

**NEWPORT YACHT CLUB - STONEY CREEK INC.
MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017
SALTFLEET ROOM, MUNICIPAL CENTRE, STONEY CREEK**

Call to Order:

Commodore Barry Stringfellow called the meeting to order at 7.10 p.m.
In addition to the Commodore, the following Board Members were present:

Dean Cole, Brian Goodbrand, Terry Hughes (via skype), Michael Rushton, Mike Vandervaart and Jan Womack.

Regrets: Not applicable

Additions/Approval of Agenda:

Jan Womack – news letter
Michael Rushton – concerns over communication to all members
Motion to approve the Agenda was proposed, seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on January 24, 2017 was proposed, seconded and carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Reciprocal List

Mike Vandervaart is currently working on this list and all information will be available shortly.

Treasurer's Report

Jan Womack requested a breakdown of marketing expenses to date. Michael Rushton explained the breakdown, outlining monies spent on the new Web Site Design and newsletter, as well as the Boat Show expenses.

The Club is in good shape financially. All invoices have been sent out and Michael has been receiving emails regarding invoices.

Insurance rates were up this year. An approximate 10% increase. We have gone with a higher deductible of \$5,000 this year and our rates will remain basically the same as last year.

Contingency funds by private inventors have been raised and we are currently awaiting loan documents from the TD bank. Once these have been signed, communication will be made to all Club members.

Standing Committee Reports

On Water Activities

PHRF meeting last Wednesday. Three more racing crew members from Fifty Point are registering with Newport Yacht Club.

Not too much happening with GHYRA at present. Next meeting regarding this will be on March 7. We are looking for volunteers to help out with this successful event. Terry Hughes volunteered his services with slip assignments for both the GHYRA and Peaches and PHRF events.

Missing race marker has been found.

There will be an added Solar Eclipse cruise at 6 pm on August 21, 2017.

All cruise dates need to be forwarded to Lynn Jarrett to add to the website.

Membership

Changes to date – one new social member, one new patron boating member and one potential member from La Salle. Loss of a small number of social members due to relocation.

Brian has been in touch with Pinder regarding new card reader. Two weeks are needed to place the order and install the meters. They will provide a list of requirements. Total cost of \$1,000 for card reader and installation. Cards will work on the man gates also. Replacements cards can be ordered for a cost of \$5. Extra cards will be purchased for visitors.

Main gates will be left open during the season when Dockmaster is on duty.

Marketing

Hamilton Boat Show – March 3 – 5, 2017. Jan has some volunteers already but requested more if possible.

Geofencing – We have been awarded 60,000 bytes instead of 40,000 bytes. 47 people have clicked on our ad. No responses yet.

Spring Open House – May 27, 2017. Jan will ask Gary Bourke if the Social Committee would be willing to do a BBQ for this event. A nautical swap will also be arranged for the Spring Open House.

City of Hamilton were contacted with respect to the planting of shrubs at the entrance of the property. As they were only willing to plant trees, the idea has been shelved at this time.

Jan is looking into improved signage both at the entrance of the property via a flag on the sailboat current in the parking lot and an improved sign at the entrance to the harbour. Jan to obtain prices.

Invitations will be issued both to the Mayor Fred Eisenberger and Councillor Brenda Johnson to attend the Sail Past. Looking into combining a Toy Run/Food Bank open to the public with the opportunity to have a free boat ride in lieu of donation.

Bulletin Boards for the Club house to be installed by Gerry Campbell by the end of March.

There was concern as to how many members are actually receiving the new newsletter. A telephone tree to be set up to ascertain these numbers. A general consensus was that more pictures and articles need to be included in the newsletter and the newsletter needs to be posted on the website. Board members asked to submit articles to Lynn Jarrett with all information pertaining to their respective committees to keep members up to date on all aspects of the club.

Barry Stringfellow to request Lynn Jarrett to report to Marketing in future.

A proposed meeting will be held with Losani Homes regarding the use of the Newport name on their upcoming residential plans. We will be asking them in return for this, that we have Club exposure.

Property

As the property is currently closed, nothing much to report.

Permits have been received for the dredging. Contact has been made with the dredger who is currently away until May. Quote of \$55,000 received for dredging. This will be submitted to the next board meeting. It was generally decided that no additional quotes will be required.

Social

Opening party and sail past – June 3

Mix & Mingles – to be held every other week commencing June 9.

New Business

Lynn Jarrett has been in charge of the club phone since last year. Barry Stringfellow will have the phone from March 5 – 18. Jan Womack volunteered to take over from March 18 until approximately March 22.

There was discussion regarding the publishing of the club minutes.

Motion to post an abridged version of the club minutes on the website was proposed, seconded and carried.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 28 at 7 pm

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8.55 p.m.