caught dead in a dry suit, a motion was made that "We have a policy that encourages the use of dressing for immersion." Motion passed. (Nov. 6, 2002)

It was suggested we have a training officer, someone to coordinate the new agenda item for each meeting i.e.: a three- to five-minute discussion of a safety issue. (Feb. 3, 2003) Only six persons had shown any interest in the training sessions earlier reported, but the two surfing courses are full. (Apr. 2, 2003)

This month's safety tip: "The Importance of a Bail-out Bag." (Apr. 2, 2003) Some excellent kayak safety/skills courses are being offered in the City of Nanaimo Leisure Guide. (Oct. 1, 2003) A member displayed the equipment he carries in a plastic olive barrel on all trips. (Nov. 5, 2003) The D.O.T. seems to be playing silly beggar: a proposal to make paddling instructors wear life vests rather than PFD's. (Nov. 3, 2004) Members were advised that they must bring a change of clothing with them on club paddles. DFOE Sea Kayaking Safety Guides were available at the meeting. A schedule of safety trips is available online or at meetings. (Apr. 5, 2006) The head of the Safety Committee reported that everyone was still alive. (Sept. 6, 2006) It was reported that all members were very safe because we haven't been on the water in six weeks due to the weather. (Jan.3, 2007)

A report was presented on the recent tragedy where two kayakers who were involved in a combination land and sea exercise became fatalities while kayaking crossing Howe Sound. While these kayakers were experienced outdoor enthusiasts they did not follow safety procedures. They had ventured out in their kayaks in conditions where the weather was a serious factor, with high seas and high wind conditions, yet they apparently were not dressed for immersion and did not carry flares or radios. However, they were wearing personal flotation devices. It was emphasized that kayaking with such disregard for safety is absolutely and definitely not what the Nanaimo Paddlers organization represents. Safety practices are critical, they must be followed and this is the very reason for Nanaimo Paddlers existence. (Nov. 7, 2007)

First Aid Course: A member demonstrated the need for these courses by asking the membership what they would do if one of their own slipped on some seaweed and fell, and that his leg was distended out to the side and that he was in great pain. There was silence for a while before two people said almost at the same time that we should shoot him. (Mar. 4, 2009) The October first aid course needs seven more people. A show of hands was taken and the course was a no go for this time. To lighten the mood the course coordinator explained that cardiac arrest kills 45,000 per year in Canada. (Oct. 7, 2009) Are you comfortable in the water? Are you comfortable upside down in the water? Westwood Lake Practice Rescue Session. There is a sign-up sheet. (May 5, 2010)

Membership:

A gentle reminder to all that Dues are now over-dues. (Jan. 2, 2002) Membership has broken the 100 member mark and it is now larger than ever before. (Sept. 4, 2002) Be it resolved that members in good standing of the Nanaimo Paddlers Canoe and Kayak Club be invited to become members of the Nanaimo Paddlers, and that the membership fee be waived/ and be it further resolved that the assets of the Nanaimo Paddlers Canoe and Kayak Club be transferred to the Nanaimo Paddlers. MSC (April 7, 2004) The need for a membership person was discussed. As membership administration is a heavy load for the Treasurer to handle along with other duties of the position, then there is a need to share that load. It is a continual job. Information must be entered into the computer regularly and e-mail addresses must be kept up to date for us to meet our membership's need to know. (Nov.7, 2007) We now have 199 members and are the 3rd largest Paddle Club in B.C. (Sep. 2, 2009) We now have 236 members. (Feb. 3, 2010) It was reported that there are now 275 members. (2 Mar. 2011)

Special Events:

The report was given at such a great distance from the secretary's ears that all the secretary caught was a slight movement of the lips. I am to assume that nothing in the way of special events has happened or will

happen in the near future, otherwise the speaker would have spoken in his usual “projecting” voice. (June 7, 2000) FASRAGAD was a riot. The Australian rules water polo being the highlight. Comox brought the trophy down with them that they won last year only to return to Comox with it. (June 5, 2002) [Note: the “Fifth Annual Regatta and Getting Acquainted Day was held in 2001 – the event held in June, 2002 could have been aptly named “SASRAGAD!”]

