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GREETINGS FROM THE MCA BOARD

Finally performed the shakedown cruise. The boats were covered with dust from a remodeling project. The 2015 license was applied to one boat. The straps, paddles, and PFD's were easy to find. One boat has a non-OEM hatch cover that has never properly fit. Once the kayak racks were on, I remembered the irritating whistle they make. I couldn't find my hat, which had been stashed in a dry bag in the office since last September. This year I have a smartphone, might as well take it but I'm not going to look at it. Or use the camera.

I paddled Murphy Lake for the shakedown. Murphy was cold, clear, and much higher than expected. The water depth was surprising, due to the wimpy winter. Murphy needs to be paddled early due to the algae blooms. Even with the crystal clear water and polarized sunglasses, I was not able to find the snapping turtles. Sometimes I paddle just inches over their backs. Sometimes they sit a few feet away on the bottom, looking like a moss covered rock.

Cleary Lake is another lake that needs to be paddled before the algae blooms. The rewards are sighting the

MORE FROM THE MCA BOARD

eagle nest, the osprey platform, maybe a river otter(?), muskrats. Try paddling up the little stream on the north side. My boat is my escape from modern life and it's interruptions.

Thanks for your patience in waiting for this Spring edition of the newsletter. The content is starting to resemble the exact contents of the website. Boring, redundant! We want to hear from you.

Interested in paddling for a dragon boat team? Belissa Ho, the new VP, is on the team *Wiki Wiki Wahini*. Talk with her. I met Lisa Ender from the *Off the Edge* team, based in St. Paul. They are interested in joining the MCA.

Another unusual event this summer is a boat ballet on July 31, 2015. What is this performance about? See the article. Over fifty boats have volunteered so far.

The Mighty Miss Marathon on August 1, 2015 is spearheaded by a dynamic guy named Rollie Ring-Jarvi. The MCA is helping to promote the event. I'm not a racer, but hope to get in on the excitement. Emily is aiming to hold the 2016 Aluminum Nationals in MN.

An unusual partnership has begun with some students who fabricate and race concrete canoes. See the results of their work. The team won 2nd place in their division. Congratulations!

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communications@mncanoe.org

Cover photo– *Monday Night Rookies on the Mississippi*. Photo: Sinthang Has

From the by-laws of the MCA:

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- to unite in common organization those persons who are interested in all phases of recreational canoeing, professional and amateur canoe racing, canoe camping, and related activities
- to formulate and maintain standards for the guidance of members and others interested in canoeing
- to exchange information about canoes, canoe equipment, river, lakes and other waterways, campsites and other matters of common interest to members
- to promote and encourage conservation of wilderness, waterways and campsite and such other matters as will maintain and improve conditions for canoeing
- to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, suitable, desirable, or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized
- to aid and assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further, accomplish, foster, or attain any of such purposes.

Saturday, June 13, 2015

Minnesota River Paddle—Join the Flotilla!

The MCA is invited to join Wild River Academy and many other friends to paddle from the I-35W bridge (Russel water access) to St. Paul. Six Montreal canoes available.

Natalie at paddle@wildriveracademy.com



Mississippi River Boat Ballet ★



Summer in Minneapolis!

Friday, July 21, 2015 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Part of the 3rd Annual Riverfront Festival, the **Mississippi River Boat Ballet** promises unexpected and previously unseen beauty. The river will be the stage, the dancers will be boats: actual barges, bicycle pontoon boats, canoes, dragon boats, kayaks, racing sculls, rafts, row boats, sail boats, stand up paddle boards, tugboats, wind surfers, vintage yachts...all choreographed by Patrick Scully, assisted by Kalen Keir.

Anyone interested in being part of the boat ballet is encouraged to sign up above under tickets, you may also contact Patrick Scully at patrick@patrickscully.org You do not need to have a boat to participate. We have a range of boats for which we are looking for people to paddle. You can see a video of an earlier Boat Ballet choreographed by Patrick at

<http://www.patrickscully.org/touring/#section-works>

Register

Teens on the Water

In April, Bob Anderson put forward a motion to give a “Mini Grant” from the MCA to an organization that works with youth to help get youth out on the water in boats. The proposed amount is \$500 and we would choose the winner by picking a name out of a hat. Your organization could be nominated a board member.

Minnesota Canoe Association Grant Guidelines

- **Title: “Teens on the Water”**
- **Description:**
 - Provide a grant to local not for profit organizations to encourage getting teens on the water in a canoe, kayak or SUP.
 - Expectation is that one or more teens will be active on the water in a canoe, kayak or SUP for more than 4 hours.
 - A teen is defined as someone 11-18 years old.
 - It is expected that the receiving organization use this money for teen trips, single or multiple day outings, clinics, races etc.
 - It is acceptable to use part of the money for equipment as long as the purchase of this equipment leads directly to getting teens on the water.
 - It is **not** acceptable to use this money for organizational advertising or marketing.
 - The grant value is initially set at \$500.
 - It is expected that this is an annual MCA grant to a different organization each year.
 - An organization receiving the grant is not eligible for another similar grant for 5 years.
- **Selection Process:**
 - Each Board member can nominate one organization to receive the grant.
 - Nominations will be randomly drawn.
- **Responsibility of organization receiving the grant:**
 - Organization receiving the grant will agree to writing two articles for the Paddler.
 - First article will be written when the grant is awarded.
 - 250-500 word article on the organization covering its mission and planned use of the grant money. The article can be a promotional piece for the organization. Pictures are encouraged but not required.
 - Grant money will be awarded after the first article is received by MCA.
 - Second article will be after the teen(s) have completed the on water activity.
 - 250-500 word article describing the on water activity. One or more pictures must be included.



July 4-5, 2015
Women's
Round-Robin
On
Cedar Lake
Minneapolis, MN

Contact Emily to register
membership@mncanoe.org



Mighty Miss Marathon, Relay and 12 Mile 2015



Saturday, August 1st

Mississippi River

St. Cloud—Champlin: 55 Mi

Elk River—Champlin: 12 Mi



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Which Race is for me?

