

**2019**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**of the**  
**Sea Kayak Association of BC**  
**(SKABC)**



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# SKABC Annual General Meeting – Agenda

Monday, November 4, 2019

Doors opens at 7:00. AGM will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

*\*Please ensure that you sign in upon entering the hall to have an accurate record for quorum.*

Meeting to be held at Sunrise Community Association Hall 1950 Windermere St, Vancouver, V5M 3R2

1. Verify quorum (10% of the voting membership)
2. Adopt the agenda
3. Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting
4. Business arising from the previous Minutes
5. Report of Treasurer and adoption of the 2018 -19 Financial Statements
6. Executive Committee reports
7. Silver Paddle and Orca Awards
8. Election of Directors and other Executive members

A nominating committee has developed a list of nominees, but all positions are open for nominations from the floor. Positions may be held by one or more individuals. A secret ballot may be requested.

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| a. President (also a Director)                   | j. Howe Sound Site Steward    |
| b. Vice President (also a Director)              | k. Librarian                  |
| c. Secretary (also a Director)                   | l. Safety Officer             |
| d. Treasurer (also a Director)                   | m. Social Committee           |
| e. Communications Officer                        | n. Training Officer           |
| f. Outreach and Promotions Officer               | o. Trips Officers             |
| g. Webmaster                                     | p. Programs Officer           |
| h. Conservation, Parks, Marine Trails<br>Officer | q. Membership committee       |
| i. Social Media Officer                          | r. Three additional Directors |

9. Club dues for 2019-2020
10. Varia
11. Adjournment
12. **Next Meeting:** date and location to be determined.

# 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes



## SEA KAYAK ASSOCIATION OF BC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held November 5, 2018  
Sunrise Community Association Hall 1950 Windermere St, Vancouver, V5M 3R2

Chairperson: Chantal Ethier

- 1 The meeting came to order. A quorum was declared to be present based on member signatures obtained at the door. (minimum 10% of 270).
- 2 The Agenda was accepted - motion by George Prevost
- 3 The 2017 AGM Minutes were accepted - motion by Nick Heath
- 4 Business arising from the previous Minutes - none
- 5 The Treasurers report was given by Nick Heath. Financial statements were sent to members by email, posted on the website and copies made available at the meeting. Mary Yee was acknowledged as bookkeeper. Treasurers report and financial statements were accepted - motion by Gordon Squire
- 6 Executive Committee Reports– Written outline of the club's successful year and officer reports were distributed by email, posted on the website and copies made available at the meeting.
- 7 Presentation about the 2018 Mentored Trip to the Broken Islands Group - Graham Lorimer and Bob Salo
- 8 Awards: Graham Lorimer, Bob Salo, Steve Best and Chantal Ethier were awarded Silver Paddle Awards. Nick Heath was presented with the Orca Award, the first time this award has been given since 2007. Three SKABC logo hats were given as prizes: one to Rick Davies for the longest-time member in attendance.
- 9 Elections. A nominating committee proposed the list of nominees as follows:

The following members were nominated and elected as Officers and Directors (denoted by \*):

President	nominated – Chantal Ethier*	Elected by acclamation
Vice President	nominated – Susan Jensen*	Elected by acclamation
Secretary	nominated – Liz Tius*	Elected by acclamation
Treasurer	nominated – Nick Heath*	Elected by acclamation
Director at Large	nominated -- Karin Hartner*	Elected by acclamation
Outreach & Promotion	nominated -- Calvin Sam*	Elected by acclamation
Howe Sound Steward*	nominated -- Steve Best*	Elected by acclamation

The following members were nominated and elected to the Executive:

Conservation, Parks & Marine Trails

	nominated -Yekaterina Yushmanovaya	Elected by acclamation
Communications	nominated - Kirsten Hathaway	Elected by acclamation
Treasurer	nominated - Mary Yee	Elected by acclamation
Library	nominated - Lorraine Sharpsteen	Elected by acclamation
Membership	nominated - Sue Johnson and Talwinder Singh	Elected by acclamation
Programs	nominated - Walter Rosin	Elected by acclamation
Social Media	nominated - Mike McHolm	Elected by acclamation
Safety	nominated - Scott Tebbutt	Elected by acclamation
Social	nominated - Andrea Kovits, Jayne Hardy, Alice Wong, Nicola Kuchta	Elected by acclamation
Trips	nominated - Tracey Pham, Allan Edwin, Bruce Pickwell	Elected by acclamation
Training	nominated - Chantal Ethier	Elected by acclamation
Website	nominated – Susan Jensen	Elected by acclamation

- 10 Membership fees for the upcoming year were unchanged (\$45 individual, or family primary and \$10 for the first family member. Subsequent family members are free of charge).
- 11 Meeting adjourned.
- 12 Next Meeting: date and location to be determined.
- 13 Presentations: Special recognition was given by Rob Leeson on the passing of former member Derek Spragg. The guest speaker for the evening was Steve Best who narrated a multimedia presentation of his solo trip to the Dixon Entrance: a paddle north from Prince Rupert to the Alaska border, and around the Dundas Group.

# Report of the Treasurer

## Balance Sheet

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### Sea Kayak Association of BC Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2019

	Sep 30, 19
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Business Investm Savings-Legacy	5,552.43
Chequing-Community Service	11,085.80
E-Banking-Community Service	1,079.04
Membership Shares-Chequing	364.01
Membership shares - E-Banking	5.00
Paypal Account	290.80
Term Deposits	
Term Deposit-Leg2-101(Jan 3/20)	25,260.24
Term Deposit - -974 (Feb 26/21)	10,210.00
Term Deposit - Leg1-035 (03/21)	48,709.92
Term Deposit -Howe210(Oct 2/19)	10,131.22
Total Term Deposits	94,311.38
Total Chequing/Savings	112,688.46
Other Current Assets	
Interest Receivable (Term Dep)	171.28
Prepaid Expenses	810.00
Total Other Current Assets	981.28
Total Current Assets	113,669.74
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>113,669.74</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	1,075.01
Total Accounts Payable	1,075.01
Total Current Liabilities	1,075.01
Total Liabilities	1,075.01
Equity	
Retained Earnings	110,614.75
Net Income	1,979.98
Total Equity	112,594.73
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>113,669.74</b>

# Income Statement

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## Sea Kayak Association of BC Profit & Loss October 2018 through September 2019

	Oct '18 - Sep 19
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Dues &amp; Program Income</b>	
Film Festival Income	8,803.40
Membership Dues	10,305.00
Training Courses Fees	4,706.11
Trips Fees	900.70
<b>Total Dues &amp; Program Income</b>	24,715.21
Interest Income	1,438.18
<b>Sales</b>	
Sales - Hats	255.00
Sales - Jacket (Fleece)	100.00
<b>Total Sales</b>	355.00
<b>Total Income</b>	26,508.39
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Hats	756.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	756.00
<b>Gross Profit</b>	25,752.39
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Admin expenses</b>	
Bank charges	33.40
Insurance	934.00
Membership expenses	269.97
Paypal Processing Discounts/Fee	549.16
Recognition awards	126.00
Rent (Programs)- Meeting Room	570.00
Trips Planning	180.17
Website	255.75
Admin expenses - Other	458.77
<b>Total Admin expenses</b>	3,377.22
Conservation	330.90
Donation expenses	981.05
Film Festival	2,208.04
Howe Sound Stewardship	7,435.58
Library	63.60
Outreach	497.95
<b>Programs</b>	
Honorariums	176.82
Programs - Other	123.75
<b>Total Programs</b>	300.57
<b>Social Committee</b>	
Meeting refreshments	484.98
Spring Fling	165.21
Summer BBQ	131.05
Volunteer Dinner	357.75
Xmas party	1,359.01
<b>Total Social Committee</b>	2,498.00
<b>Training Expenses</b>	
Course Development, Tofino	1,945.63
Currents Course	600.04
Tarps and Knots	131.41
Training - Other	2,600.60
<b>Total Training Expenses</b>	5,277.68

