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Welcome to our Annual General Meeting for the Carleton Place Canoe Club.

It has been a very good year at the club considering the challenges we faced at the beginning of the season, being delayed in opening our programs, the uncertainty around what numbers we would be able to host and such. All thanks to Covid 19.

This year began with very little in the way of information from our governing bodies as to what we would be allowed to run. Camps and program numbers were all decided based on last year's Covid rules as there was very little information available to us despite many conversations with our public health department as well as with the Town.

As it turned out, we were able to have a very successful summer, with very good camp numbers, including a waitlist, and some excellent results by the athletes at local, provincial, and National regattas.

Some of the club highlights include:

- 5 athletes named to the Ontario Development Team
- 7 athletes named to the newly created U14 Academy Team
- 17 Athletes that attended Nationals
- An excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall at the EOD championships
- 5<sup>th</sup> Overall at Ontario Championships (2<sup>nd</sup> in the U14/U12 Division)

As commodore I put a lot of emphasis on coaching and on supporting our coaches. This year the club had 5 brand new coaches get the first level of certification as well as 4 additional coaches receiving full ELCC Certifications which includes war canoe designation. Coaching development will continue to be paramount in the success of our club.

Financially this year, thanks to various grants and numbers that increased from last year, the club has been able to improve our seasonal equipment, and still put a substantial amount in the reserves for the next couple of years. All this information is available in our financial report that was prepared by Nephin Winter Bingley Chartered Professional Accountants.

I would like to thank our Head Coach Pat Lester again for an excellent year, under very different circumstances. His leadership of the coaching staff as well as the huge amount of admin work that he takes on is what makes this club function.

I would also like to thank the CPCC Board of Directors for your work this season. It has been a pleasure working with all of you, and I look forward to seeing what can be accomplished in the future.

Lastly to the athletes and the parents of the Carleton Place Canoe Club. Thank you for your efforts in making our club what it is today. The team spirit and fun that is had while you are participating in various competitions and events is awesome to see and makes me proud to be a member of this Club.

Thank you

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