CPA ANNUAL MEETING 2021

By Ralph Heimlich

The 2021 CPA Annual Meeting was held in-person (and virtually via ZOOM) at the Cult Classic Brewery in Stephensville, Kent Island, MD. After a varied luncheon of pizza, salads, breads and desserts, Coordinator Bill Smith convened the meeting at 1 PM by welcoming those who made the drive to attend the first in-person Annual Meeting since 2019, and to those attending via the ZOOM link.

Bill extended thanks to all the volunteers (trip leaders, instructors, Piracy leaders, etc.) that kept CPA afloat during 2021. Activity is up from 2020, but still down a bit from 2019 and preceding years.

Bill recognized the outgoing Steering Committee (LISA ARRASMITH, BETH BOYD, RALPH HEIMLICH, PAULA HUBBARD, KATHERINE NEALE, and SHELLY WEICHELT) and officers RICH STEVENS (TREASURER) and SUE STEVENS (MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY), and noted that two members were stepping down, while two others had stepped up to be nominated for the Steering Committee.

Steeping down are Shelly Wiechelt, who has been the chair of SK 101 for the past two years while also serving on the steering committee. Shelly did a superb job and will be missed.

Ralph Heimlich has served on the Steering Committee for the past five years after serving four years as CPA Coordinator. He has been the leading trip leader for many years, organizing more trips than any other member, especially multiple kayak campers, host of the CPA Holiday party for more than 10 years and Editor and Co-editor of ***THE CHESAPEAKE PADDLER***. Bill expressed the hope that Ralph would remain active to help CPA continue its current success.

Bill recognized Marilyn Cooper and Gary Trotter for graciously agreeing to run for the SC and fill the vacancies created. Marilyn is co-captain of the revitalized Pirates of the Sugarloaf and Gary has been an active member for several years. Bill reiterated that volunteers are what keeps CPA alive and put out a call for all members to volunteer as trip leaders, event leaders and helpers and to run for office.

Treasurer Rich Stevens presented a summary of the state of CPA's finances for 2021 (see XXXX). CPA continues to be in good financial shape in spite of the continuing pandemic which curtailed many activities. Our cash on hand increased by $1,370 (5%). The closing balance includes $26,415 in the CPA bank account and $371 in the PayPal account. Membership dues collected were $3,417 up 85% from $1,850 in 2020. This is a dramatic turnaround from the previous three years where membership dues had been steadily decreasing, but still quite a way below pre-pandemic levels. Expenses on a number of usual activities were avoided (SK101 and SK102, the 2020 Annual Meeting and Holiday Party), but additional expenses for the ZOOM account to make possible virtual meetings were incurred.

Membership Secretary Sue Stevens presented her report (see YYY). Total CPA memberships are 619, with an additional 70 or so "invisible" family members. This has remained steady, partly due to a freeze on membership expiration in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic, and partly due to an increase in renewals. 2021 membership renewals nearly doubled from 39 to 77. In 2020, CPA gained 36 new members, even though activities almost ceased. In 2021, new members nearly doubled to 65. A

number of people joined or renewed immediately after the popular Zoom Cold-Water Workshops, Water Hazards training, and Basic Kayak Camping workshop, during January- March.

Ralph Heimlich presented the 2021 Participation Report (see ZZZ). Participation in 2021 continued to be impacted by the COVID pandemic, but showed some recovery as participants were vaccinated and returned to outdoor activity. Virtual events and a new category of winter hikes attracted participants. CPA had 25 individual trip leaders, leading a combined 84 trips or events, with 342 individual participants taking part a total of 797 times during the year. That's 71 percent of our usual trip leader corps, 69 percent of our usual trip participation and 87 percent of our usual individual participants, based on the 2013-2019 averages. 86 people participated in 3 or more events over the season. (Note that participation in Piracies is not well documented as to number of times participating.)

Consolidated annual reports will have been compiled and are online at the CPA website at (link).

OLD BUSINESS: The only old business was the amendment to our bylaws passed as a referendum on the 2020 ballot.

NEW BUSINESS: A committee of volunteers led by Laurie Collins (including Marilyn Cooper, Paula Hubbard and Gary Trotter) have stepped up to replace Shelly Wiechelt in leading the planning for SK101, our introductory class for new and wanna-be kayakers. Look for more info to come.

SC Member Lisa Arrasmith (who was absent on vaction), sent a note promising that the proposed Maryland Fun Day at Downs Park will be rescheduled in 2022. The new reservation date is sometime in June 2022. I can still move it around, depending on the availability of the Fernwood pavilion. Construction on Beverly Triton Beach Park is scheduled for November 1 with the arrival of the construction trailer and installation of silt fences. Talbot County kayakers are pushing back against restrictions on parking at the county public boat ramps. It's on the agenda of the Talbot County Recreation Advisory Board meeting in November. Lisa encourages all Talbot County kayakers to make their views knows at the meeting (see article on page zzz).

An extended discussion was prompted by Bill Smith's observation that we need to encourage more CPA members to lead day trips so that we have a robust calendar of events in 2022. Suggestions included a simplified one-day informal course for prospective trip leaders (vs. the more detailed SK203 Trip Leader Training Course that has not been held for at least 5 years), a mentoring program and recognition of Assistant Trip Leaders who can step up to being Trip leaders after a few trips, and a renewed emphasis on shorter, flat-water Beginner-level trips for new kayakers, especially those with recreational kayaks. Bob Maynard agreed to write up a summary of the key points for the mentoring program.

ELECTION RESULTS: 103 ballots were cast, including on-line, mail-in and in-person ballots. The slate of officers and SC members nominated was overwhelmingly elected, with no write-in nominations. The newly elected officers stood and were applauded by the audience.

AWARDS: Coordinator Bill Smith presented three awards recognizing outstanding service to the club. Marla Aron—For outstanding service to the Chesapeake Paddlers Association in managing ordering, inventory and sales of CPA logo gear from 2015 to the present. Marla has expanded the options for colors, fabrics and sizes (especially ladies sizes) and found new manufacturers for our logo gear. She has also been an active member of the Pirates of Arundell, the Gunkholers, the ADK Loons, and has participated in many trips and activities since joining CPA in 2004.

Beth Boyd—For outstanding service to the Chesapeake Paddlers Association in serving on the Steering Committee from 2020 to the present, and editing, publishing and managing our newsletter, ***The Chesapeake Paddler***, from January 2017 to October 2019. Beth has been an active member of the Pirates of Arundell and has participated in many activities and events since joining CPA in 2011.

Lois Wyatt—For outstanding service to the Chesapeake Paddlers Association in editing our newsletter, ***The Chesapeake Paddler***, from January 2017 to October 2019. Lois has been an active member of the Pirates of Arundell and the Gunkholers, and has participated in many activities and events since joining CPA in 2005.

All awardees were present and received their plaques to thunderous applause.

Coordinator Smith adjourned the meeting at 3 PM. 25 members attended in person, and 3 virtually via ZOOM.

Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc.
2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Location: Cult Classic Brewery Meeting Hall 155 Shopping Center Dr., Stevensville, MD 21666

CPA Coordinator **Bill Smith** opened the Annual Membership Meeting at 1 PM & welcomed everyone.

Bill thanked all of our CPA members that made the drive to the Eastern Shore to attend the first in person meeting in TWO years due to Covid 19 shut down, as well as those who are attending today via Zoom. There are 26 members signed in earlier and 4 more members who joined the meeting briefly via our CPA ZOOM – a total of 30. Unfortunately, the screen view /live camera locked up within the first ½ hour despite IT assistance. In 2020: 20 attended virtually; 2019: 31 members attended in person at the AA County Library Meeting room near Annapolis.

Bill thanked all the volunteers that kept CPA afloat this past year by cautiously, leading group trips this year, as well as 4 online safety training sessions, and in person events such as Fall out of Your Boat Practice in July, and Basic Kayak Skills Practice. He thanked everyone who supported the Piracies & their Captains & Teams, and all those who participated with good social distancing practice. Our club activities are up from last year due to Covid precautions and the new vaccines-in-all-arms, but still have not returned to pre-Covid participation levels.

Bill recognized the current Steering Committee (SC) members – all who served for the last two years- including: **Lisa Arrasmith, Beth Boyd, Paula Hubbard, Ralph Heimlich, Catherine Neal, and Shelly Wiechelt**; including **Treasurer Rich Stevens and Secretary Sue Stevens**, **and Bill Smith Coordinator.** He thanked everyone for their support over the past year. Both Lisa and Shelly had conflicts and could not attend.