The Corn Roast this year will be a boil thanks to the fried condition of the forests. (Sept. 3, 2003) Though not part of the formal business and therefore not minuteable, it should be noted that the members, on adjournment, rushed with glee to the tables that were groaning under the weight of their abundance of delectables. Thanks to all those who brought such good things to eat. (Dec. 3, 2003) The “Gourmet Paddle” will be a trip to Pirate’s Cove and will happen on Canada Day. (Feb. 5, 2004) The Spider Lake Corn Fest Fun Day is being held on Sunday, Sep. 7, 2008 at Spider Lake. (Sep. 3, 2008) Spider Lake Corn Roast and Aquagames. There will be “gonna get wet” games, “gonna get less wet” games and “don’t get wet but cheer everyone on” positions. (Sep. 8, 2010) The Christmas Party: A great success! Good planning, good eats, good entertainment, good laughs. (Jan. 5, 2011)

Newsletter/Paddlers Post:

Keep your Trip reports coming in. If the trip leader does not feel so inclined to write a report... DELEGATE!!! (Jun. 7, 2000) The editor took a perilous stand and refused to give copies of the Paddlers Post to all the members that have not paid their annual dues yet. The start of the meeting was delayed as all the “lapsed” members lined up to pay the treasurer. (Mar. 7, 2001) It was suggested that we publish the Paddlers Post 6 times a year rather than the 10 times a year we are currently doing. We are looking for a new editor, are there any volunteers? (Oct. 3, 2001) The editor mentioned that she is still getting the dreaded bouncing back emails so please let her know if you are not getting yours. (Jan. 2, 2002) The editor encouraged trip leaders to send in photos with their trip reports. (June 5, 2002) Send in anything remotely newsworthy like camping trips, jokes and swap n shop items. (Sept. 4, 2002) The editor needs some input for the next newsletter. She advised the next newsletter will be available when there is something to put in it! (Mar. 7, 2007) The latest newsletter is printed and is now “in the mail.” (Sept. 3, 2008) Need more articles. Send any articles to the Newsletter link on the website. (Mar. 3, 2010) The latest edition of Paddlers Post is now on our website. Please send more articles for the next edition. (Nov. 3, 2010)

Website:

The website is now up to date and people submitting photographs should put names and dates and locations on the backs of pictures. (Feb. 3, 2003) The new club website is almost complete and any club members interested in learning website maintenance are welcome. (Oct. 1, 2003) A new website for Nanaimo Paddlers is being developed. The newer technology being employed will provide a “Content Management System” which will allow users to change the information content relatively easily. A more dynamic look to the site is being attempted with plans to include more members’ photos which can be changed periodically. The new website should be operational in the not too distant future. (Feb. 4, 2009) The Webmaster reported that the website is “pretty much roughed in” and that he is looking for volunteers for beta testing. Few people knew what these tests involved and so there were no volunteers from the members. (Mar. 4, 2009)

Archives:

The Club photo album made its way out of hiding and a motion was made and passed that the President of the Club looks after it in the future. I believe the President voted against this motion. Another motion was made that we update the photo album every year from the photo contest winners selected at the Christmas party. (Jan. 3, 2001) It was announced that we now have an Archives committee and could you please bring in any old archival stuff you may have. (Oct. 7, 2009) It was reported that a white binder has been located but not the illusive, missing white binder that is presumably lost for all time. You hear that. It is lost for all time. You can stop looking for it now. It is gone and we will never see it again. (Dec. 2, 2009) The Archives Chair then tested the present membership by asking a question about “The Blurb from the Past” that had appeared in the February minutes. No one could answer the question, which prompted the Chair to ask if anyone had indeed bothered

to read the minutes. There was a deathly silence. Because no one could answer the question posed about “The Blurb from the Past” no prize was handed out. (Mar.2, 2011)

Trips:

The progress of the electronic delivery was described. Another advantage of the electronic system was illustrated: trip leaders could instantly communicate any changes of location, time or launch sites. (Apr. 4, 2001) The summer evening paddles were discussed. Members should meet at the Brechin Boat Ramp. After paddling to the Dinghy Dock a rest period will be enjoyed with dinner. (Jun. 6, 2001) It was reported that the summer day trips were not that well attended. This is normal as people seem to be busy during the summer. (Sep. 5, 2001) The need for leaders is still on going. (Feb. 7, 2001) (Nov. 7, 2001) (Feb. 3, 2003) (Feb. 5, 2004) (Jan. 4, 2006) (Apr. 5, 2006) (Oct. 4, 2006) (Apr. 4, 2007) (Feb. 5, 2008) (May 7, 2008) (Jan. 7, 2009) (Feb. 3, 2010)