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**Sea Kayak Association of BC**  
**Profit & Loss**  
October 2018 through September 2019

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	<u>Oct '18 - Sep 19</u>
Trips Expenses (Newcastle)	<u>801.82</u>
Total Expense	<u>23,772.41</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,979.98</u>
Net Income	<u><u>1,979.98</u></u>



## **Executive Committee Reports**

### **President and Vice-presidents' Report**

Dear Members,

The SKABC Executive Team works hard every year to make SKABC a club where its members have many opportunities to gain knowledge and skills, have fun and be safe on and off the water.

In the following brief reports, you will see what we worked on in 2019 to make this club one that we can all be proud of. The Executive team volunteered many hours to ensure that the club runs smoothly. We hope that you will feel inspired by these efforts and will volunteer to play a role in 2020 to ensure the club continues to grow and evolve.

Susan and I would like to extend our most sincere thanks to each member of the 2019 Executive Team!

-Chantal Ethier, President & Susan Jensen, Vice-President

### **Financial Report**

**Submitted by: Nick Heath Hon Treasurer**

The year has again gone well. SKABC had no big financial surprises or problems. Mary Yee again provided wonderful, efficient assistance keeping our records straight. Reports on our finances were submitted to most Executive meetings, if not to all meetings.

Our banking institution disappointed us somewhat at the start of the year when we had difficulty getting all our 2019 signing officers approved, due in part to stricter documentation needs. We also found out that our signing officers have not been recognized by our banking institution for the past approximately 4 years in spite of filing the appropriate motions and getting most of our new signing officers to show up at a branch to present their credentials. Apparently, if one thing or person is missing, no update is made, but this was never properly communicated to us.

We also had difficulty with PayPal who refused to accept that the Treasurer of an organization may change from time to time. Fortunately, Harald was willing to validate matters, but PayPal will still not transfer the account from his name, so it looks like we'll eventually need to close it and open a different one. Aside from that, we had no issues during the year.

Our budget was managed responsibly by each section and seems to have been adequate. We have started to spend significant money in Howe Sound to upgrade the recreation sites under our management.

Our banking institution assisted with creating a new account which we limited to a balance of no more than \$2000. This enables us to use a single signature instead of dual signatures, hence it allows Internet money transfer. Interac e-Transfers have been especially popular among those

who submitted expense claims. The additional risk that this new account poses for SKABC seems to be well justified due to the associated fast, efficient payment and receiving processes.

## Trip planning

**Submitted by: Allan Edwin, Trips Committee**

This year, SKABC *maintained* our annual activity. That is not a bad thing. We now have data to help us plan better for 2020.

Number of Trips: 40 (2019) vs 45 (2018)

We had hoped to increase our overall count, but I believe we achieved some notable goals anyway.

We held a trip leaders workshop in February that established new procedures and set the tone for the year. I hope that we can reconvene with same group to get off to a good start again.

- 22 individuals led groups this year
- First trip posted was Mar 17 (almost winter paddling)
- We have 2 in hand
  
- 11 out of 40 were multi-day trips
- 7 outside the Lower Mainland

We are looking to offer some themed trips such as kayak-fishing, mushroom foraging, or birding (just to name a few) in 2019 if we can source the expertise to help lead them.

- 3 conservation trips
- 2 archaeology trips
- 3 social events (Spring Fling, BBQ, Labour Day)
- 2 skills events (rescue & rolling practice)

Though the Trips Committee does not have statistics on participation in special events such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters, reports indicate this event was once again successful and worth repeating.

The percentage rate of cancellation/trip participants not approved for trips was 19%; we will endeavour to reduce that turn-over.

There is work to be done to increase the number of overnight trips for intermediate paddlers to enable them to use and develop their skills further. We wish to increase the number of skill development and conservation trips, we need more members to step up as leaders to accomplish this goal.