There are some SC changes expected as two members stepping down for 2022: **Shelly Wiechelt** and **Ralph Heimlich.**

Shelly has been the Lead organizer for SK101 -our popular Sea Kayaking Basics Workshop - for the past three years. She organized SK101 in March 2020, while also providing valuable input for SC discussions over the year. Shelly did a superb job refreshing our class presentation and will be missed. She has taken on new responsibilities at work, but she will be joining many other kayaking trips.

Ralph has served on the SC for the past five years after serving previously as the CPA Coordinator. He has been the leading CPA Trip leader, organizing more day trips than any other member EVERY YEAR, multiple kayak camper events again this year, hosting numerous Planning Meetings & CPA Holiday Parties and remaining active as Co-Editor of the CPA Paddler Newsletter and uploading monthly news to the home page AND crunching the numbers for the annual participation and membership charting. He continues to help out behind the scenes with CPA successes.

Bill thanked CPA members **Marilyn Cooper** and **Gary Trotter,** both who have graciously agreed to run and fill these SC vacancies in 2022.

Bill reached out to the crowd: it's our volunteers who keep CPA vibrant so please volunteer where you can; CPA always is seeking Trip leaders, Event leaders, volunteer- helpers, and every year – new people to run for office – including CPA Coordinator.

Bill recognized the folks who helped make events happen this year.

1. Via Zoom: Cold Water Workshop 1/21 organized by **Catriona Miller and Moulton Avery**; it had over 400 attendees from across the US.
2. Via Zoom: Paddling Hazards 2/25 led by **Moulton Avery- & Zoom support by Rich Stevens**
3. Via Zoom: Virtual Kayak Camper Basics 3/16 led by **Suzanne Farace**
4. Via Zoom: Cold Water Workshop 3/18 led by **Moulton Avery & Zoom support by Rich Stevens**
5. Via Zoom: Spring Trip Planning Meeting 3/31 led by **Bill Smith & SC**
6. **Paula Hubbard:** Basic Kayaking Skills for Beginners 6/5 and 6/6
7. Pirates of Arundell, Baltimore, Georgetown, the North, Patuxent, Potomac, and Sugarloaf.
8. A growing tally of day trips and kayak camper weekend trips led by Bill **Smith**, **Alan Minlin in VA, Lois Wyatt**, **Suzanne Farace, Ralph Heimlich, Sue & Rich Stevens, Greg Welker & Jenny Plummer-Welker.**

Bill recognized the year-round tasks of out **Paddler Newsletter Editor Bill Upton** who produced 11 great issues this year- no printed- page limits for articles and photos! Bill gave a shout out for CPA website oversight by **Gregg Banse IT Support** who hosts our webpage remotely from VT, along with **Ralph Heimlich.** Bill also recognized the gang who handle the CPA FACEBOOK Page content & support: **Catriona Miller and Suzanne Farace, and Greg Welker.** Bill also recognized the work on the Meetup Page handled by **Ralph Heimlich and Paula Hubbard, (who handles New Meetup Member approvals).** Bill also thanked **Marla Aron** who manages the CPA LOGO GEAR Sales.

REPORTS

Financial: CPA Treasurer Rich Stevens summarized the Club finances in the Annual Meeting Interim Report through October 2021 A full report and detailed charts will be Final Annual Report in January 2022. Rich gave a summary of the different event expenses and income; there are a number of charts posted on the bulletin board for review today. (All of the reports will be included in the next Paddler issue in December) The CPA net worth at this time is $26,786.97 at the time of the annual meeting, a slight increase of 5.39 % due to less outlay for club event expenses.

There are more expenses expected during the last months of the year, including the annual liability insurance payment and reimbursements for the end of season Piracy stipends. Membership dues increased by 84.67% over the previous year's low- when all memberships were extended for 12 months.

Membership: CPA Secretary Sue Stevens summarized the CPA membership program; it has been an interesting year of members- all who received a 12-month dues extension during 2020. Total

membership is 619 in October, plus there is another 70 slightly "invisible" kayaking family members, spouses & partners. Last year there were 643 members- a 9.6% drop. In 2021 CPA gained 65 new members- with 5 new members joining during September. In a normal year, CPA would have been celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2020. All members now receive E-version of the Paddler starting January 2021.

There are now 55 twenty years continuous – Paid-up dues Life Members –plus 10+ kayaking partners and spouses -or 8% of total membership; Many of our LIFERS are the most active in the club. CPA lost Life Member Dave Mood, as well as longtime member Marshall Woodruff, who died this fall.

CPA started promoting multi-year dues options in 2009; most members now choose the 4-year option. There is a lot less mail in the PO BOX 341. Currently, 98% pay their dues online via Pay Pal. CPA initiated the Meetup calendar platform for kayaking events & trips in September 2016.

Trip Participation Report by Ralph Heimlich summarized members & participation levels – big changes with fewer trip leaders. Participation levels are 72% of a normal year. Seven regular paddling -piracy groups were the most active this summer: Pirates of Arundel, Baltimore, Georgetown, the North, Patuxent, Potomac, Sugarloaf, and Pirates of the North. He is still seeking all collected Trip Waivers. We briefly discussed how helpful it is to keep a paddler-list spreadsheet for a piracy participation-headcount (and determining the stipend levels.)

There was a new trip category with winter hikes led by Ralph with 116 participants. CPA had 25 individual trip leaders, leading a combined 78 trips or events with 260 individual participants during the year. That's 72% of usual trip leader corps, 50% of our usual trip participation and 66 % of our usual kayaking members based on the 2013-2019 numbers he calculated. There were 30-day trips (71% of the usual number), 12 campers (98%), and 4 training online-Zoom events. CPA is unique with 55+ volunteer trip leaders, and can always use more volunteers for all kinds of outings. Check out the trip & participant charts.

Ralph has the stock of 3" round CPA logo stickers – please contact him if you need a new one for the bow of your kayak.

ELECTION RESULTS *- Ralph* ***Heimlich****. There were 103 electronic ballots received (compared to 54 ballots in 2020: 85 ballots cast in 2019). One mailed ballot was received at the PO BOX; 8 paper ballots were submitted via the red ballot bucket. All the officers and 6 SC members were elected – a non- contested election.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & upcoming events:

November 20 Eastern Neck Island Day in Memory of Marshall Woodruff– led by **Jim Zawocki**

December 16 Holiday Party - hosted by **Ralph & Beth Heimlich**

CPA PLANNING MEETING -Spring 2022 TBA -per Bill

Paula Hubbard offered to hold a Navigation workshop Spring 2022

SK101 Spring 2022 **– New team of Gary Trotter, Marilyn Cooper, Laurie Collins, Paula Hubbard & al**

SK102 2022 – no info / Additional Insurance liability cover $$ for camping on private property now required + increased cost/ student **by $50-70 each**

Basic Kayak Skills Practice Day for Beginners – TBA - **Paula Hubbard**

Gear Day / Fall-out-Boat/Skills Practice/ Potluck – July 2022 TBA **– Bill Smith**

Maryland Fun Day at Downs Park, Lake Shore - Summer 2022 date TBA – **Lisa Arrasmith**

New Business

Camping liability Insurance:

Per **Treasurer Rich Stevens,** our current insurance provider now requires additional liability insurance coverage for camping events to cover the private property owners such as Lake Anna SK102. Other CPA camping trips are typically at State or County parks, which would have their own coverage for camp visitors. Though there was no need without SK102 2021 – an additional insurance rider would be required for future camping events. Our club insurance provider estimated the rider premium at $3,600+ (a 15% impact to CPA treasury each year) in addition to the normal annual liability insurance cost. That's quite a jump, Rich will seek additional info and a better estimate if SK102 is held. Any other private locations suggested for camping outings also will need liability coverage- and should include a fee to help of set the additional coverage.

SK203 Advanced Trip Leader Training re-vamping

The group discussion, opened by **Bill Smith** and Ralph **Heimlich**, shows that the club needs to encourage more kayakers to become active trip leaders. Many of the kayakers who attended the last training in 2016-2017 have been reluctant to initiate their trips. Someone suggested in fun to create a new app called "The Nag Meter" in lieu of persistent email reminders to trip leaders to post more trips.

It was suggested to set up a training program – similar to another hiking group – starting with shorter easier hikes – with progressive levels. Some past SK203 folks felt the training was great, a bit overwhelming, too much info, with skills and safety training at a very complex level, aiming for open water wide navigation and multi-day expeditions. Most of our typical trips do not require that level. **Bob Maynes** suggested to create more informal assistant trip leader opportunities – learning as they participate & feel more comfortable.

