

CCA Board Meeting Conference Call
March 11, 2015 12:00 noon EST
Minutes

Chair: Jill Dundas

Participating: Rob Carmichael, Pam Chater, Jared Clarke, Sean Day, Stephen Fine, Kathy Koehler, Derek Mitchell, Mike Stewart, Catherine Ross, John Savage, Malcolm Turner,

1. Opening Jill Dundas

Jill welcomed new Ontario representative, Rob Carmichael.

Jill announced the AGM on April 8, 2015 followed if needed by a Board meeting

2. President Elect Process Jill Dundas

CC message will be sent inviting nominations. Deadline for nominations determined by Harry.
Board to forward suitable names for Harry to contact. ACTION Board

3. 2015 NFL Jill Dundas, Sean Day

Quebec is excited to host the 2015 NFL.

Board members are to notify Jill of their preferred dates after consultation with provincial presidents and senior staff. Reps are also to consult participants on what they hope to achieve at the NFL and report to Jill. ACTION Board by April 30/15 .

Suggested dates and locations:

November 16, 17, 2015 (to coincide with Quebec Annual Conference with sessions in English)
Breaumont, Eastern Townships- free shuttle to be provided from Montreal
November 26, 27, 2015 Montreal

3. Awards – Pam Chater

The nominees have been notified. Preparation of Research Award trophy for Catherine Laing in process.

Award winners Mike Stewart and Craig Perlmutter to be announced by CC.

4. Communications Catherine Ross

Future Messages: March 24 Foodbuy; National t-shirt day –Roxy has been contacted for new flyer; 2014 Awards ; Call for nominations; Articles by Chris Thurber- first on staff training- March 31; Reminder re Boat License – reduced cost to camps

After receiving a request from Peter Ausland on January 28, 2015 to send an article for the Ottawa Parenting Times Magazine, Summer Camp Guide, Catherine sent him a message on Feb 4 lauding the benefits of camp based on Waterloo Research.

5. Media/Website Mike Stewart

Mike reported a significant increase over the past ten week in visitors to CCA social media.

6. Lobbying Jill Dundas

In part to the efforts of the CCA lobbying task group re the Temporary Foreign Worker's Program, the government will not require a fee from charitable and religiously affiliated camps as part of their permit requirements. It is estimated that this represents a \$400,000 saving to the industry. The task group will be meeting in Ottawa with Chris Alexander and Jason Kenny.

7. Database Jill Dundas

Jill reported that Stephane is in discussion with ICF.

8. Fee Structure Jill Dundas

Jill will forward revised documentation to the provincial reps including actions required by the PCAs and a copy of the 2015 budget.

9. Research Stephen Fine

Research Committee Report for March 2015

1. Re: Healthy Active Living and Obesity Research Group (HALO) of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO). In the aftermath of the Jan. 2015 CCA meeting a letter was sent to Dr. Mark Tremblay pledging in-kind support to the project. A survey from HALO requesting feedback on their position statement has been circulated to CCA members through Constant Contact and a corresponding letter regarding this circulation to our camps has been forwarded to Dr. Tremblay.
2. The briefing paper on How Camp Builds Emotional Intelligence has now been posted to the resources page of the CCA website. The briefing paper on Attitudes towards Physical Activity will also be posted this month and Catherine Laing is currently preparing a briefing paper based on the therapeutic benefits of camp for children with cancer and their families.
3. Personal interviews with Prof. Marg Schneider (University of Toronto - OISE) and M.Sc. candidate Victoria Povilaitis (University of Toronto). Dr Schneider is a clinical psychologist who is currently working on a book about camp - no working title as of yet - and Victoria who is with the U of T sports psychology lab has collected data from a sports camp and is currently writing her Master's thesis for defense in the fall of 2015. She intends to submit her work to the CCRAE at that time.
4. Update on the Rutledge Handbook of Outdoor Studies. Confirmation that the book will be released as of Sept. 2015. We intend to initiate promotional efforts at that time.
5. ACC Research Symposium Feb. 2015. Twelve papers were presented on the themes of: Staff Skill Development, Assessing Camper Outcomes, Research on Special Needs, Leadership and Program Quality. The Book of Abstracts outlining the studies will be posted to the CCA website. Meeting with the editor of Camping Magazine for an article on Global Citizenship which will appear in the Sept/Oct issue. This will be co-authored with my colleague Troy Bennett who has been assisting the CCA through in-kind support with some of our statistical analysis. Meeting with Committee for the Advancement of Research and Evaluation to meet the new Chair and set the agenda for our annual working meeting next month. This year it will take place in Denver, CO. Last year Jill and Stephen attended the annual CARE meeting in Indianapolis as an introduction to the group and its operation. Subsequently Stephen was invited to become the first international member ex officio of CARE. April 2015 will be the inaugural working meeting with a Canadian on-board with the CARE group.

10. CCDC John Savage

Dates: September 26-29, 2015

Location: Halifax

John will provide a CC message to be circulated on March 23, 2015. Sean will translate and circulate to Quebec. Course will not include Train the Trainer. ACTION John

Call ended 12:45 p.m.