

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB
Stoney Creek INC
Minutes
March 30, 2017
Saltfleet Room, Stoney Creek Town Hall

Call to Order:

Secretary Treasurer Michael Rushton called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

The following Board Members were present:

Brian Goodbrand Dean Cole
Terrance Hughes (by Face Time)

1. Regrets: Michael VanderVaart Janet Womack Barry Stringfellow

2. Additions / Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda proposed, seconded and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the Feb. 20, 2017 were reviewed by all present.

Motion to accept the Minutes: proposed, seconded and carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Business arising from last meeting

- Pinder regarding new card reader – 2 weeks to place the order and install the readers – ETA 1 to 2 weeks.

- All cruise dates need to be forwarded to Lynn Jarrett to add to the website – Carried forward for Mike VanderVaart to address.

- Update on TD Loan status – Michael reported all is on track and Brian and Michael both were given copies of loan documents to review and sign. A resolution to borrow was signed by those present and would need to be completed before the loan can close. Our club lawyer will act for us in payment of the original investors and assist with the transaction.

- Improve Communication of what the Board is doing –in monthly newsletter – Michael suggested it is up to the Board to provide regular content and that we should reply to all after we proofread as opposed to only Lynn getting replies – Brian suggested we complete our notes of what is happening in our areas the week of the Board meetings while fresh. In that way, we will meet deadlines.

5. Standing Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

- P & L and Balance Sheet reviewed – we are in good shape at this point – the picture story is never clear until we pass the point when payment is due
- Motion that all profits from Social Committee events and Regatta's be set aside to outfit the new Kitchen and other aspects of the clubhouse to enable even better social events in the future was proposed, seconded and carried.
- **On Water Activities – Carried Over to next meeting**
- Cruising
- Reciprocals
- Racing

Membership

- Membership Status report by Terry– Positive growth in membership and currently 56 EMR / 74 Patron and 66 Social Members
- Brian informed that he would be buying new FOBS as needed until the new gate pass was installed

Social

- Update on events planned and calendar to publish – next event Don Cherry's on April 21
- The Social Committee is working on a Christmas Dance instead of the Edgewater lunch – details to follow and a Deposit will be needed.

Property

- Dredging estimated completion date by April 8th
- Channel markers – as water is high and dredging underway they will follow dredging
- Water Shut-offs and club reopening – Dean will work with John Mills and the parts are already paid for.

- Peter and Sandi Martin have offered to purchase and donate a small shed for the Parkette to hold tools – Property team will erect – thank you to the Martins for this generous Donation.
- Motion that Property be allowed to purchase lumber and materials up to \$1,000, to cover the transformer or other needs proposed, seconded and carried.

Marketing

- Jan mailed an update and she will cover any questions on the highlights at the April meeting
 - o **Open House** – the Marketing Committee has decided to change the date of the Spring open house from May 27th to June 10th.
 - o **Signage at Entrance** – John Womack and Dean have started planning for the placement of the sailboat. Bev Bourke is getting quotes for the signage on the hull.
 - o **Hamilton Boat, Outdoor and Fishing Show** - The Marketing team do not recommend attending next year – considering other ideas – HOME SHOW?
 - o **Sailpast** - Brenda Johnson & husband (Confirmed) and Mayor invited.
 - o Are members receiving the email newsletter? – Telephone calls will be made report to follow
 - o Bulletin Boards – Gerry Campbell has the bulletin boards completed.
 - o Losani Homes – Barry has contacted – too early in the process.
 - o The Marketing Committee is concerned about the look of the club from the Service Rd. especially the transformer – suggested bushes.

6. New Business

- **Parking lot summer trailer storage** – we reviewed the decision of last year’s Board that is was not worth the pain for summer storage with grounds maintenance and liability when moving or mowing around trailers
- **PWC Policy** – review and clarification / questions – we reviewed that in fact our 2016 PWC policy at 15 ft minimum is lower than two other nearby options and that we should enforce this policy as written and published on the web-site
- **Early payment draw by April 1** – Motion that Board Participation should be allowed as we are members first was proposed, seconded and carried.
- **How are members hearing of us?** Michael suggested that there may be an opportunity to track this and devote resources to where we are getting traction

- **Welcome package for new members** – Michael stated that in the first year he recalls there was a published note for all members covering such items as where discounts were applicable for members – what reciprocals we had, our social events – not all members visit web-sites regularly and making new members feel welcome is a key start to keeping them in future years. It was suggested that this be a project for Marketing as in past the Marketing team had produced this in the first year under Peter Martin – deferred to the next meeting

Date of Next Meeting – to be determined after our Commodore's return from England.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.