A lot of trips had occurred and more were planned. (Sept. 3, 2003) The Wednesday trips are the special events for the Club and everyone is invited to attend the nonbureaucratic, loosely organized, more or less leaderless outings which usually get underway at 0900 hours, usually concluding by 1400 hours. (Sept. 3, 2003) The draft report on Trip Protocol will be discussed at the next meeting of the Club. (Feb. 5, 2004)

The Trip Chairman advised of a number of changes and additions to the paddling schedule. One trip has been cancelled to be replaced by a surprise trip for Saturday, October 9. The following Saturday there will be a trip to Comox Harbour. On October 23 there will be a Ladysmith Harbour Trip featuring a lunch at Page Point Inn. (Oct. 6, 2004) There are two planned wilderness trips designed for novice paddlers. The other trip planned for Nootka Island area will be customized for novice paddlers by using a water taxi to shuttle the group to and from the main attractions. (Feb. 2, 2005) There are 51 day trips planned, though we could use more trip coordinators. (Mar. 2, 2005) There is room for more people on the Broken Island trip. This is a camping trip. (May 4, 2005) There was no Trips Report available as the Trip Director was currently away on a trip. (Sep. 3, 2008) On bent knee, the Trip Director repeated his plea for someone to come forward and coordinate the Wednesday paddles this spring and summer. There was a deathly silence and no one in the crowd moved a muscle in fear of it being interpreted as volunteering. (Apr. 1, 2009) It was announced that the Wednesday paddles, depending on the skill levels of the paddlers who come, may be broken into two groups, the wild bunch and the not so wild, safe and easy, smarter than the wild bunch group. (Nov. 4, 2009)

Programs:

The presenter for the evening was a Department of Fisheries biologist specializing in sardines. (Apr. 4, 2001) The Programs Director announced a whole bunch of good stuff to come, much too quickly for the slow writing minutes taker. (Jan 2, 2002) After the meeting we were treated to a slide presentation featuring photos and history of the central west coast of Vancouver Island. (Apr. 6, 2005) The speaker from Alberni Outpost showed us some new toys and equipment. Everyone present received a cap from Alberni Outpost. (Mar. 1, 2006) The speaker’s presentation included a slide show and talk about Klemtu. (May 3, 2006) The speaker introduced his latest book and, along with great photos, spoke of how the Marine Trail is disappearing. (May 2, 2007) [Note: this is the first mention of the “Marine Trail” in the minutes.] The evening’s program was to have been an Imax film but it would not cooperate with the computer. (Sept. 8, 2010)

Marine Trails:

Motion: That the Marine Trails committee be provided with \$100 in travelling funds for the Vancouver meeting. MSC (Dec. 5, 2007) Motion: That Nanaimo Paddlers support the BC Marine Trail project which is slowly moving ahead, and, That Nanaimo Paddlers take on the task of designing and promoting a marine trail between Tofino and Port Hardy (an area not currently part of the BC Marine Trail). This project will be known as the West Coast Marine Trail, and, That Nanaimo Paddlers fund up to the amount of \$500.00 to be available to get the West Coast Marine Trail project underway in the hope that early applications for external funding will make a permanent contribution of funds unnecessary. MSC (Jan. 2, 2008) “We have representatives from 11 different groups or clubs on the task force.” (From a report, Mar. 19, 2008, included in the minutes Apr. 2, 2008.) It was reported that most of the primary preferred sites have been submitted to the Government, including a substantial portion

of the north coast. (Dec. 3, 2008) The database for the BCMTNA is currently under construction and being handled by the government. (Feb. 4, 2009) Seven hundred and eighty-two potential sites have been catalogued in the database and are being transferred to the Government database. (May 6, 2009) The BC Marine Trails Network Association held its first Annual General Meeting on Oct. 17, 2009 and elected officers and directors. (Nov. 4, 2009)

Waivers and Insurance:

The increase in insurance rates was talked about. A motion was made that: "We pay our insurance and that all the waivers be updated as well." (Jan. 2, 2002) These issues are being investigated with help from lawyers in our club. There will be a report and recommendations from the Executive. (Mar. 6, 2003) Motion: That the draft waiver be adopted as read as an interim measure until such time as the Executive of the Club has had an opportunity to discuss the waiver and all related issues, the Executive to bring back a full set of recommendations to the membership at the May meeting. MSC (Apr. 2, 2003) The Club has authorized payment of \$1000 to a lawyer who will review our draft waiver and offer a legal opinion as to its usefulness. (Sept. 3, 2003) It was reported that we will soon have a draft waiver from the lawyer's office. The Executive will review this and report. (Feb. 5, 2004)