How to market assistant trip leader opportunities, including how to set up a Meetup event on the calendar were discussed (is using the Meetup an issue). **Bill Smith and Paula Hubbard** & others volunteered to support the water "portion" once a new trip date is posted. It's okay to go back to familiar launches to explore the same river -in a different season. Paddlers like a challenge and new locations – but may not know where to paddle safely at first.

We all agreed training need to be more informal, with basic requirements, what gear, and how to handle basic issues such as weather changes, under- equipped kayakers, having a backup plan, and thinking about a bail out location, to empower trip leader assistants. Some basics include knowing how to do a self-rescue and showing others with an assisted rescue; we discussed equipment basics- including a spare paddle, RADIO, first aid kit, TOW ROPE and estimating the group's skills and limits, and collecting waivers, properly wearing a spray skirt or not, and a zipped-up pfd. They discussed how to explain to an under prepared kayaker that they cannot join the trip and asking questions /emailing folks before a trip date**.**

Bob Maynes mentioned that he encourages paddlers to practice a wet exit if they have not done it lately; sooner or later everyone falls in. He has volunteered to write up a draft of the basics for more informal training class to discuss among the SC – and hopefully initiate next summer.

We discussed including recreational boats on CPA trips. If they can participate on quiet flat-water outings and encouraged to join & kayak more – how that FIRST **REC KAYAK BECOMES a "gate-way" drug** to move up to a better boat. We discussed the minimum boat size requirement (is it 14 foot or longer …or 10 feet rec.) and if inflatable boats should be allowed, as well as the need for floatation at both ends should be noted for both basic boats and folding kayak models. We agreed that short (6miles or less) basic trips at quiet river locations, and giving more opportunities for both new kayakers and new trip leaders to allow many kinds of boats to join in the fun.

Other Ideas:

There was discussion on ideas for connecting & offered kayaking tips to the casual recreational kayaking /fishing groups popping on Face Book such as Kayakers of MD, Kayakers of Southern Maryland, and Kayakers of Eastern Shore.

AWARDS:

Bill Smith and Ralph Heimlich presented two CPA plaques to **Lois Wyatt and Beth Boyd**. Both are past editors of the Paddler newsletter. Congratulations!

They also presented a CPA plaque in appreciation for handling CPA LOGO gear sale to **Marla Aron,** who was just outside safely selling CPA shirts and CPA Hats from her vehicle in the parking lot.

Congratulations and much applause: Many thanks for their continued support of the club's outreach.

Details of the awards and group photos will be in the December issue of the Paddler.

MEETING ADJOURNED 2:56 PM

Submitted by CPA Secretary

Sue Stevens

November 15, 2021

Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc.
2021 Annual Meeting Financial Report

The figures in this interim report are based on the figures from 10/16/20 through 10/15/2021, not annual figures. CPA is on a calendar year fiscal basis as set by the Club bylaws and by our federal and state corporate charters. The Annual Meeting financial report is designed to provide an overview for planning purposes. The final annual financial report will come out toward the end of January.

The Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc. continues to be in good financial shape in spite of the continuing pandemic which curtailed many activities. Our cash on hand increased by $1,369.59 or 5.39%, from $25,417.38 to $26,786.97. The closing balance includes $26,415.92 in the CPA bank account and $371.05 in the PayPal account.

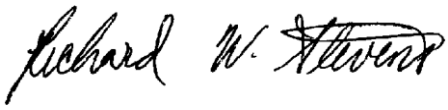
From the time of the last annual meeting to this one, through the hard volunteer work of a number of our members, we successfully offered or sponsored several events for the Club's members and the interested general public at large. These events include two cold-water workshops and a kayak paddling hazards safety workshop hosted by Moulton Avery and conducted over Zoom. Also conducted over Zoom Suzanne Farace hosted a kayak camping workshop, and Bill Smith and Sue Stevens hosted a trip planning meeting. We were actually able to hold an in-person Gear Day/Fall Out of your Boat Day and Paula Hubbard ran a kayak skills weekend at Truxton Park. We funded a single Piracy stipend for the Pirates of the Potomac and appreciation gifts for some of our many outstanding members for this year. The 2020 holiday party was cancelled, and the 2020 Annual Meeting was held entirely on Zoom. We covered the ongoing banking and office expenses. Our insurance liability policy is paid and up to date. We are current in filing the necessary state and federal tax returns. The following is a condensed listing of all of the major account transactions for the period from the last Annual Meeting plus some financial charts. Some of this year's highlights are the following:

- **Beginning Balance:** Reported as of last year's Annual Meeting was $25,417.38. The ending balance was $26,786.97as of 10/15/2021 for an increase of $1,369.59 or 5.39%% for the comparable period last year. Last year at this time there was a decrease of $3,680.61 or 12.88%.
- **Membership Dues:** Collected, $3,416.65; $288.00 by check or cash and $3,188.65 net by PayPal. PayPal fees for online membership were $146.35. From the last Annual Meeting report over same period, we collected $1,850.13 in dues. This year saw an increase $1,566.52 or 84.67% from the previous year. This is a dramatic turnaround from the previous three years where membership dues had been steadily decreasing, but still quite a way below pre-pandemic levels.
- **SK101 and SK102:** Two of CPA's premiere annual events, cancelled. Catriona is still owed $23.58 which she said she would collect out of income for the next event. The future of SK102 is in doubt as our liability policy no longer covers the camping portion and the quotes that we have received were probably not sustainable. We are still working on this issue.
- **CPA Gear Day/Fall Out of Your Boat Day:** Organized by Sue Stevens, Bill Smith, and myself was held this year. This event was entirely sponsored by CPA and was open to interested members of the public. Expenses were $150.00 for the pavilion rental and $174.78 for food and supplies, for a total of $324.78.
- **Trip Panning Meeting:** Was held via Zoom.
- **Meetup and Web Site:** These were some of our major expenses over the last year. We spent $203.82 for a 12-month Meetup subscription, $36.37 to Moniker Services for Email hosting, and $300.00 to Gregg Banse for web hosting and technical support. We also spent $149.90 for a one year Zoom Pro account. Total expenses were

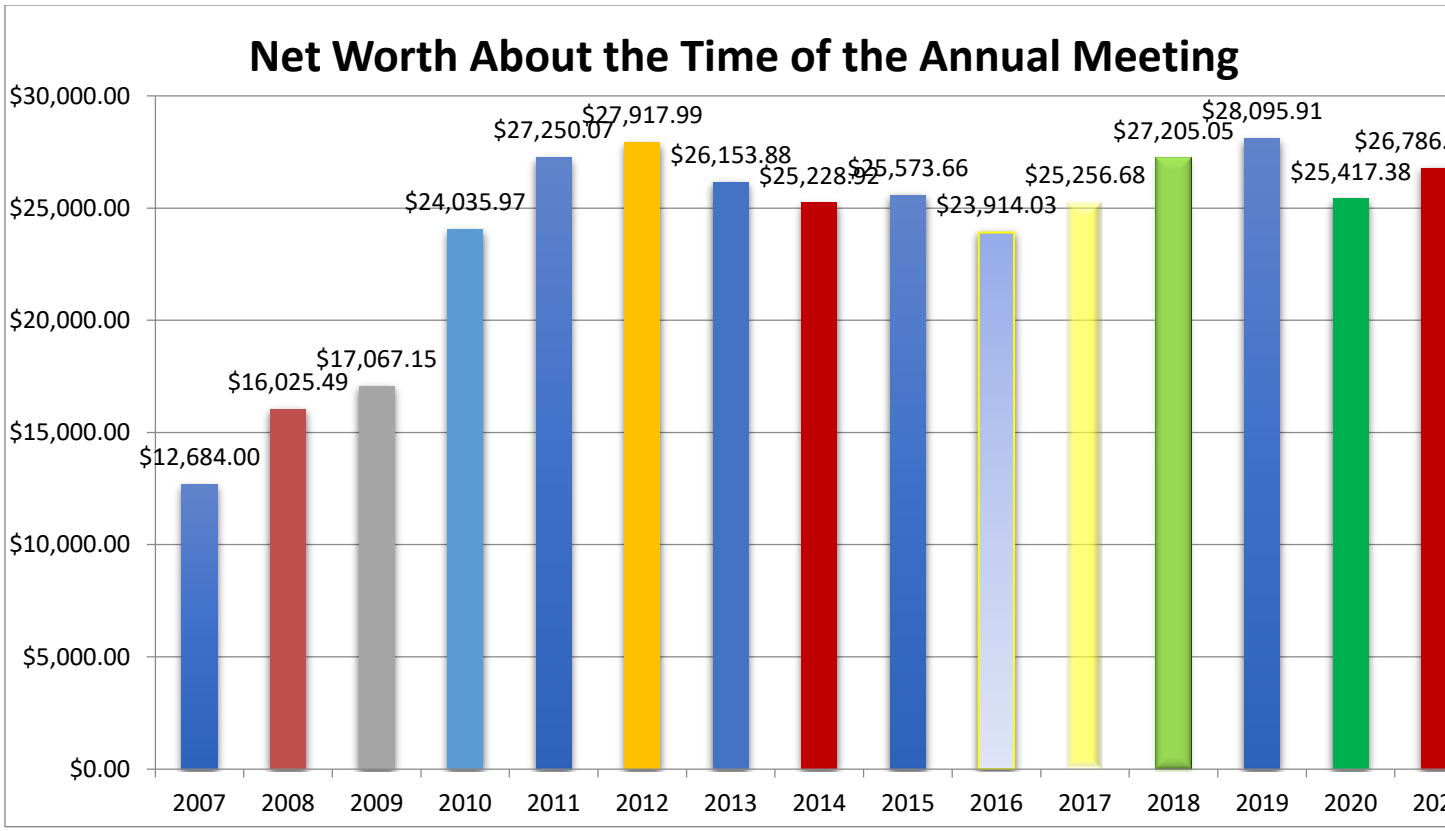
$671.66, down from $690.89 last year, a decrease of $19.23 or 2.78%. This does not include another $100.00 for expanded Zoom access for Moulton Avery's presentations.

