



**Flatwater Paddling Yukon**  
Executive Meeting Agenda  
December 3, 2017  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

**Present:** Helen Anne Girouard, Kim Hobus, Kim Porter, Matt Wilkie, Brianna Hartness, Niki Parry, Daniel Girouard  
Meeting called to order: 1:20 pm

**Information Items:**

**Agenda items**

**1. Planning discussion**

The discussion centered around setting priorities for next steps to take towards running programming for the next summer season and securing equipment and location for the future.

It was decided that we will work towards **Option A**, while knowing that **Option B** is a realistic and feasible option in the case that not all the sets are in place for Option A.

**Option A** – take steps towards securing Site H on Schwatka Lake as a permanent, long-term site for Flatwater Yukon to base activities and store equipment. This is the ideal site, due to its proximity to the city, its sheltered bay with room for an unobstructed 1000m race course, the site is already cut into the forest and will require only minor changes.

Our goal is to put 2-20 foot sea cans and 1-40 foot sea can (or similar sea-can structure) on the site as a base for storage and running program. The structure will have a roof and fence to secure it. We will request the installation of a gate at the road to the site to secure the site.

We will work to get funding from government funders and private corporations to purchase the necessary equipment to run the same programming as in the past.

**Steps** – YESAB application for approval, Consultation with FN, and other stakeholders on the lake (pilots, sailing club), Schwatka Lake Working Group, Dock Permit, Lease or Land-use Permit with YG. Meeting with Erica Beasley requested after which we will have a better idea of the steps needed to secure the site.

**Option B** – Flatwater Yukon will run programming out of the Schwatka Lake Day use

area and pull boats in and out for the day. We could explore the option of requesting permission from the city to temporarily install a sea can on the parking area. We will request funding to purchase one or two enclosed trailers to store and transport the equipment needed to run programming. We will lease/negotiate partnership with truck rental company. Possibly store the trailers at the Dept of Education storage area for the summer.

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### **Funding applications:**

- CDF – for seacans, materials for structure, site management, installation cost of structure and site preparation, dock installation (January 15 deadline) HA, Dan and Brianna will work with Gisèle to prepare this application
- Lotteries – boats/equipment (HA and Brianna will meet with Lotteries director in January)
- City Rec Grant – park enhancement? explore what this grant can be used for.
- Canada Summer Jobs (HA will put in this application): request up to 5 grants for hiring staff.

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### **Stake holder letters:**

Request letters of support from the following stakeholders:

- YG Sport and rec
- Sailing Club
- Bike groups
- “Ken” Motor boat tours
- Trail Marathon runners
- City camps
- Equinox
- Pilots (Kim P)
- Flatwater Yukon Members
- Canoe Kayak Canada (Nationals?)
- Kanoe People
- Up North
- Yukon Wide Adventures

**ACTION:** Brianna will provide templates of three different letter options for the above stakeholders.

(1) In favour of FY moving from the public boat launch due to overcrowding/safety issues

(2) Support for new location as it is a better location

(3) Support of growth of sport and its potential economic/social impact with nationals and regattas etc.

These letters can be used as letters of support when we go before the Schwatka Lake Working Group and can be included in our YESAB application and/or funding applications.

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### **Corporate Sponsors**

Request support (financial and donations) from the following:

- Yamaha
- Sheila Dodd’s husband
- SeaCan company
- Minister of CS

- Canadian Tire – JumpStart program
- Walmart
- Up North
- Save-On
- Kanoe People
- Absolute Physio
- Yukon Wild Adventures

**ACTION:** Brianna will enquire about how to approach corporate funders as sport organization. Make “package” that we can offer to funders who are contributing financially, and have some specific “asks” of different companies for equipment (i.e. Canadian Tire – SUPs, paddles, PFD’s)

## 2. Spring Training camp

The board considered the four options presented by Brianna and Daniel for spring training with clubs. The best option for FY this year is joining the Saskatchewan athletes in Florida. It is cost effective, the athletes are of similar ages to ours, the site is adequate, the coaching opportunities are excellent and there is coach enhancement opportunities for our coaches.

*Motion for Flatwater Yukon to join the Saskatchewan athletes at the Spring Training Camp in Florida and to proceed in presenting this opportunity to athletes/parents made by Helen Anne. Seconded Niki P. Passed.*

3. **Required equipment list** – Daniel sent a list of the equipment that is required to offer the summer programming for 2018. The prices are estimates and are based on new equipment. We will use this list as a basis for our funding applications and request equipment in order of need.
4. **Newsletter:** Brianna will put together mail out newsletter for members with the following:
  - yoga for paddler
  - winter warrior info
  - masters info
  - spring training camp – date for meeting
  - AGM news
  - plans for summer
  - awards night
5. Michelle Eshpeter offer yoga for paddlers as contractor to FY. Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30. We will open this opportunity to adults and mature youth.

**Meeting adjourned:** 3:20 pm

**Next meeting date:**