55 Mile Race Day Info

The starting area at Beaver Island Park (south of St. Cloud). Arrive up to one hour early in order to prep boat and participants for racing. **A mandatory pre race meeting will begin at 7:30AM, race start is at 8AM** Prepare for a 10-14 hour day on the water. Access points are suggested areas for supply crews to meet racers along the route. Racers must provide their own support, and vehicles cannot remain at Beaver Island Park after the start. Plan ahead and prepare, take your map with on the water. Relay racers can find more information below. Do not underestimate this race!

Relay Race Day Info

The chart below displays the distance between each leg in the race. Transitions must occur at the designated points. The same boat must be used through the entirety of the race, start to finish. Participants may paddle multiple segments of the race. **Relay racers must register online.**

Clearwater	Snuffies	Ellison	Babcock	Mississippi Point	Distances between transition zones (miles)
12.7	20.6	30.1	43	55	Beaver Island Park
	7.9	17.3	30.3	42.2	Clearwater Public Access
		9.4	22.3	34.3	Snuffies Landing
			13	24.9	Ellison Park
				12	Babcock Park

12 Mile Race Day Info

12 Mile Race Participants are encouraged to either race this distance competitively or use the course as a way to enjoy a float on the river. Paddlers should expect 2-4 hours on the water. Participants can leave a vehicle at Babcock and take the shuttle back. The race will finish at Mississippi Point Park, in Champlin. If you intend to be timed in the race, sign up for the 12 Mile, if you do not want to be timed, sign up for the 12 Mile Rec. Packet pickup begins at 10:30, both events start at 12 noon. All are welcome to participate in these events, no pressure!

Features of the River

The race course follows a wide section of the river, starting in the country, finishing in the city. Along the way participants can expect to encounter wildlife such as migratory birds and ducks. Hazards may include Class I rapids, and moderate currents, all of which can be anticipated and avoided. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/miss/riverfacts.htm> for other information on the river.

Contact

Race director:

Roland Ring-Jarvi

763-257-2304

rolandringjarvi@yahoo.com

Paddling Expert:

Dave Dahl

612-708-5859

Title Sponsor:

Pioneer Midwest:

763-420-8981

info@pioneermidwest.com



Online map of the course is available at:

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/canoe_routes/mississippi7.pdf

Registration [**ZapEvent**](#)

Facebook [**Mighty Miss Marathon and 12 Mile**](#)



Paddle the Minnesota River in a Day!

Date: 06/13/2015

Location: Minnesota River State Water Trail



Description: Join our effort to paddle the Minnesota River in a day as we attempt to have as many paddlers cover as many river miles as possible. Will we be able to cover them all? We'll get closer with your help. Participate however it works best for you: join an event, paddle on your own, or organize a paddle. If you plan to paddle your own route you'll have plenty of options and scenery to choose from as the Minnesota River State Water Trail flows 318 miles across the state and journeys past eight state parks and recreation areas, many city and county parks, and two National Wildlife Refuges.

Join one of several public paddles happening at different locations on the river from Granite Falls to the Twin Cities metro area leaving at 10 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. Have some extra boats? Plan your own outing and help get others out on the water. Visit the Minnesota State Water Trail website (mndnr.gov/watertrails) Contact Alex Watson to register your miles paddled and receive information and details on how you can be part of the effort.

More Information: Contact **Alex Watson** at 507-359-6062 or by email at alexander.watson@state.mn.us.

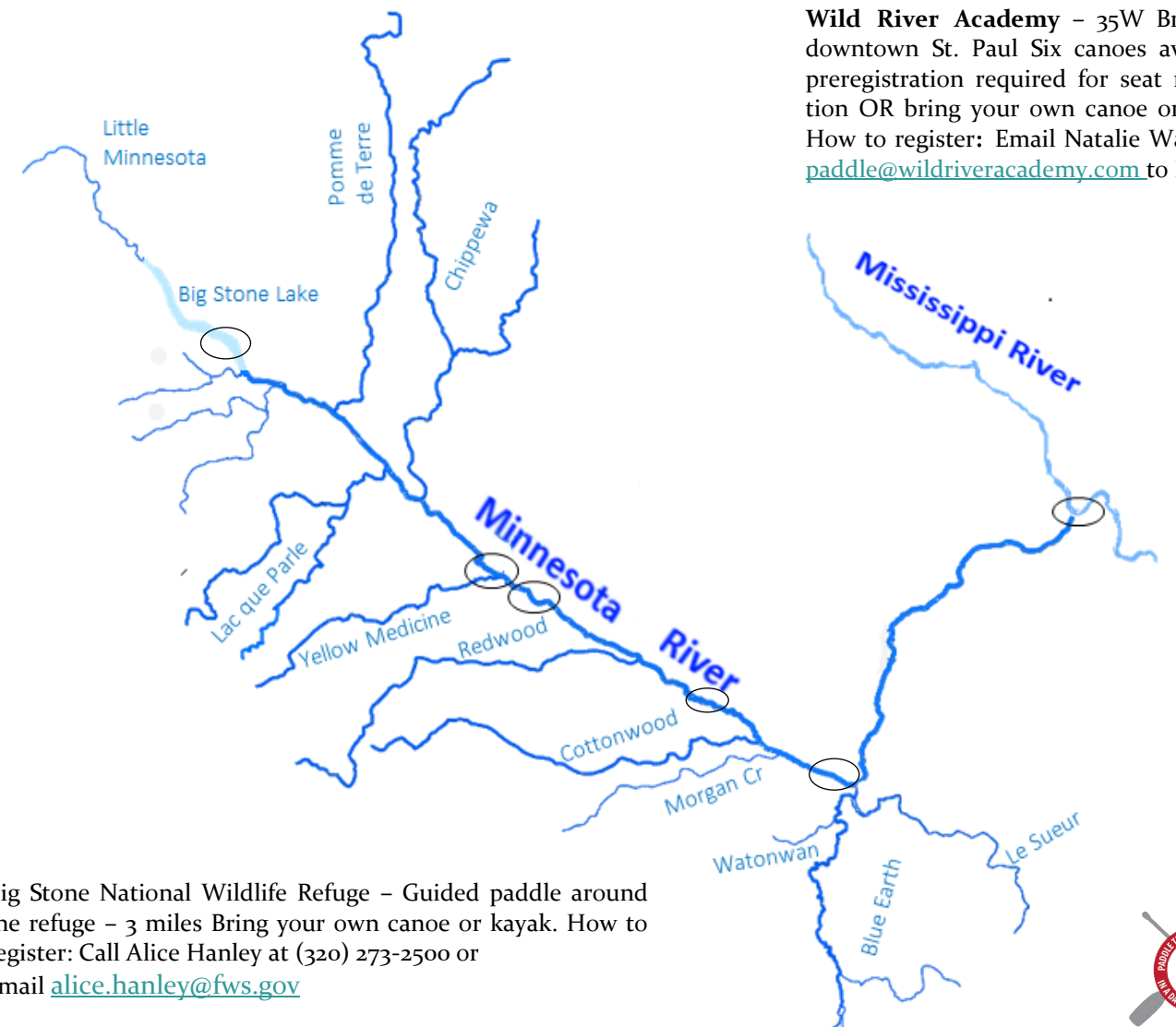
Paddling Opportunities on the Minnesota River!