Any ideas from club members are most welcome and should be emailed to [trips2@skabc.org](mailto:trips2@skabc.org).

## Membership Committee

**Submitted by: Talwinder Singh and Susan Johnson**

Tal fielded 58 queries relating to new membership and technical issues since last December. This time last year he responded to 70 emails, so the streamlining that he and Susan Jensen worked on over the last two years, paid off.

Again this year, almost 100% of members “signed” their waivers (acceptance of risk) online. A few manual payments were accepted by cheque.

Sue mailed 48 individual and 10 family New Member packages. These consist of a welcome letter, instructions on how to print their membership card, and outlines the benefits of our club, including our new social media platforms. SKABC reflective decals and a letter and brochure from BC Marine Trails are the enclosures.

Sue attended to the membership table at each monthly club meeting. Name tags are created and maintained for new and existing members to wear at these meetings and other club events so members get to know one another. In addition, Sue created and implemented “Ask Me” badges; members and guests of SKABC are encouraged to ask anyone wearing an “Ask Me” badge questions relating to SKABC.

As of September 20, 2019, SKABC has a total of 247 members compared to 269 members in 2018.

## Training

**Submitted by: Chantal Ethier, Training Officer**

In 2019, SKABC Training offered 10 courses (including an external course) and 2 workshops as follows:

Courses:

- 1 Knots and Tarps (1 day, Panorama Park)
- 1 Navigation (2 day course, Galiano)
- 1 Weather (2 day course, Thormanby)
- 3 Beginners (2 day course, Cates Park)
- 2 Rescues & Boat Handling (previously Strokes & Rescues) (2 day course, Sasamat Lake)
- 1 Currents (3 day course, Mayne Island)

Workshops:

- Trip planning (1 day, Hollyburn Sailing Club)

Courses cancelled due to low participation:

- Wilderness First Aid (2 days - external course)

- Trip Leader (3 day course, secret location)
- Safe Surf Launching and Landing (3 day course, Tofino)

Members participation in the training: 106

SKABC Instructors (in total): 11

Course Coordinators (in total): 3

Rescue practices:

SKABC Pool Rescue Practices: 2

Outdoor Rescue Practices: 2

Paid (facilitated) Pool Rescue Practices: 14

The Training team is working on a succession plan, we are looking at increasing the number of instructors on our team to ensure we can continue to offer superior training to our members. If you are interested in joining the instructors' team, please contact the Training Officer at [training2@skabc.org](mailto:training2@skabc.org).

Anyone interested in coordinating a course should email [training2@skabc.org](mailto:training2@skabc.org) and indicate which course you are interested in coordinating. In exchange for coordinating a course, coordinators get a free spot on a course.

## Social committee report

### **Submitted by: Andrea Kovits, Social Committee Chair**

The Social Committee collaborates to provide decaf. coffee, tea and cookies at monthly meetings as well as plans and organizes special events throughout the year.

In December, the annual Christmas party kicked off this fiscal year's events. The location was again the Billy Bishop, which was an excellent venue for our group of 70. Volunteers decorated the hall and tables, and the result was very festive. SKABC provided turkey with all the trimmings while those attending brought items for appetizers, side dishes, and dessert. The band, Rock, Paper, Moon, got everyone up dancing. Great prizes were won. The evening was enjoyed by all.

The Social Committee played a minor role at the Film Festival in March, supporting the organizers to ensure food and beverage tables were set up and manned during the event.

The Spring Fling was our next event in early May. This year we put the focus on the paddling and invited attendees to drop by the Raven Pub after the paddle for food and fellowship. SKABC provided appetizers. With mixed reviews on this we will consider other options for next year.

The SKABC Summer BBQ was held in August at Locarno Beach. Rain threatened but held off, allowing attendees to enjoy smokies fresh off the grill and potluck side dishes. Beach games rounded out this enjoyable event.

