

# NEWPORT YACHT CLUB

## Stoney Creek INC

### Minutes

April 24, 2017

Saltfleet Room, Stoney Creek Town Hall

#### **Call to Order:**

Commodore Barry Stringfellow called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

In addition to the Commodore, the following Board Members were present:

Dean Cole  
Brian Goodbrand  
Janet Womack

Michael Rushton  
Terrance Hughes

#### **1. Regrets:** Michael VanderVaart

#### **2. Additions / Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the Agenda proposed, seconded and carried.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the March 20, 2017 Board Meeting were reviewed by all present.

Motion to accept the Minutes proposed, seconded and carried.

#### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**Trailer Summer Storage** – Bev Bourque has volunteered to take this on. She has called all those who stored their boats with us during the winter, but the feedback so far has been \$400.00 is too expensive and not competitive with other trailer storage operations.

**Winter Boat Storage** – Specific boat parking spots will be laid out early Sept.

**Welcome Package** – The Club had such a package in 2012 created by Peter Martin. As it is important to advise new members of the discounts available from local vendors and to make them feel more comfortable and welcomed, the Marketing Committee will review and update the Welcome Package.

## **5. Treasurer's Report:**

The following documents were tabled by the Treasurer: Balance Sheet Comparison with Prior Year to March 30, 2017; Profit and Loss Comparison to previous year from Oct 2016 to March 2017. (attached). The Treasurer advised the Club is in excellent financial shape. He asked that the 5% late payment penalty not be implemented until April 30, 2017. This was approved by the BoD. The Treasurer also asked if there was any facility which could offer a higher interest rate than .85% for the balance of the funds advance by the TD Bank. (\$300,000 + over a six month term.) The original investors will be paid off by the Club Lawyer.

## **6. Standing Committee Reports**

### **a. Membership:**

**Potential new members** list was distributed to the BoD.

**PWC Policy** – Because the harbour was not full PWCs were allowed to be kept in vacant docks with the understanding that they would be moved if needed. A fixed slip rental price of \$500.00 per year was grand fathered to those who received this rate in the past while new members with PWCs are being charged the normal rate of \$68.25 per foot with a minimum charge for 15 feet.

**Motion** that all PWCs currently grandfathered at the \$500.00 per year rate be moved to the 15 ft minimum rate (@68.25/ft) as of the 2018 season was proposed, seconded and carried.

### **b. Property:**

**Dredging** – Operations continuing at this time. Weather has been a delaying factor. Troy Farncombe will be asked to plot the depth at the entrance to verify effectiveness of the dredging as soon as possible due to the high water levels in the Lake.

**Water Shut Off Valves** – Three valves have been installed allowing selective turning off the water on the docks for plumbing maintenance without turning off all the water in the harbour.

**Key Card Entry-** System has been installed at the main gate. The VC Property recommended that a "landscape rock" be installed around the key card pedestal to protect it.

**Spill Kit** – Needs to be rebuilt. The VC Property recommended three Spill Kits be installed around the harbour. He will look into what are the most effective components in the kit and source them.

### **c. Marketing**

**Open House** – is planned for June

**Sail Past** – Brenda Johnson and the Mayor will be asked to attend. The Marketing Chair advised she is looking for marine related vendors to attend and a Nautical Swap Meet is also under consideration. The Social Committee is considering a Bar-b-que.

**Hamilton Boat Show** – The recommendation was made to not attend future Hamilton Boat Shows as the boaters that attend are predominantly not the type who would want to dock their boats at Newport. Alternatives being considered are the Port Credit Marina Open House and the Hamilton Home Show.

**Sail Boat Pedestal** – Bev in the Marketing Committee is looking into appropriate signage to be placed on the pedestal boat. She is also checking on what permits may be needed. The VC Property is developing plans for the pedestal and mounting the boat on the pedestal. Completion is expected by the end of the summer. Further discussion deferred to the next meeting.

**Newsletters** – It appears not all members are getting their copy. The Marketing Committee will be calling all the members and asking: 1. Are they getting the newsletters? 2. Are they aware of the local discounts their membership provides? 3. Are they promoting the club to potential new members? 4. Members should invite their friends to come to the Bar-b-que. 5. Members are asked to bring the New Member post cards with them when they visit other clubs.

**Motion** that the New Member Discount be continued till the 2018 Season was made, seconded and carried.

**Bulletin Boards** – have arrived at the club house. One will be mounted in the “Parkette” while the other one will be mounted on an appropriate wall of the Club House or near the Club House.

**Newport News** – The BoD determined this newsletter should continue during the winter months to keep the membership informed. All Directors should submit brief articles to Lynn Jarret on a monthly basis.

**Motion** that Directors submit articles for the Newsletter by the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month was proposed, seconded and carried.

**d. SOCIAL** – No report

**e. ON WATER ACTIVITY** – No Report

## **ACTION**

### **7. New Business:**

**Satellite Dishes on Docks** – It was brought to the attention of the BoD that a boater had installed a satellite dish on the dock.

**Motion** that any member who wishes to use a satellite dish must mount the dish antenna on their boat was proposed, seconded and carried.

**Mandatory Volunteer Hours for Club Members** – The NYC-SC is a member owned Club. To minimize the need for paid staff, volunteers are needed. The concept of charging an added fee for those members who do not volunteer a certain minimum number of hours was discussed. It was generally agreed this is a good idea which should be explored further. However volunteer hours would need to be tracked. Further discussion deferred to the next meeting.

**8. Next Meeting Date:** May 23, 2017

**9. Adjournment:** The Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 P.M.