Memorial Park near Granite Falls to the Upper Sioux Agency State Park. CURE Board Member, Brian Wojtalewicz, will lead this 8-mile paddle. Participants will have the opportunity to paddle the newly formed Minnesota Falls rapids. Paddlers need to have their own canoe or kayak (no wooden canoes) and plan to be on the water for up to 3 hours. This paddle is for intermediate to experienced paddlers only. **To participate in either of these paddling trips, participants must pre-register with CURE by either emailing us at peg@cureriver.org or calling us at 1-877-269-2873.**

Skalbekken County Park and end at Vicksburg County Park. Peg Furshong, the CURE Events & Adventures Coordinator, will lead this 13-mile paddle, which is in some of the most scenic parts of the Minnesota River Valley. This paddle is for intermediate paddlers who can navigate rapids and paddle for 4 to 5 hours. Participants are encouraged to bring their own canoe or kayak. There will be a few canoes and kayaks available through CURE for this trip by reservation only. For more information and to register, call Dixie at 1-877-269-2873. **To participate in either of these paddling trips, participants must pre-register with CURE by either emailing us at peg@cureriver.org or calling us at 1-877-269-2873.**

Minneopa State Park Naturalist Scott Kudelka – Mack Lake County Park to Fort Ridgley State Park – 8.5 miles Canoes provided, preregistration required for seat reservation OR bring your own canoe or kayak. How to register: Call Scott Kudelka 507) 384-8890 or scott.kudelka@state.mn.us

Mankato Paddling and Outing Club – Judson to Land of Memories Park – 11.5 miles Bring your own canoe or kayak. Group leader: Brad Nawrocki, How to register: Call Brad at (507) 340-4459



Wild River Academy – 35W Bridge to downtown St. Paul Six canoes available, preregistration required for seat reservation OR bring your own canoe or kayak. How to register: Email Natalie Warren at paddle@wildriveracademy.com to RSVP

Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge – Guided paddle around the refuge – 3 miles Bring your own canoe or kayak. How to register: Call Alice Hanley at (320) 273-2500 or email alice.hanley@fws.gov

Wisconsin Canoe Symposium

Friday June 19 – Sunday June 21, 2015

Pine Lake Camp

Westfield, Wisconsin

June 19 through June 21, 2015

FreeStyle Canoeing

obedience training for your canoe



The symposium will feature excellent instruction in a quiet water venue for paddlers wishing to improve their skills in paddling and in the precise control of their canoes. In addition to FreeStyle classes, courses will be available for all skill levels in both solo and tandem. Student/instructor ratio is limited to 5 to 1. All instructors are ACA certified. Bring your own canoe, paddle, and PFD; rentals will be available on a limited, first-come-first-served basis.

This event will be a great way to spend Fathers' Day weekend!

Arrive as early as Thursday evening and paddle through Sunday. Meals are available through-out the event. Accommodations include motel style rooms, cabin bunkhouses, and camping (with electric hookup). Pine Lake's various camp activities such as archery and low ropes will be available to symposium participants and registered family and guests.

Registration forms for classes and the camp (accommodations & meals) will be available the first of December at the FreeStyle Canoeing website:

www.freestylecanoeing.com

The Wisconsin Canoe Symposium is organized and hosted by Chicago area FreeStyle instructors, Tracy Hunt and Paul Klonowski. For more information, contact

Tracy at tj.hunt@sbcglobal.net

Paul at pklonowski@comcast.net

Falls of St. Anthony, Zebulon Pike, 1810



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Portage the Upper St. Anthony Falls