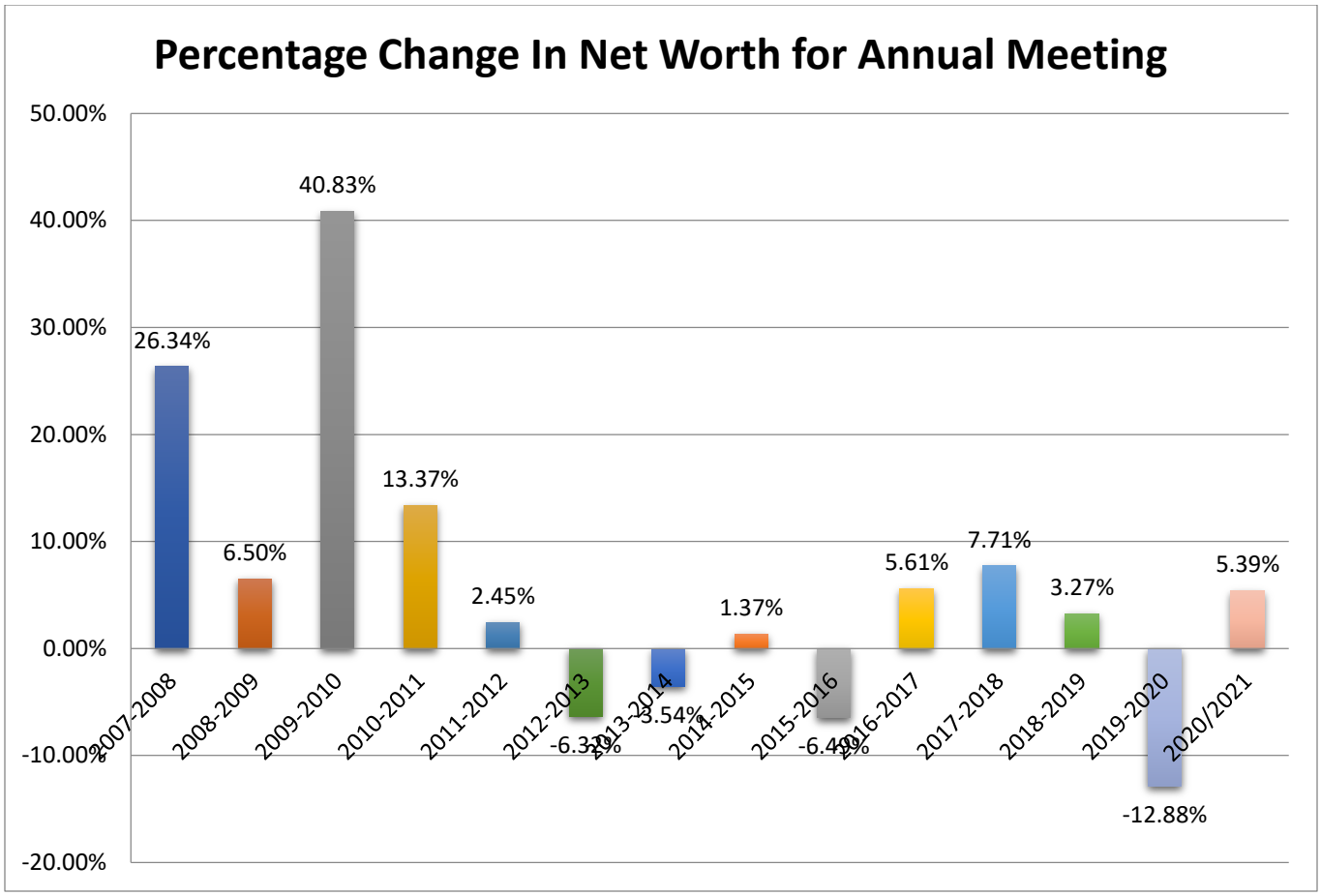
- **Cold Water and Paddling Hazards Workshops:** Hosted by Moulton Avery on Zoom. We had to increase the participant level to 500 and nearly maxed out at this level. We had participants from all over the world and reviews were very positive. Expanded Zoom capacity was $100.00.
- **Kayak Camping:** Hosted by Suzanne Farace on Zoom. Limited to CPA members and was well attended with positive reviews.
- **General Office, Printing, and Mailing Expenses:** Including post office box, printer supplies, the Newsletter, postage, stationary, membership cards, and brochures was $335.33, down $229.56 or 40.64% from $564.89 last year at this time. Most of the expense was for membership cards and the post office box. Membership cards and mailing expenses were $127.52 and the Post Office box rental was $190.00. A final payment for printing the Newsletter was $17.81 as the print copy was discontinued.
- **Logo Gear:** Sales were $706.00. There were no expenses. Last year there was a net expense of $473.06. Logo gear is sold at near cost and we now have a good amount of stock on hand.
- **Liability Insurance:** Cost was $942.00, the same as last year.
- **Annual Meeting:** Was held by Zoom.
- **Piracy Expenses:** From 10/15/2020 to 10/15/2021; Pirates of the Potomac $73.67 for 2020. For 2019 Piracy expenses totaled $1,439.85.
- **Holiday Party:** Was cancelled. For the party in 2019, cost for food was $178.40.
- **Appreciation Gifts:** Given for recognition of outstanding service to be presented at this year's Annual Meeting is $287.20. There were no appreciation gifts associated with last year's Annual Meeting. There are still $518.13 in instructor appreciation gifts associated with last year's cancelled SK102, which will be held until the next event.
- **Future Major Expenses for the Fiscal Year:** Insurance, Holiday Party, Annual Meeting, and Piracy Stipends**.** These are pending, and will come due before the end of the year. Insurance comes due in late December and was $942.00 last year. Total Piracy stipends for 2020 and 2021 to date were $73.67, there were no Annual Meeting or holiday party expenses last year. Income and other expenses for the next two months, aside from those enumerated above, are variable but relatively small. Fortunately, we were in an excellent financial position going into this period. It is possible that the current virus situation could continue well into next year, but it seems to be slowly improving. Even so, we are still well situated if there is a prolonged downturn.