In early October, SKABC said a big “Thank you” to 33 of its dedicated volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Once again, the Hollyburn Sailing Club generously provided their clubhouse for our event. With tablecloths and beautiful flowers inside, and sunshine outside, the venue was perfect. The evening began with a mix n’ mingle, followed by a delicious salmon bbq meal, and dessert. Everything was provided by SKABC. Thanks to the volunteers who helped make the evening a success.

## Howe Sound Site Stewardship

### Submitted by: **Steve Best, SKABC Howe Sound Site Steward**

- Demolition Salvage – A club member/s house was demolished in Fall 2018. Prior to demolition, volunteers salvaged material to be used in Sea to Sky Marine Trail projects. Salvaged material was stored at another club member’s house over the winter. To date, some of the salvaged material has been used in the Zorro Bay tent platform and the Bain Creek toilet.
- Annual Report – I prepared SKABC’s second Annual Report on the Howe Sound Sites and submitted it in January to Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC), based on the fall site inspections performed in October 2018.
- Tantalus Landing Bridge – Decking of the log bridge was completed in early March 2019 and additional work was done on the bridge approach.
- Zorro Bay Toilet – A Toilet Tech urine-diverting composting toilet was installed by a contractor in early March 2019.
- SKABC Paddling Film Festival – SKABC hosted a film festival on March 29, 2019 as a fund raiser for the Sea to Sky Marine Trail, raising over \$6000. Thank you to the entire team of volunteers who worked to put the event on, and a special shout out to Calvin Sam, the man behind the festival.
- April 10/11 Clean Up / Work Party – Six volunteers participated, five of them camping overnight at Zorro Bay. Four powerboat-loads of debris/garbage were removed from Zorro Bay and Ramillies Channel to Porteau Cove. At Zorro Bay two of six existing tent pads were enlarged/leveled, and one new tent pad was brushed out and leveled. Brush from tent site clearing and hazard tree felling was removed to the beach and burned below the high tide line. A follow-up work party in May removed and burned the remaining brush.
- Spring Site Inspections – Two sites were visited by powerboat in the April 10/11 Clean Up. Other sites were visited by kayak.
- Zorro Bay Tent Platform – A prototype tent platform was built at Zorro Bay in May 2019 and the frame stained. Decking was installed but left to dry over the summer before staining.
- Outfitter Use of Zorro Bay – Norm Hann Expeditions used Zorro Bay for a weekend SUP touring course in May. In exchange, they stained the tent platform decking in August.
- Apodaca Provincial Park AIA – The park was visited on July 23 with BC Parks staff to confirm the layout of tent sites, trails and other items requiring an archeological impact assessment. Transport was provided by BC Parks. The AIA was performed by Arrowstone Archaeological Research and Consulting Limited and trails cleared on October 2, with transport by Cormorant Marine Water Taxi. The archeologist gave a verbal green light to the proposed layout.
- Bain Creek Toilet – Material for a lower-tech, lower cost toilet was delivered to the site October 9 by a landing craft from Sunshine Coast Water Taxi. The location was selected and work begun the following day. Work is on-going.
- Thornbrough Tent Platform – In the same October 9 landing craft delivery, material for a tent platform was delivered to Thornbrough Channel. A location on the rock bluff has been

selected and a test hole drilled in the rock. Construction of the platform will follow completion of the Bain Toilet.

- Fall Site Inspections – Bain Creek and Thornbrough Channel have been inspected by powerboat. A powerboat visit to Zorro Bay is planned. It is anticipated that the other sites will be visited by kayak.
- Howe Sound Community Forum – I attended the Spring Forum April 26 on Gambier Island and will be attending the Fall Forum in Squamish October 25. These forums are a good opportunity to network with municipalities and other stakeholders around Howe Sound.
- Video/Presentations – I will be giving a video presentation on the Howe Sound sites at the BC Marine Trails Fall Forum November 30. The presentation will be on work that has been done on the Howe Sound sites since my presentation at the 2018 BC Marine Trails Spring Forum.
- A shout out to Mike McHolm for his prompt action notifying a local Camp of an etiquette breach by their campers. Remedial action followed and repeat breaches avoided.
- A special thank you to Nick Heath for his tireless and endless contributions to the Sea to Sky Marine Trail.