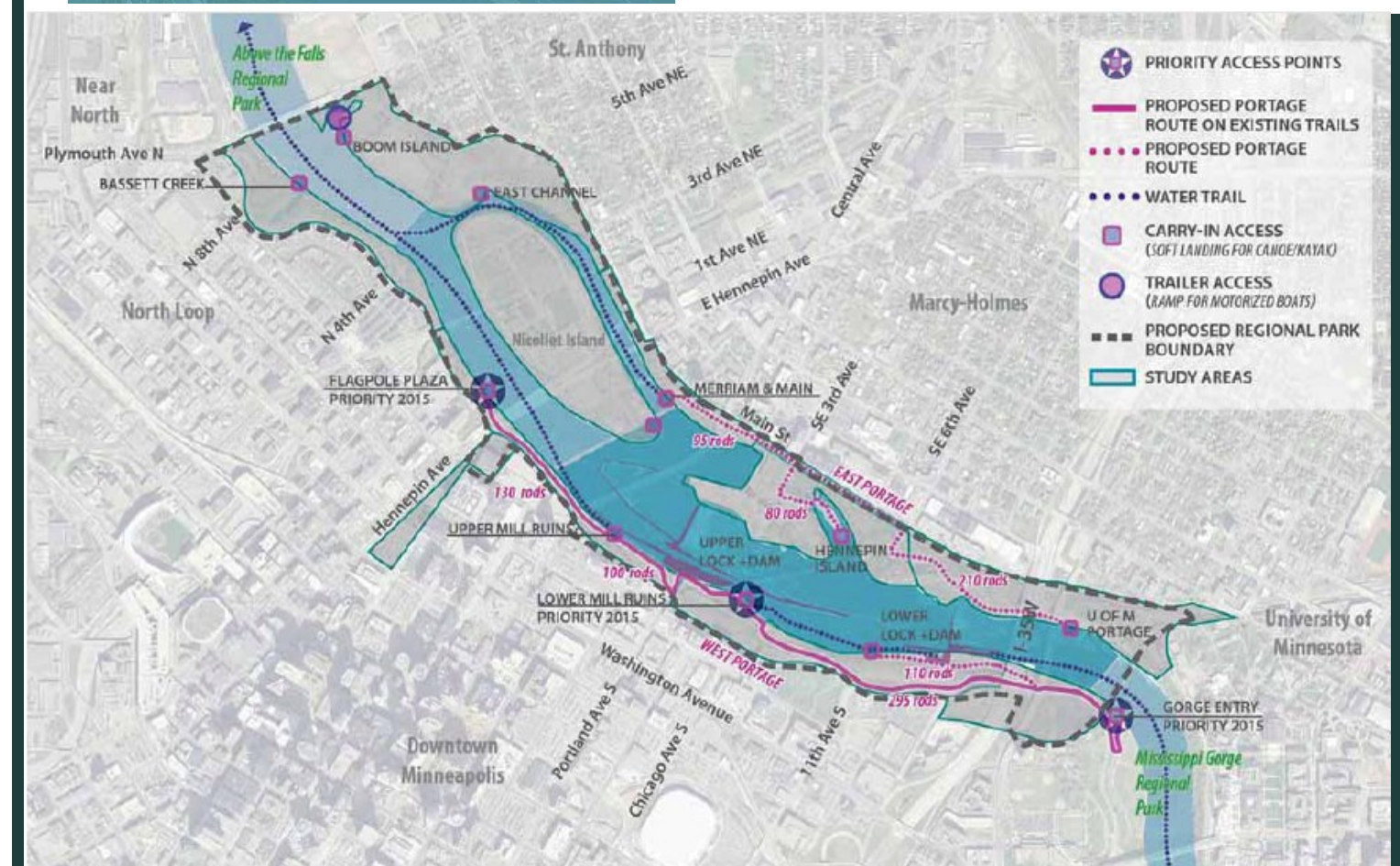
Where is the portage route when the upper St. Anthony Falls lock is shut down after June 10, 2015? In an effort to prevent the spread of Asian carp, the lock will to be shut down to commercial and recreational traffic. Flood control is permitted.

Two portages are proposed. The longest portion of the east portage, river left, is 210 rods. The location is the I-35W bridge to the apron of the upper dam.

Just imagine carrying your boat along Main St., near the restaurants, bikers, couples, soccer players, etc.

The proposed west portage, river right, is on the downtown side of the Mississippi. If you don't/can't use the lower lock, your portage is 525 rods.

The map of the proposed routes can be found clicking the link to the Master Plan.



Concrete Competition *Submitted by Joe Casanova*

The University of Minnesota – Twin Cities Concrete Canoe team had competition the weekend of April 17–18 at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. Concrete Canoe is a student run group that is a part of the Civil Engineering Department at the University. The team designs, builds, themes, and races a canoe made out of concrete. This year the team was able to create lasting connections with local companies and groups to further the growing success of the team. With the effort of these different groups and companies the team was able to place second overall in the regional competition, just behind University of Wisconsin – Platteville.

Great strides were made towards making a competitive Concrete Canoe team and the Minnesota Canoe Association (MCA) was integral in our ability to canoe effectively and efficiently. With even the couple days of practice with the MCA the team members paddling felt more comfortable and confident in their ability to paddle the canoe. Although the help from the MCA came late this year the connection with the group is not lost and next year will



April 18, 2015 Race day at Lake Pahoja, Iowa

prove to be an even more successful year with many of the paddlers this year continuing to paddle with the MCA through Rookie Racers and other outings put forth by the group throughout the summer.

On behalf of the Concrete Canoe team, thank you for your help and your support. It is my hope that this can become a strong and fruitful relationship for years to come. Not only helping our group out, but also benefiting your group and getting people excited about paddling.

Joe Casanova is the team Captain, and UM engineering student.



The University of MN– Twin Cities Concrete Canoe team wins 2nd place out of nine teams.