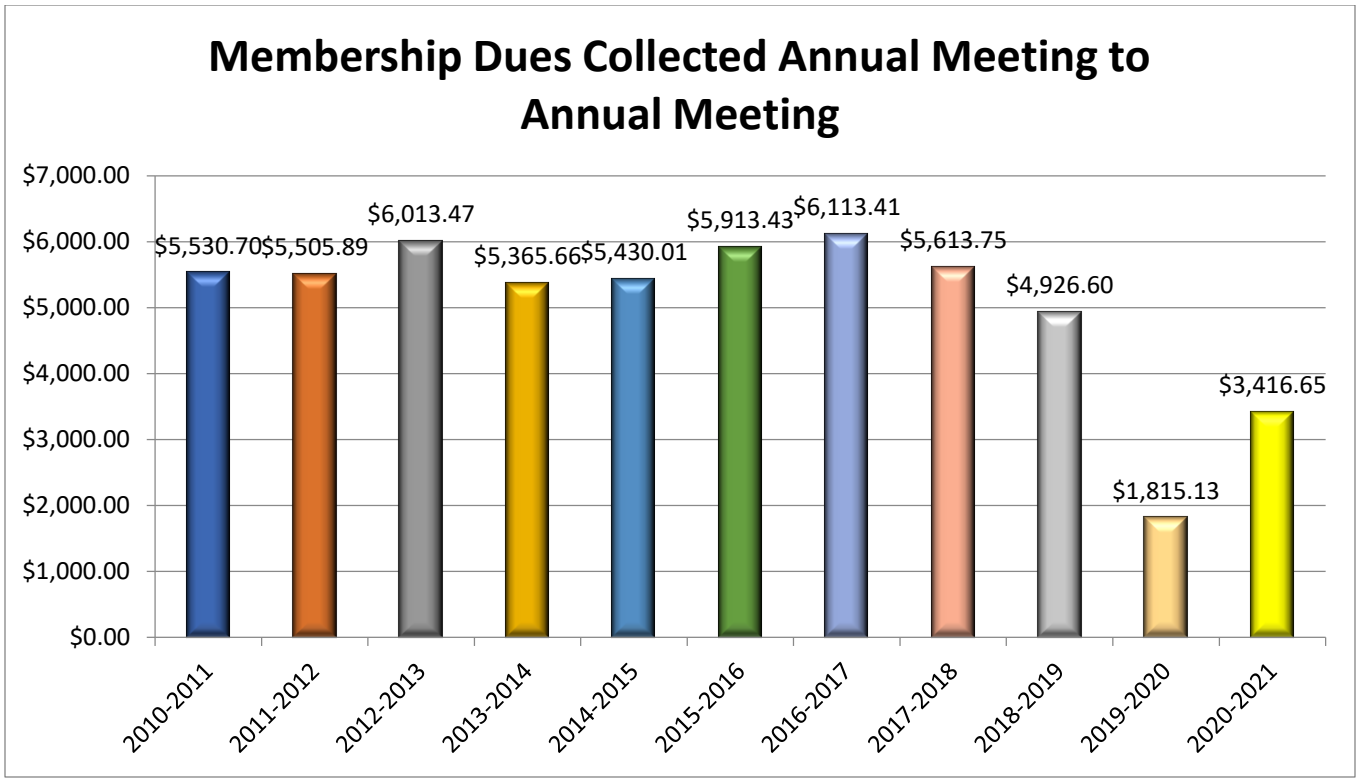
This report covers the major income and expenses of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc. since the last Annual Meeting. Detailed records of all transactions are available, but not listed in this report for simplicity and privacy considerations. Any questions please e-mail me at Treasurer@cpakayaker.com .

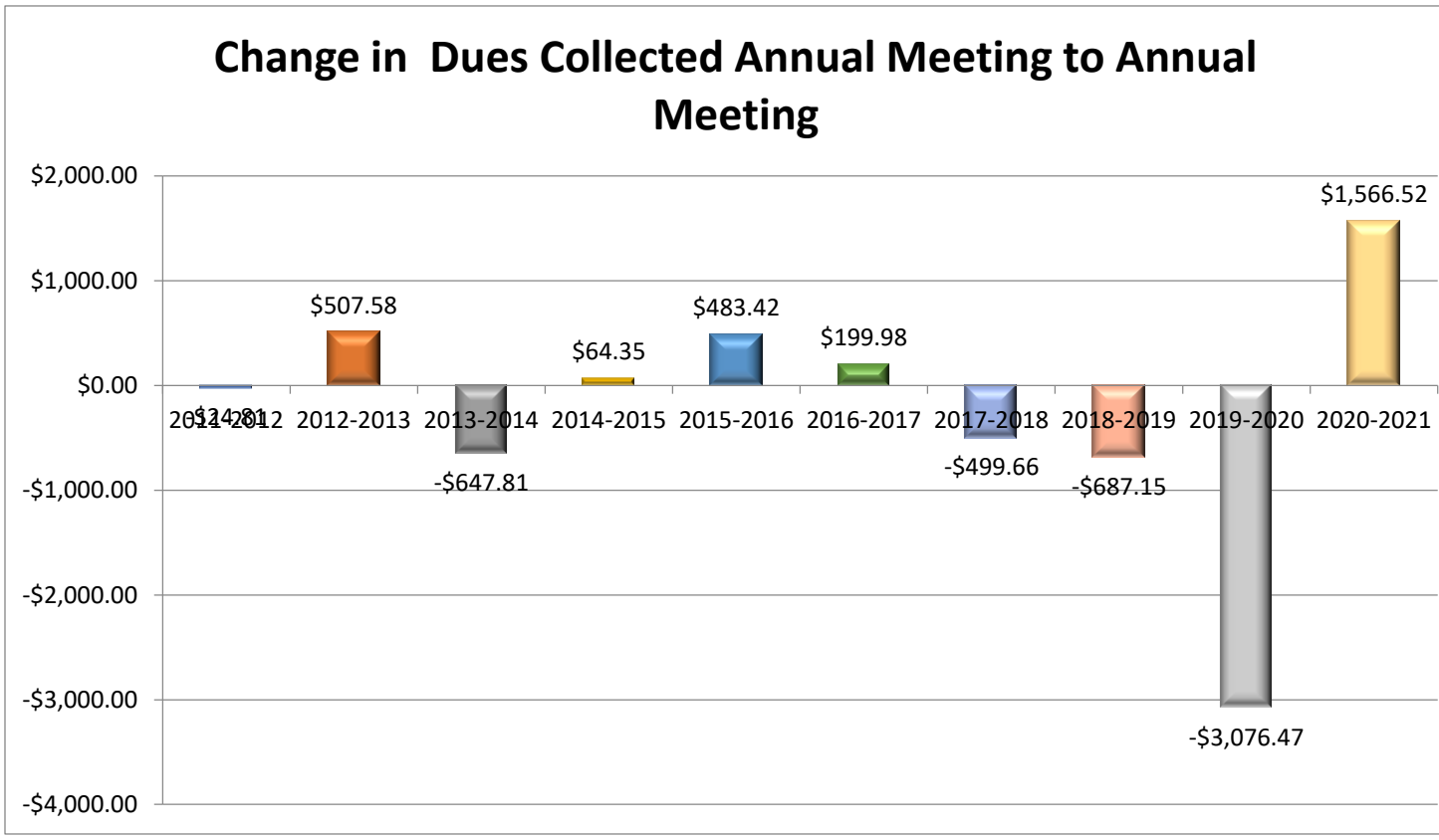


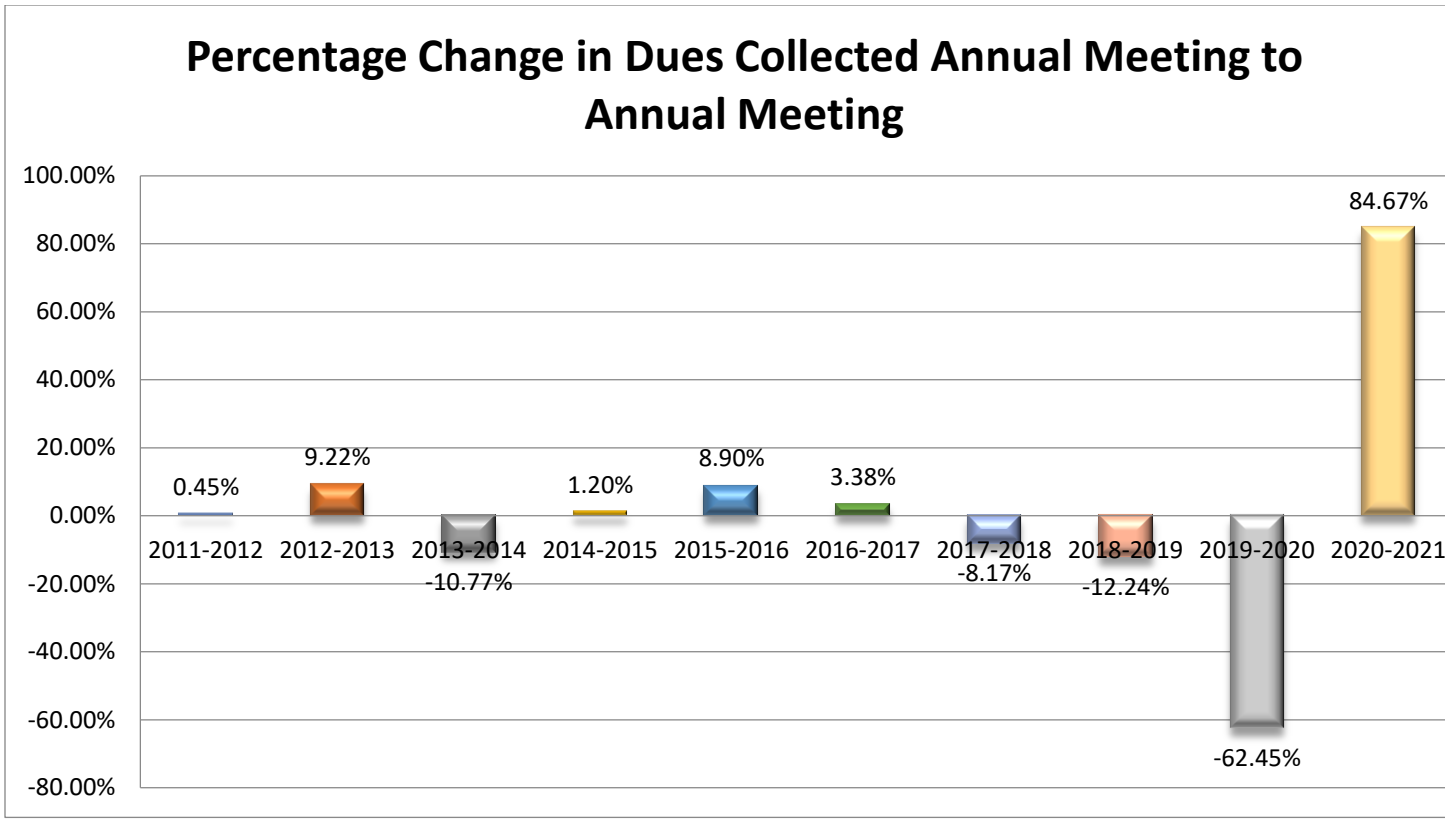
Richard Stevens
Treasurer
Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc.


