

# Annual General Meeting Report

## Club History and Current Status

The Pointe-Claire Canoe Kayak Club is a non-profit organization established on February 15, 1989, in accordance with the Quebec Company Act, Part III. The Club owes its existence to the vision and initiative of Jean Fournel, Bill Cordner, Gaetan Desmarais, who are, with Maurice Lamoureux and Tom Dienstmann, our official founding members and our very first executive committee.

After celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019, the club entered a new phase of its growth and development – a first year operating in a new partnership with the City of Pointe-Claire. One of the first tasks under this new agreement was the development of a Strategic Plan. The objective of this process is to create a vision and a plan to help the competitive team succeed and thrive in the coming years.

This past year was extraordinary for athletes, coaches, staff and all members of the club. The challenges of the global pandemic affected all aspects of programming, training and competition in the sport of canoe and kayak as it did in all other sports provincially, nationally and internationally. Beginning with the repatriation of athletes from Florida training camps in March, the announcement of cancelled major competitions both domestically and internationally, the cancellation of regional events and the inability for training groups to function as usual, the struggles of the athletes and the restrictions imposed for safe participation on the water were felt deeply. The challenges for elite athletes and aspiring athletes to continue training to their potential were extraordinary. Please know that all those involved in the functioning of the club worked with representatives at all levels of government (municipal, provincial), public health, sport federations (provincial and national) to come up with strategies and operational plans to allow the doors to open and to continue training and participating in our sport. The fact that different regions across Quebec were experiencing different levels of community spread and therefore different restrictions for operation were in place were definitely a source of frustration for everyone. We also understand that the City of Pointe-Claire holds a high standard in implementing health protocols for its community and sport organizations. We will continue to work through these obstacles in order to have as normal and as safe a season as possible in 2021. We thank the club coaches and management for all their tremendous efforts to provide safe participation on the water this past summer despite the COVID reality we were all living. This gave our youth and development athletes an outdoor physical activity outlet for training and for many, an opportunity to work on skill development in the absence of competition.

## **2020 Board of Directors**

### **Executive Committee (9 voting members):**

Christine Seidl, Commodore  
Suzanne Boutin, Vice Commodore  
Christine Merrill, Secretary  
Sylvie De Sousa, Director  
Brigitte Giguère, Director  
Robert Royal, Director  
Jillian Eusanio, Director  
Michel Archambault, Director  
Marie-Claude Dubuc, Treasurer (resigned August 2020)

### **Administrative, City and athlete's representatives (5 non-voting members):**

Gilles Girouard, Administrative representative and Director of CLSCD  
Mrs. Cynthia Homan, City representative and Municipal Councillor for the City of Pointe-Claire  
Julie Corbeil / Stephanie Kobzan (interim), Administrative representative and club manager  
Eric Mihalovic, Coaching representative and Head Coach  
Annah Mbongo, Athletes representative and Elite Athlete

## **Board 2020 Financial Report** (Annex A)

(Christine Seidl)

## **Board 2020 Activity Summary Report**

(Suzanne Boutin)

- First year implementing the new Para municipal Agreement (Memorandum of understanding between the City of Pointe-Claire and the Pointe-Claire Canoe Kayak Club – signed November 2019)
- Participated in regular federation meetings: CKC AGM, CKC Meeting of Members, CKC Sprint Council Meeting, CKQ AGM and Special Meeting of Members , CKC Summit webinars on Safe Sport policy
- Participated multiple special meetings on pandemic implications and strategies at provincial and national federation levels
- Approved coach's CKQ subsidy allocation for 2020 season - \$15,000 allocation towards athlete support
- Purchased development boat through Placement Sports program (\$1250)
- Approved purchase and provided \$17,195 in funding for new war canoe
- Purchased customized double pop-up tent for regattas and major competitions
- Approved the operational budget for 2021
- Sponsorship Program development (Finance Committee, **Ongoing**)
- Developed and approved Communications Policy (Communications policy committee)
- Reviewed and provided feedback on the Canoe Kayak Canada (CKC) Water Safety Code
- Strategic Planning process involving consultations, feedback tools, in person working meeting, virtual meetings involving representatives from the board, general membership, coaches, athletes, LBB Strategies Inc representatives and Strategic Planning Committee, **Ongoing**)
- Reviewed and provided feedback CKC Safe Sport policy
- Approved modifications to Articles 4 and 27 in Memorandum of Understanding between the club and the City
- Implemented the call for candidacy and nomination process, as outlined in Para municipal agreement, and nominated four new members of the board

## **Board of Director files in 2021:**

- Continue to work with federations, government and public health guidelines on strategies for safe participation in 2021 season
- Begin implementing Strategic Plan
- By-Law review
- Complete sponsorship program
- Provide volunteer and financial support for athletes

## **Nominations for 2021 Board (9 voting members)**

- Michel Archambault (Commodore)
- Brigitte Giguère (Vice commodore)
- Christine Merrill (returning Director)
- Bob Royal (returning Director)
- Jillian Eusanio (returning Director)
- Kenna Robins (new Director)
- Karen Oljemark (new Director)
- Caroline Mueller (new Director)
- Jean-Francois Fontaine (new Director)
- Christine Seidl (non-voting past President)

Outgoing : Suzanne Boutin, Sylvie DeSousa, Christine Seidl