### **Volunteers:**

Nick Heath	Steve Best
Darlene Heath	Philip Kubik
Sasha Sulaver	Kirsten Hathaway
David Hong	Kurt Connell
Martin Feuchtwanger	Rainer Schwab
Reed Clark	Tina Mathieu
Ben Kreoker	Jen Kane
Lorraine Sharpsteen	Paul Geddes
Cynthia Rose Lee	Mick Allen
Nicole Brass	Owen Blackwell
Susan Jensen	Richard Jensen
Trudie Vanderburg	Cynthia Kennedy
Kevin Hall	

## **Safety Report**

**Submitted by: Scott Tebutt, Safety Officer**

The club has successfully designed and deployed a web-enabled Trip & Safety Report form which is completed by the Trip Facilitator/Leader immediately after the trip. The data is used to help with subsequent trip planning, and to serve as the safety reporting device (mandated by SKABC policy). At the time of writing, 8 reports have been filed, and a BIG THANKS to the folks who submitted these (please keep them coming). No serious safety issues have been reported so far, though club members are encouraged to respect on-water leadership and also to ensure they are always appropriately equipped for their adventures (don't forget to refer to the excellent SKABC resources and to consult with the trip facilitator/leader prior to the trip).

SKABC members are encouraged to read the Sea Kayaking Safety Guide from Transport Canada. This document has been uploaded to the home page of our website (Recent News)

and can also be located under the Safety Resources on the Trip Planning page. "And, remember the two pillars of safety: to understand and to anticipate."

Finally, thanks to everyone who has contributed to the safety mandate of the club: leading and participating in safe trips (on and off the water); sharing safety-related issues at club meetings; thinking and being safe whilst having adventures and being collegiate.

## Library

**Submitted by: Lorraine Sharpsteen, Librarian**

The SKABC library consists of books and DVDs covering the following topics:

WHERE TO:

- Kayaking destinations
- Charts

HOW TO (including):

- Cooking
- Strokes/surfing
- Wilderness etiquette
- Repairs
- Fishing
- Wildlife
- Weather
- Navigation

TRAVELOGS

Currently our collection totals 172 catalogued books and DVDs, housed in three plastic bins and stored at our meeting room. Four new books were purchased in the previous fiscal year and a number of books have been donated by members.

Plans for the coming year: catalogue newly purchased and donated books, delete damaged, out of date, and duplicate books not being checked out, and upload the entire catalogue onto the website.

Members are encouraged to email Lorraine at [library3@skabc.org](mailto:library3@skabc.org) with titles of books or DVDs they are interested in for consideration.

## Communications

**Submitted by: Kirsten Hathaway, Communications Officer**

The Communications Role primarily supports other functions in the organization such as supporting the planning and promotion of the Paddling Film Festival, and other club events, training and trips to members and, when appropriate, past members.

In the upcoming season, one goal is to promote members' paddling knowledge and experiences on trips (including personal trips outside the club) to inspire new journeys and encourage new trip planners amongst us. More to come on that!

After one year in this role, I have come to appreciate that there are many members in the organization who have signed up but, for whatever reason, are unable to participate frequently within the club. In the next year, I look forward to exploring various ways to engage all club members more fully.

## Web Committee

**Submitted by: Susan Jensen, Webmaster**

The club website continues to be an important part of the communication with members of the club as well as the public. New features this year include a banner and Twitter feed on the homepage that feature upcoming events. Forum use has continued to increase with many members participating.

This past year we investigated options for improved membership software, but ended up staying with our existing software and improving messaging to make the signup process clearer.

Challenges this year included battling forum spam, so tightened security measures were implemented. Member and Software Engineer Talwinder Singh continues to assist with troubleshooting and with the planned transition to a mobile friendly website.