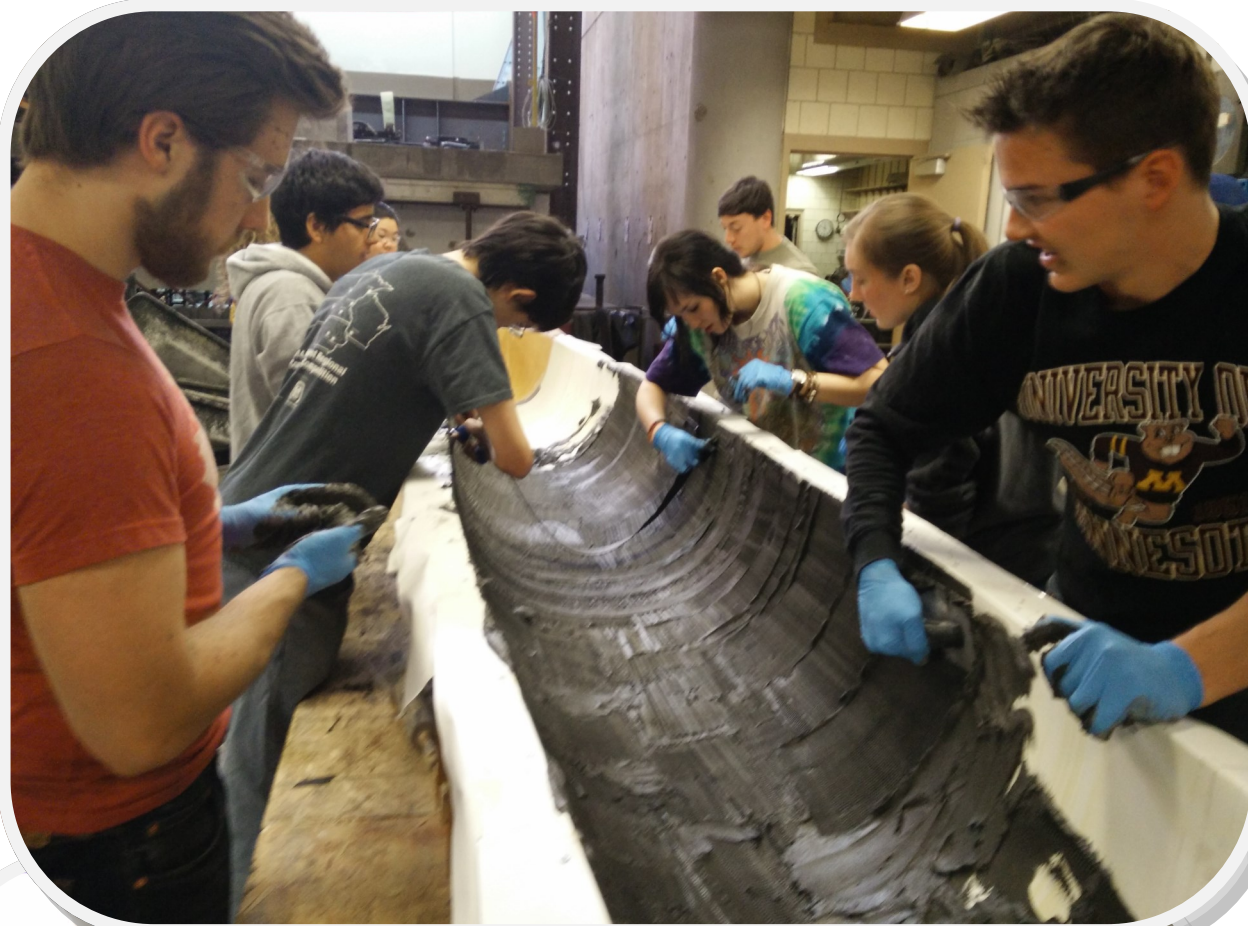
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Dave Shanteau and the team at practice

Kon-Tiki

University of MN-Twin Cities



Some of the rules and regulations for the Concrete Canoe Competition:

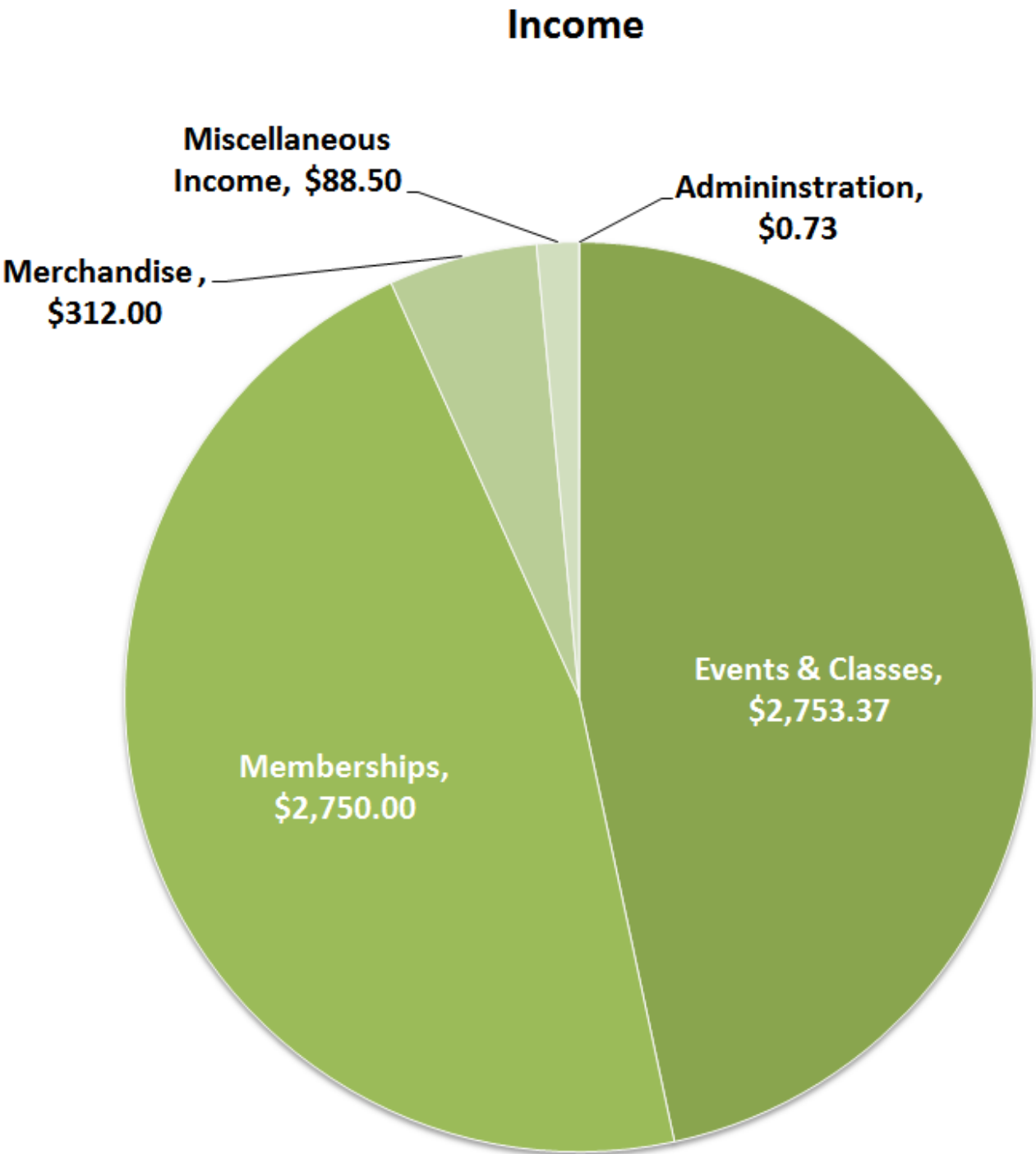
- Single-blade paddle
- Length = 22 feet maximum
- Width = 36 inches
- The canoe shall pass a flotation test where the canoe floats near the water's surface, when completely filled with water and loaded with two (2) 25-lb. sandbags
- Flotation must be encased in concrete
- Bondo®, epoxy or similar materials are not permitted at any time during the casting of the canoe
- Reinforcement thickness cannot exceed 50% of canoe thickness
- Concrete sealers or surface coating may be applied to any portion of the canoe
- Seaworthiness is defined by a canoe that has (1) little to no structural damage or (2) structural damage that has been sufficiently repaired