Net Worth About the Time of the Annual Meeting
$30,000.00
$25,000.00
$20,000.00
$15,000.00
$10,000.00
$5,000.00
$0.00
$12,684.00
$16,025.49
$17,067.15
$24,035.97
$27,250.07
$27,917.99
$26,153.88
$25,228.92
$25,573.66
$23,914.03
$25,256.68
$27,205.05
$28,095.91
$25,417.38
2007
2008
2009
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020


Percentage Change In Net Worth for Annual Meeting
50.00%
40.00%
30.00%
20.00%
10.00%
0.00%
-10.00%
-20.00%
26.34%
6.50%
40.83%
13.37%
2.45%
-6.32%
-3.54%
1.37%
-6.49%
5.61%
7.71%
3.27%
-12.88%
5.39%
2007-2008
2008-2009
2009-2010
2010-2011
2011-2012
2012-2013
2013-2014
2014-2015
2015-2016
2016-2017
2017-2018
2018-2019
2019-2020
2020/2021


Membership Dues Collected Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting
$7,000.00
$6,000.00
$5,000.00
$4,000.00
$3,000.00
$2,000.00
$1,000.00
$0.00
$5,530.70
$5,505.89
$6,013.47
$5,365.66
$5,430.01
$5,913.43
$6,113.41
$5,613.75
$4,926.60
$1,815.13
$3,416.65
2010-2011
2011-2012
2012-2013
2013-2014
2014-2015
2015-2016
2016-2017
2017-2018
2018-2019
2019-2020
2020-2021


Change in Dues Collected Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting
$2,000.00
$1,000.00
$0.00
-$1,000.00
-$2,000.00
-$3,000.00
-$4,000.00
$507.58
$64.35
$483.42
$199.98
$1,566.52
-$647.81
-$499.66
-$687.15
-$3,076.47
2012-2013
2013-2014
2014-2015
2015-2016
2016-2017
2017-2018
2018-2019
2019-2020
2020-2021


Percentage Change in Dues Collected Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting
100.00%
80.00%
60.00%
40.00%
20.00%
0.00%
-20.00%
-40.00%
-60.00%
-80.00%
0.45%
9.22%
-10.77%
1.20%
8.90%
3.38%
-8.17%
-12.24%
-62.45%
84.67%
2011-2012
2012-2013
2013-2014
2014-2015
2015-2016
2016-2017
2017-2018
2018-2019
2019-2020
2020-2021

2021 CPA Annual Membership Report

The good news for our CPA membership started last June 2020, when we agreed that CPA would give a free 12-month extension for memberships due to the National Covid-19 shutdown. The extension helped keep the membership numbers steady. No memberships lapsed during 2020. A year out, a lot of members with an extra free year of membership have renewed. The changes in the membership are easy to spot in the charts developed by Ralph Heimlich – and in Rich Stevens' Treasurer's Report.

Total CPA membership is now 619, PLUS another 70 "invisible" kayaking family members, spouses and partners (an additional 11% of our membership numbers) by this October.

The 2021 membership renewals almost doubled from 39 to 77. A number joined or renewed immediately after the 4 popular Zoomed Cold-Water Workshops, Water Safety training, and Basic Kayak Camping workshops, during January- March.

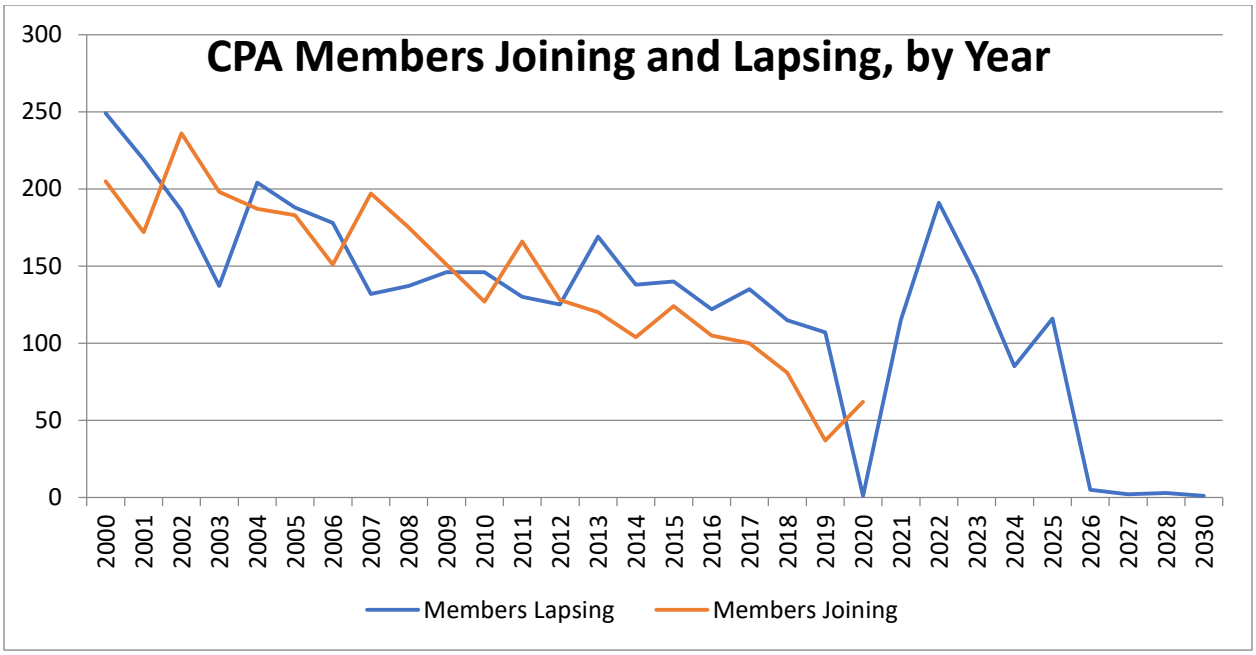
Back in 2020 CPA gained 36 new members, even though CPA training opportunities and trips disappeared. In 2021 new members almost doubled to 65; five members joined in during the very warm month of late September! More paddlers are into kayaking using all kinds of floatables and folding boats; with casual kayaking groups spotted on Facebook and Meetup- which will be a good place to reach out to future students and members.