Old and New Business:

It was reported that there was access to beautiful hand-made ash and cherry canoe paddles at a very reasonable price. (Jun. 7, 2000) The rip stop nylon tarp that will be used for the kitchen on long trips has been purchased at a cost of \$125.00. (Mar. 7, 2001) The missing pages from the club's first aid book will be provided in the near future. (Mar. 7, 2001) A member is planning a kayak trip across Canada. More to follow. (Apr. 4, 2001) It was mentioned that a number of retailers were willing to offer members a discount on the purchase of paddling equipment but at this time we had no identity cards. (May 2, 2001) If you are interested in organizing or wanting to take part in Ocean clean up see the "Clean up Data sheets." You may win a T shirt. (Sep. 5, 2001) A second club tarp was researched and a cost of \$279. was quoted. It was decided to do more research. (Dec. 5, 2001)

Motion: That the Secretary write a strong letter of protest to voice our concerns over the lifting of the moratorium on drilling for oil and gas in the North Pacific. MSC (Feb. 6, 2002) The second tarp subject reared its ugly head once again. The usual debates followed and yet again the subject was tabled. (Feb. 6, 2002) The second club tarp subject finally came to rest by a member's detective work in finding the original source of where these tarps are made and purchasing not one, but two of them. So the Club now owns three wonderful tarps. So ends the great tarp debate. (Mar. 6, 2002) With the great club tarp debate put to rest ... there was no new business. (May 1, 2002)

Twenty-seven volunteers who for forty-two volunteer days picked up 475 lbs. of garbage off the beaches in The Great Canadian Shore Clean Up were thanked. (Oct. 2, 2002) Motion: That we get our own web domain under "NanaimoPaddlers.org." MSC (Oct. 2, 2002) The paperwork for our new Constitution and by-laws has been completed and mailed. (Mar. 6, 2003) A member will look into the purchase of a global telephone for safety on long trips. (Jan. 9, 2003) One of the directors advised that we need to spend some of the money in the bank and asked the members for some suggestions as to what we would like to see done with it. One member asked for a list of what the club owns. It was reported we own 3 tarps, 2 radios and 1 first aid kit. (Apr. 6, 2004) A member spoke favourably about our new Icom waterproof radio that he has used on an extended trip. He noted the club has one other fairly reliable radio and a third very old model which no longer holds a charge. (Sept. 1, 2004) We are planning an overnight workshop and social on Newcastle Island in April or May 2006. There will be free camping, a salmon BBQ, workshops with a guest speaker and members with knowledge to share. (Nov. 2, 2005) Would dogs be allowed at the Safety Weekend on Newcastle? It was decided we would try it this time and see how it goes. (May 3, 2006)

The question of what to spend the money in the bank on was raised again. (Sept. 6, 2006) The March meeting will be our AGM. The Vice President asked for nominations for all executive positions, directors and committee

heads. No nominations or volunteers were put forward at the meeting. (Feb. 7, 2007) There is a package of frozen hamburger patties belonging to the club. What to do with them? (Oct.1, 2008) It was suggested that the Club spend funds to acquire two more VHF radios, one GPS unit and also pay for a training course in its use, also to upgrade the Club's tarps and purchase a new projector. (Feb. 4, 2009) There were about twenty kayaks out on the water for the scheduled photo shoot and, as the President succinctly put it, you could see water. Meaning, not enough boats. Hopefully we can schedule another shoot prior to May 2011 so that the ensuing photo is a legit thirtieth anniversary portrait for The Nanaimo Paddlers. A decent (read, lots of boats) photo could be used on club memorabilia. (Oct. 6, 2010)

Adjournment:

There was no sign of life so we moved to adjourn the meeting. (Sept. 4, 2002) The President declared the meeting the speediest on record after successfully covering the agenda in almost less than 30 minutes. Meanwhile the Secretary was heard to mutter that as scribe he had trouble keeping up with this record-setting blistering pace. (Nov. 5, 2008) The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m., 7:34 p.m., 8:12 p.m., 9:15 p.m., 7:28 p.m. and at 1930.

Respectfully compiled by:

Linda Adams

Interim Secretary, Sep. 2010-Mar. 2011