Entries in the competition have weighted from 105-405lbs!



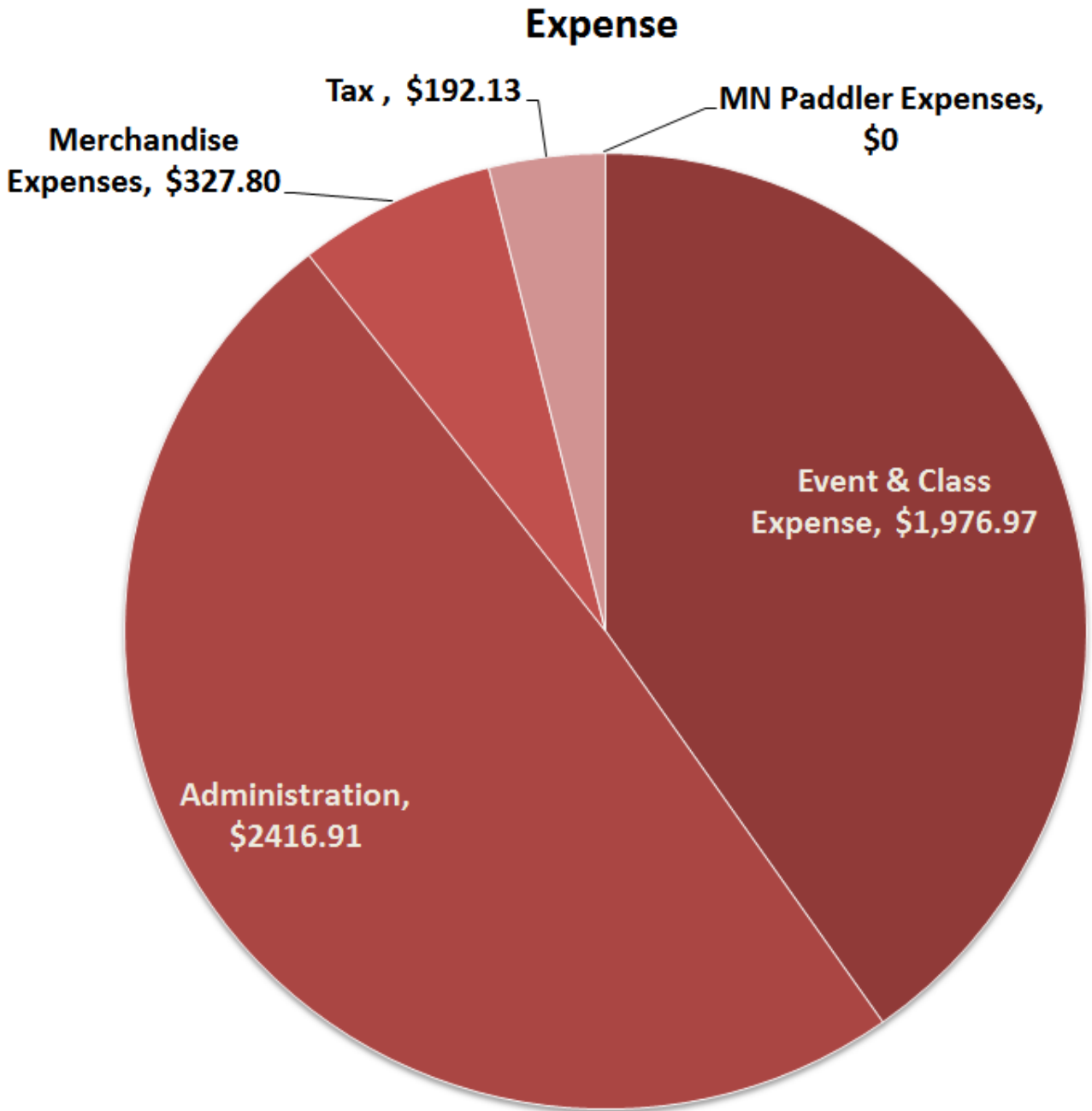
Where does the club get money to operate?

In 2014, we ended with an operating income of \$990.79. This is good!
About half of income is your dues, the other half is mostly from the popular Far North Symposium.
The general categories and values shown on the pie charts come from the Minnesota Canoe Association Fiscal Year 2014 Profit and Loss Statement.



Where do your dues go?

The largest chunk of administrative costs are the ClubExpress webpage, software, post office box, and insurance. We no longer mail a printed newsletter, saving over a thousand dollars a year. So, why pay dues if you can access the web site for free? You are part of promoting the sport. We always appreciate your support! You have the opportunity to take advantage of the club infrastructure to implement your ideas for events, classes, etc.