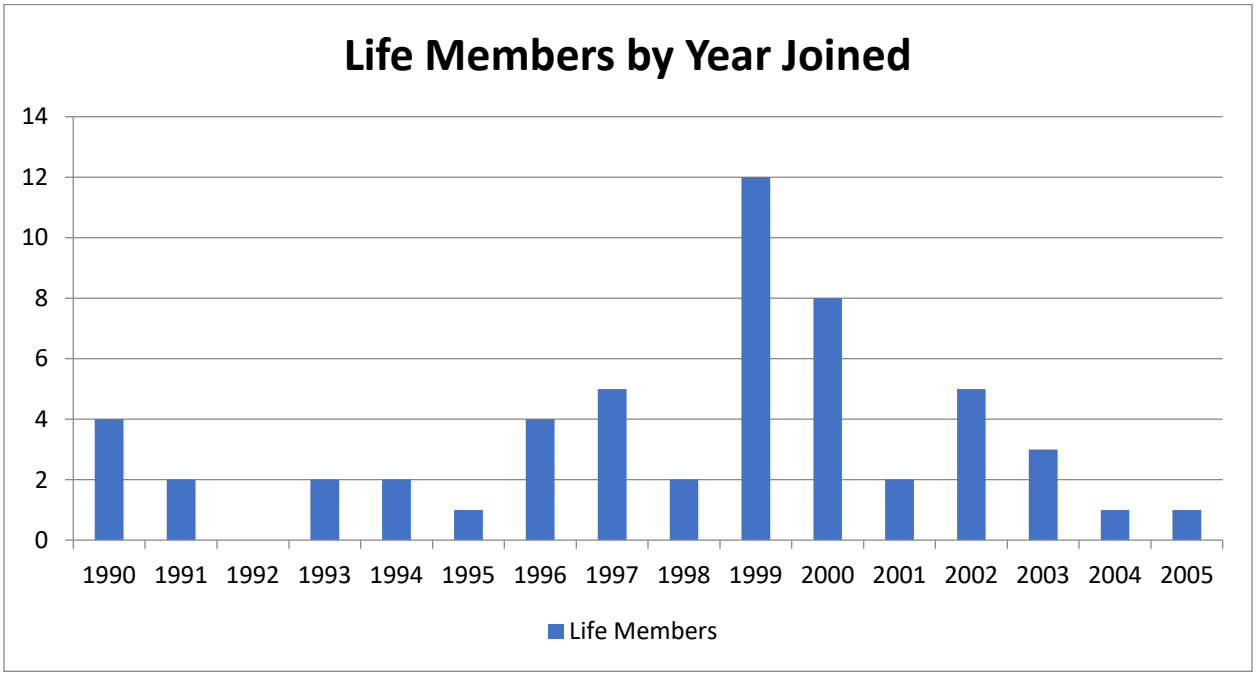
In 2021 CPA included 55 Twenty-Year-Continuous- Paid up-dues - Life Members (that is 8% of membership, many who are the most active in the club) plus their 10 "invisible" family kayaking spouses /partners. We lost Life Member Dave Mood last year, as well as long-time member Marshall Woodruff this fall. Expiring memberships totaled 106 in 2021.

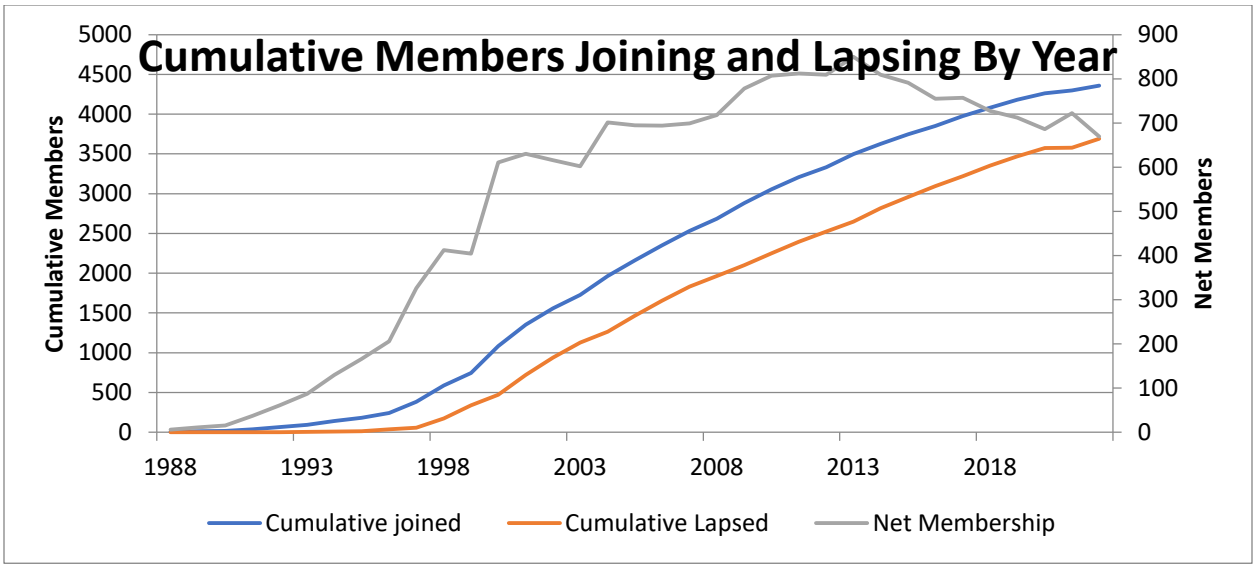
Definitely, the loss of memberships during 2021 impacted the CPA Treasury account; dues collected totaled $3,400, less than two thirds the amount in a typical year.

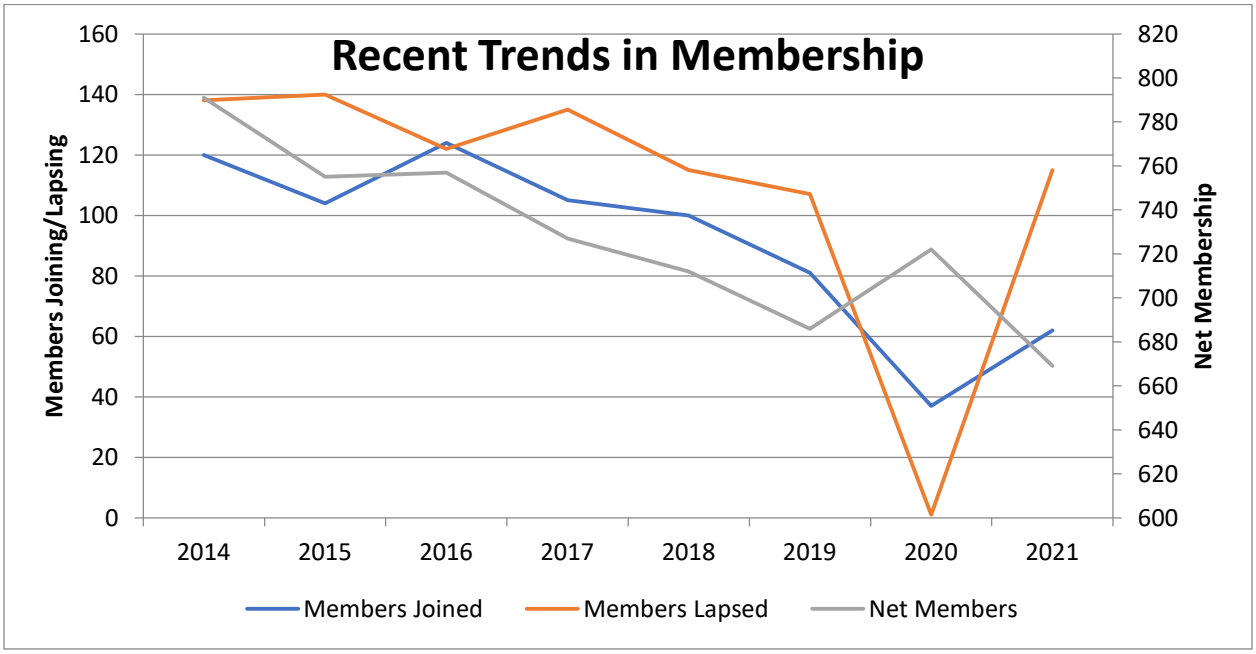
We are looking forward to more kayaking trips and training events returning by summer 2022, generating wider participation and many potential new members.