## Outreach and Promotions

**Submitted by: Calvin Sam, Outreach & Promotions Officer**

As Outreach and Promotions Officer, my primary focus was to reach out and promote SKABC through participation in outside events. It was a difficult year due to other personal commitments; I could not participate in any new activities. We are open to suggestions on any additional activities that SKABC can participate in for 2020.



## **Paddling Film Festival**

Location: Langara College

Event Date: March 29, 2019

This year's ticket sales exceeded last year's ticket sales by over 33 %. We sold approximately 173 tickets. We had our usual 50/50, raffle and door prizes. We tried something different with our Silent Auction this year where we utilized an on-line auction website. We put together three packages/items that we put on the on-line auction with the biggest draw, a Boreal Epsilon T200 Sea Kayak.

Overall, we managed to raise over \$ 6,000.00 towards the Howe Sound Stewardship of the Sea to Sky Marine Trail.

## **Western Canoe & Kayak Paddle Expo**

Location: Cultus Lake, Chilliwack

Event Date: April 28, 2019

SKABC participated in the Western Canoe & Kayak Paddle Expo again. We presented some of Trip Planning Tools that are found on the Membership sites found on our website. Though traffic of attendees was light, we did manage to have one person actually join SKABC because of our appearance at this event.



## **MEC Paddlefest**

Location: Jericho Beach

Event Date: June 15, 2019

We partnered up with BC Marine Trails again under the one tent. Our members came through again to volunteer at the event. Mary Yee was wonderful enough to stand in for me as the Big Brothers Big Sister's event was scheduled on the same date. We came up with a solution of using white tarps to build walls where promotional material could be adhered to.



We see a steady decline in Exhibitors and Attendees and will have to review whether we participate again.

## Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Paddle

Location: Panorama Park

Event Date: June 15, 2019

The return of the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters event was once again a success. We rented double kayaks from Deep Cove Kayak and brought in Pizza from the Raven Pub. We hope we made a difference in some peoples' lives by taking out 12 little ones with their Big Brothers and Big Sisters.



## Marketing Material

This year SKABC purchased a couple of items that can be used to identify and promote SKABC at club or outside events. We had a new SKABC Banner on a white backdrop. Our old Yellow Banner was starting to get a little weathered but still in use as you can see at the MEC Paddlefest. We used the new white Banner at the BBBS event held on the same day.

We also purchased a 11-foot tear drop flag that was unveiled at this year's BBQ held at Locarno.



## Conservation

**Submitted by: Katya Yushmanova, Conservation Officer**

SKABC Conservation organized three trips this year. We went out to Widgeon Creek and Belcarra park to pull invasive plants. In October we returned to Widgeon for a follow up and to plant native marsh plant species. The trips were well attended despite the wet weather; everyone worked hard and had fun. All trips were organized in collaboration with Metro Vancouver Parks and we are hoping to strengthen this relationship next year.

We will continue to post similar trips, if members would like to submit conservation project and help organize them, please email Katya at [conservation1@skabc.org](mailto:conservation1@skabc.org).

## Programs

Our monthly club meetings included entertaining and enthusiastic guest speakers including:

Harald Riffel's photos and stories of a 5 month, 4,000 mile Mothership cruise from Vancouver to Glacier Bay.

Duane Sept, author of Common Mushrooms of the Northwest: Alaska, Western Canada and the Northwestern United States

Randy Chatterjee, SKABC's past president, on digital tools for sea kayakers.

Elyse Curley from BC Parks on the current state and future plans for our parks.

Dr. Shannon Bard, researcher, environmental consultant on "Using Clues from Intertidal Diversity Studies to Solve Ecotoxicological Puzzles in Howe Sound.

Steve Best's multimedia presentation on his adventure in Gwaii Haanas National Park.

Martin Ryer reflecting on his evolution as a paddler and photographer in his adventures kayaking in BC and beyond.