Skin-On-Frame Canoe Building Class Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum Spooner WI July 16-19, 2015



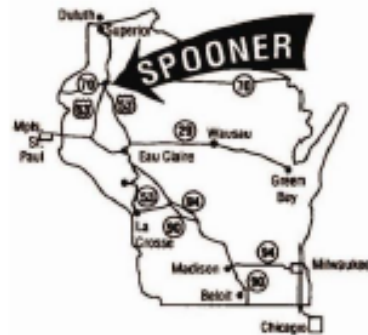
Want to build a trip-worthy ultralight canoe? In four days, you can. The Wilderness Traveler is a skin-on-frame 17-foot design inspired by Rollin Thurlow's Atkinson Traveler (a wood-canvas canoe). Working in a small crew, we will build one start to finish by:

- Gluing up the I-Beam keelson
- Steambending stems and ribs and rails
- Cutting scarp joints
- Lashing joints together with artificial sinew
- Riveting the rails
- Cambering the decks
- Lacing the seats
- Carving the yoke and thwarts
- Sewing on the ballistic nylon skin
- length: 17.5', beam: 34", depth: 13 1/2", weight: ~40 lbs.

Cost: \$450 (\$425 WCHM members)



The boat takes shape rapidly, and we will be moving at a fast pace. A variety of skills will be learned, and a handsome, well proportioned, and functional vessel is the tangible result. At Urban Boatbuilders in St Paul, they build these every year with their youth apprentices and then take them on week-long wilderness trips in the Boundary Waters. At the end of this 4-day class you will have the skills and knowledge to build your own skin-on-frame canoe.



For More Information or to Register: 715-635-2479

info@WisconsinCanoeHeritageMuseum.org

www.WisconsinCanoeHeritageMuseum.org

For nearby motel lodging we recommend the Best Western American Heritage Inn at 715-635-9770. For camping, travel, or other lodging information contact the Spooner Area Chamber of Commerce at 800-367-3306.

Minnesota Canoe Association, Inc.

PROFIT AND LOSS

January - December 2014

	TOTAL		
	JAN - DEC 2014	JAN - DEC 2013 (PY)	CHANGE
Income			
Administration			
Sales Tax Adjustment - Income	0.73		0.73
Total Administration	0.73	0.00	0.73
Events & Classes			
Cruises	108.00	45.00	63.00
Educational Class		200.00	-200.00
Far North Symposium	2,630.37	2,705.00	-74.63
MN Paddling Symposium		550	0
Race Events	15.00	15.00	0.00
Total Events & Classes	2,753.37	3,515.00	-761.63
Memberships			
1-year Membership	1,865.00	2,007.00	-142.00
2-year Membership		42.00	-42.00
3-year Membership	885.00	1,655.00	-770.00
Total Memberships	2,750.00	3,704.00	-954.00
Merchandise			
Building Books	27.00	27.00	0.00
Building Plans	260.00	294.00	-34.00
Decals	25.00		25.00
Total Merchandise	312.00	321.00	-9.00
Miscellaneous Income			
Discrepancies	-0.82		-0.82
Interest	89.32	88.96	0.36
Unclassified		75.00	-75.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	88.50	163.96	-75.46
Total Income	\$5,904.60	\$7,703.96	\$ -1,799.36
Gross Profit	\$5,904.60	\$7,703.96	\$ -1,799.36
Expenses			
Administration			
Credit Card Processing Fees	78.54	74.67	3.87
Dues to Organizations	32.50		32.50
Insurance	750.00		750.00
Miscellaneous		22.51	-22.51
Post Box Rental	232.00	224.00	8.00
Sales Tax Adjustment - Expense	0.45		0.45
Software	269.46	269.46	0.00
Web Page	1,053.96	1,122.49	-68.53
Total Administration	2,416.91	1,713.13	703.78
Event & Class Expense			

Expenses

Event & Class Expense			
Cruises		60.00	-60.00
Color Cruise	70.00	60.00	10.00
Total Cruises	70.00	120.00	-50.00
Educational Class	6.97	50.00	-43.03
Far North Symposium	1,690.00	936.26	753.74
MN Paddling Symposium		375.00	-375.00
Other Events	210.00		210.00
Racing Events		20.00	-20.00
Total Event & Class Expense	1,976.97	1,501.26	475.71
Merchandise Expenses			
Merchandise Shipping		-34.62	34.62
Novelties	327.80		327.80
Total Merchandise Expenses	327.80	-34.62	362.42
MN Paddler Expenses			
Bulk Mailing Expense		249.26	-249.26
Printing		932.91	-932.91
Sort, Label, Mail		196.02	-196.02
Total MN Paddler Expenses	0.00	1,378.19	-1,378.19
Tax			
Sales Tax	85.82	72.78	13.04
Sales Tax Penalty & Interest	106.31		106.31
Total Tax	192.13	72.78	119.35
Total Expenses	\$4,913.81	\$4,630.74	\$283.07
Net Operating Income	\$990.79	\$3,073.22	\$ -2,082.43
Other Income			
Unrealized Investment Gain	3,465.99	3,907.34	-441.35
Total Other Income	\$3,465.99	\$3,907.34	\$ -441.35
Other Expenses			
Depreciation	754.30	754.30	0.00
Unrealized Investment Loss	557.67	936.08	-378.41
Total Other Expenses	\$1,311.97	\$1,690.38	\$ -378.41
Net Other Income	\$2,154.02	\$2,216.96	\$ -62.94
Net Income	\$3,144.81	\$5,290.18	\$ -2,145.37

Thursday, Feb 05, 2015 10:38:01 AM PST GMT-6 - Accrual Basis

Minnesota Canoe Association, Inc.

BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2014

	TOTAL		
	AS OF DEC 31, 2014	AS OF DEC 31, 2013 (PY)	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
CapitalOne360 Savings	22,416.91	22,327.59	89.32
PayPal	301.00	333.50	-32.50
US Bank Checking	10,463.70	9,610.98	852.72
Total Bank Accounts	\$33,181.61	\$32,272.07	\$909.54
Accounts Receivable			
Accounts Receivable	60.00	0.00	60.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Other current assets			
Cash Accounts			
Bulk Mail Account, Permit 615	397.71	397.71	0.00
Total Cash Accounts	397.71	397.71	0.00
Life Member Funds			
AllianceBernstein Global Bond Fund	28,580.14	26,731.10	1,849.04
Calvert Capital Accumulation	10,752.99	10,013.00	739.99
Calvert New Vision Small Cap Fd	4,860.81	4,541.52	319.29
Total Life Member Funds	44,193.94	41,285.62	2,908.32
Undeposited Funds	0.00	350.00	-350.00
Total Other current assets	\$44,591.65	\$42,033.33	\$2,558.32
Total Current Assets	\$77,833.26	\$74,305.40	\$3,527.86
Fixed Assets			
Canoe Accessories			
Accumulated Depreciation	-236.24	-118.12	-118.12
Original Cost	590.62	590.62	0.00
Total Canoe Accessories	354.38	472.50	-118.12
Canoes			
Accumulated Depreciation	-1,272.36	-636.18	-636.18
Original Cost	6,361.83	6,361.83	0.00
Total Canoes	5,089.47	5,725.65	-636.18
Total Fixed Assets	\$5,443.85	\$6,198.15	\$ -754.30
TOTAL ASSETS	\$83,277.11	\$80,503.55	\$2,773.56
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
Accounts Payable	100.00	475.29	-375.29
Total Accounts Payable	\$100.00	\$475.29	\$ -375.29

Minnesota Canoe Association Explanatory Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

A. Accounting Policies The following accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements:

- The matching of revenue earned and expenses incurred uses the accrual basis of accounting.
- Membership dues are generally recognized when they are received.
- Depreciation has been calculated on a straight line basis to allocate the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives.

B. Bank Accounts

US Bank Checking is our primary operating account. The balance increased year over year by nearly \$900. CapitalOne 360 Savings is our savings account. This earned interest of approximately 0.40% APY during 2014. The Board approved a motion in 2013 to close this account in the future if the cost of maintenance (real or in man-hours) outweighs any income benefit.

C. Life Member Funds

Alliance Bernstein Global Bond Fund (ANAGX) saw an increase of 6.92% in 2014. The fund performed better than the benchmark Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index (5.97% increase) as well as other similar "World Bond" funds as categorized by Morningstar (1.72% increase). Morningstar gave the fund a 9 out of 100 rating for 2014 (1 = top performing fund, 100 = worst performing fund).

Calvert Capital Accumulation A Fund (CCAFX) saw an increase of 7.39% in 2014. The fund performed poorly compared to the benchmark S&P 500 index (13.69% increase) but compared similarly to other similar "Mid Cap Growth" funds as categorized by Morningstar (7.00% increase). Morningstar gave the fund a 49 out of 100 rating for 2014 (1 = top performing fund, 100 = worst performing fund).

Calvert Small Cap A Fund (CCVAX) saw an increase of 7.03% in 2014. The fund performed poorly compared to the benchmark S&P 500 index (13.69% increase) but better than other similar "Small Blend" funds as categorized by Morningstar (3.79% increase). Morningstar gave the fund a 17 out of 100 rating for 2014 (1 = top performing fund, 100 = worst performing fund).

D. Fixed Assets

The MCA, in partnership with the Loppet Foundation, purchased six Wenonah Jensen 18 canoes and fifteen FoxWorx racing paddles in 2013. These are considered capital expenditures. Depreciation has been calculated on a straight line basis using the schedule of useful lives below:
Canoe Accessories (Paddles, PFDs, etc.) 5 years Canoes 10 years

2/5/2015 Treasurer Mike Coriale

MCA Board Meeting

4/22/15 7pm-9pm at Urban Boat Builders
In attendance: Mary Hoffmann, Dave Shanteau, Bob Anderson, Sinthang Has, Karl Huemiller, Emily Johnson and Rollie Ring-Jarvi.

Mighty Miss Marathon

Roland Ring-Jarvi presented the brochure. MCA will promote at Mora, the Outdoor Expo, and mncanoe.org. The sponsor, Pioneer Midwest, will include MCA bling in race packet promo. Details need to be worked out.

Far North

Mary emailed the income report and attendee reports to the treasurer and Bob O'Hara, and shared with the MCA board. Bob O. was unable to attend, but submitted a report and evaluation results to the board. Per Bob O., total income is about \$1800, and \$400+ profit. Bob will organize next year with the MCA.

Maplewood Family Expo

Dave and Mary staffed the MCA table at this first ever expo. Kids must have hands-on experience to be effective. A \$17.04 door prize was donated: dry bag (with MCA sticker), cell phone dry box (with MCA sticker), and whistle. Information pushed was water safety, 1C and 1K easy trips led by River Ramblers, matching river maps from the DNR Water Trails, and the 2015 DNR water trail brochure. Audience was parents/kids in strollers to about age 10. [Approximately 475 people attended]

Future Cruises

Mary met with MN Valley Wildlife Refuge to ask about access to Louisville swamp. They are open to working with us for a cruise and possibly providing an interpreter. The MN river is open to paddling, but the refuge is off limits (wildlife is protected).

Wild River Academy invited the MCA to Paddle the MN River day on June 13. They will also be organizing a paddle down the entire Minnesota River. More details to be announced soon. Public is invited to join them on any stretch.

New Trailer

Mary received the application to Title/Register the boat trailer and sales receipt from David Shanteau, \$236.50. [And posted in Documents/Board of Directors at mncanoe.org]

Get Kids on the Water Mini-Grant

Bob Anderson put forward a motion to give a "Mini Grant" from the MCA to an organization that works with youth to help get youth out on the water in boats. Proposed amount is \$500 and we would choose the winner by picking a name out of a hat. Organizations will be nominated by board members.
Motion passed.

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