Sue Stevens
Membership Secretary


CPA Members Joining and Lapsing, by Year
300
250
200
150
100
50
0
2000
2001
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
2007
2008
2009
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
2024
2025
2026
2027
2028
2030
Members Lapsing
Members Joining


Life Members by Year Joined
14
12
10
8
6
4
2
0
1990
1991
1992
1993
1994
1995
1996
1997
1998
1999
2000
2001
2002
2003
2004
2005
Life Members


Cumulative Members Joining and Lapsing By Year
Cumulative Members
Net Members
5000
4500
4000
3500
3000
2500
2000
1500
1000
500
0
900
800
700
600
500
400
300
200
100
0
1988
1993
1998
2003
2008
2013
2018
Cumulative joined
Cumulative Lapsed
Net Membership

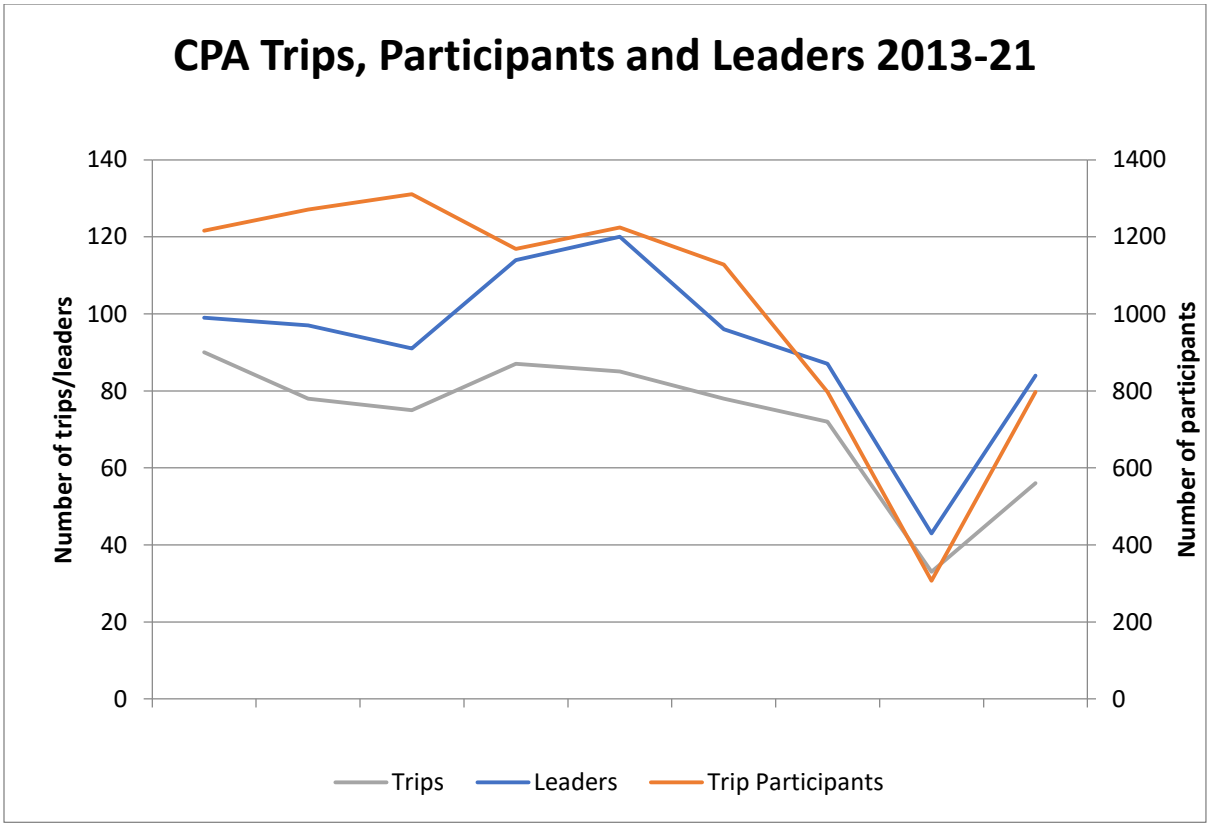

Recent Trends in Membership
Members Joining/Lapsing
Net Membership
160
140
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
820
800
780
760
740
720
700
680
660
640
620
600
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
Members Joined
Members Lapsed
Net Members

CPA Participation Report 2021

By Ralph Heimlich

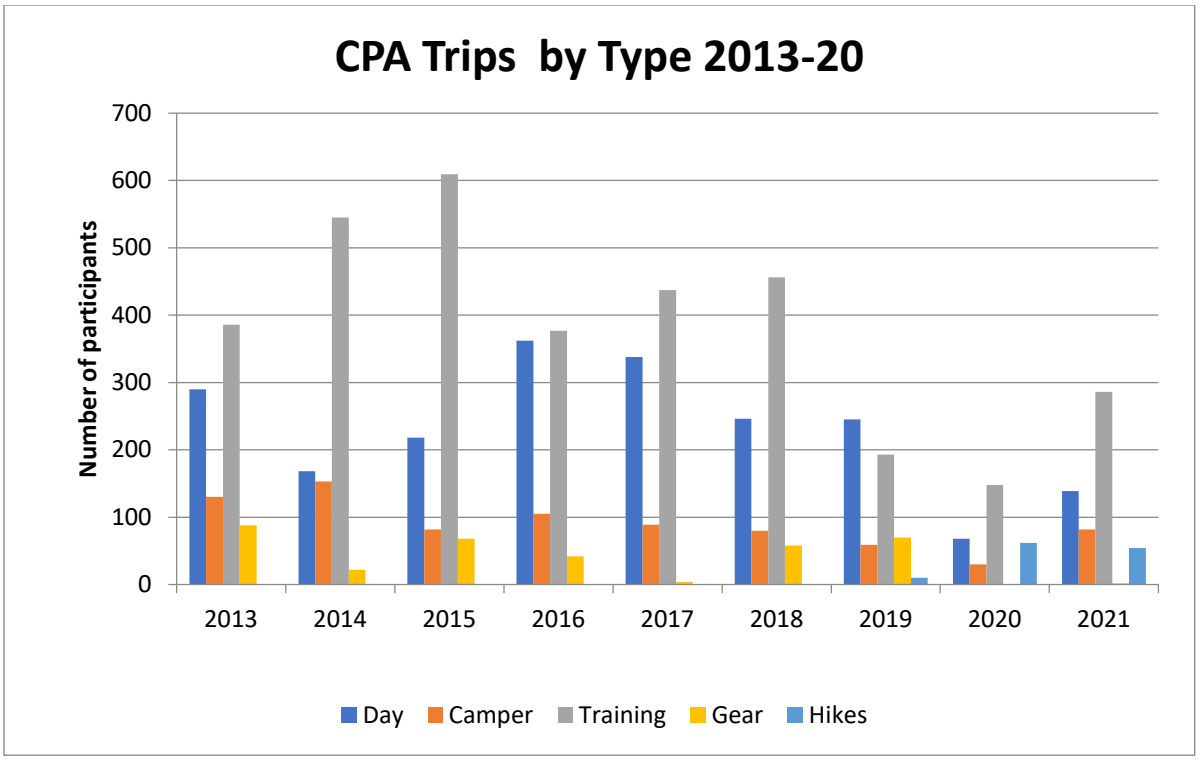
CPA participation in 2021 continued to be impacted by the Corona virus pandemic, but showed some recovery as participants were vaccinated and returned to outdoor activity. Major training events such as SK101 and SK102 were cancelled, but others such as Gear Day/Fall Out of Your Boat Day and the Annual Meeting were held again. Early in the year, events such as the Planning Meeting and several training sessions were held online as Zoom meetings, and a new category of winter hikes attracted participants.

CPA had 25 individual trip leaders, leading a combined 84 trips or events, with 342 individual participants taking part a total of 797 times during the year. That's 71 percent of our usual trip leader corps, 69 percent of our usual trip participation and 87 percent of our usual individual participants, based on the 2013-2019 averages.



Of the trips, 21 were Day Trips (57% of 2013-19 average), 11 Campers (99%), and 6 Training events (52%; 2 Basic Skills Days, 2 Virtual Cold Water Workshops, a Virtual Paddling Hazards Workshop, a Virtual Kayak Camping Workshop, and Fall Out of Your Boat Day), with 12 leaders involved in the training. Fourteen winter hikes were led over 2020-21, with 116 participants. Eight Piracies (POA, POB, POG, PON, POS, PPAX, POAlg, and PPOT) met, up from only 2 in 2020.

Active trip leaders included Ralph Heimlich (19), Sue Stevens (15), Rich Stevens (11), Suzanne Farace (6), Bill Smith (5), Greg Welker, Alan Mindlin and Moulton Avery (3 each). Piracy leaders carried the bulk of the get-togethers with weekly participation in nearly all of them.



Top participants were Ralph Heimlich (31 events), Sue Stevens (24), Suzanne Farace (22), Rich Stevens (20), Gail Addis and Gary Trotter (12 each), and John Sweeney (11). 86 people participated in 3 or more events over the season. (Note that participation in Piracies is not well documented as to number of times participating.)

Here's hoping 2022 will continue to improve, as long as we can stay safe from COVID-19.