

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB – STONEY CREEK INC.
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2016
41 SUNVALE PLACE, STONEY CREEK

Call to Order:

Commodore Barry Stringfellow called the meeting to order at 7.07 p.m. In addition to the Commodore, the following Board Members were present:

Dean Cole	Michael Rushton
Brian Goodbrand – by phone	Michael VanderVaart
Terrance Hughes	Janet Womack

1. Regrets: None

2. Additions/Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda, seconded and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the October 25, 2016 Board Meeting were reviewed by all present. Motion to accept the Minutes as amended was seconded and carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Web Site Rejuvenation – David Goede is in charge of rejuvenation efforts. A member has submitted new graphics. And now getting into content. A “mobile friendly site will cost \$100 for template, \$2,000 to build site and \$150 per year. \$1,000 in dockage fees was traded off for part of the \$2,000 building cost. The revised web site will be referred to the BoD prior to launch. The cost of a “web cam” also needs to be added on.

5. New Business:

Past Commodore Position – Bylaw 10.2.1 was reviewed. The Commodore advised his position is the Past Commodore is not required to attend BoD meetings.

Motion that Bylaw 10.2.1. be interpreted as the position of Past Commodore is an Advisory Position. This is valuable for periods of transition. However Officers and Directors should seek advice from the current Commodore on Club matters. Should advice be needed by the Current Commodore, he should approach the Past Commodore for advice, was seconded and carried.

Motion that the Board of Directors will consist of active directors and officers. The position of Past Commodore is not considered to be an active director and will, therefore, be removed from the BoD “Mailing List”, was seconded and carried.

Future BoD Meetings - The Commodore plans to hold future BoD meetings in the Saltfleet Room at the Stoney Creek Town Hall.

Roles of Committees – The Commodore reminded all Members of the BoD that all Committees are sub committees of the Board. The only vote a Committee has is through a Member of the BoD who may or may not chair the committee. That being said, the BoD should endeavor to keep all committee members engaged.

Club House Improvement Committee

Motion to appoint Shirley Rushton to set up a Club House Improvement Committee for the purpose of looking at future development of the Club House, was seconded and carried.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Spending Limits – The Treasurer outlined the Spending Limits for the new members of the BoD.

1. Any one board member can approve a “club expense” up to \$250;
2. Commodore or Treasurer AND Director to approve anything over \$250 and up to \$500;
3. Commodore AND Treasurer AND Director - \$500 to \$1,000;
4. \$1,000 and over requires a vote of the Board.

Please complete with a brief description and where you want it charged so the bookkeeper can best allocate to the correct expense account. Please sign what you approve.

Investment Pledges – As of the time of the Meeting, fifteen members have pledged a total of \$305,00. At the investor Meeting the current Investors advised if the new pledges “fall apart”, the current investors will stay if the Club makes a payment of \$30,00 to them in April of 2017. A “Letter of Intent” to that effect is being drawn up.

Revenue Ideas for future consideration:

Money for Volunteer Hours, recognizing that some members are not able or willing to volunteer to work on Club business. If unable, a surcharge should be applied to their cost of membership.

Dock Master – This could be converted to an “Officer of the Day” type structure in the future to reduce the cost of paying a Dock Master.

7. Standing Committee Reports

Membership

Better Communication is needed between Membership and the Treasurer. Vice Commodore Membership will get together with Treasurer and Director Terry Hughes to improve communication process.

Rentals in EMR Slips – EMRs want to make sure they are paid when their slip is rented. This information should be available in the Club Data Base which will be distributed by Director Terry Hughes once it has been brought up to date.

Review of Short Term PWC Policy - There have been complaints made by Members about the enforcement of the PWC policy. The “Review” should address the questions – What is a dinghy?; How many PWCs will be allowed in a slip?

On going need for new members - The VC Membership advised there is potential for new members/boats coming from LaSalle. He also knows of a few members who are planning to leave.

b. Property : VC Property Dean Cole provided the following updates:

Transformer - no transformers containing PCBs were installed after 1977. Therefore, the scrap value of the existing transformer can pay for a new more energy efficient transformer.

Isolation Valves – for the water system will be installed the first week in December, weather permitting.

Gate Key pads - Bill Valcour will hand over information to VC Dean Cole to have Pinders complete the installation.

Weed Policy - Alternatives should be looked at since the weed programme for aquatic weeds was late and ineffective last year.

Trailer – The Club needs a trailer for the transportation of materials to the Club. The Treasurer advised he may be able to provide a trailer.

BBQ – should be moved back up to the fence to allow for expansion of the deck. Also the Dock Master should be responsible for keeping the BBQ clean.

Floating Gazebo – was proposed for rental to members. Cost estimates will be submitted.

Club House Door - Discussion on rekeying was deferred to next meeting in January 2017.

c. Marketing - Jan Womack advised she will meet with John Wybenga next week for transition.

Hamilton Boat Show - Ready to go

Boating Ontario and Ports Book – Discussion deferred to January 2017.

Advertising Boat in Parking Lot - should be located near the Tennis Court. She will work with VC Property for development of a mounting pedestal for the boat.

Business Cards – to be ordered for Jan Womack and Dean Cole.

Racing Trifold – to be reprinted.

Hamilton Santa Parade – Newport YC Stoney Creek will be represented by two cars in the parade.

d. Social

Dean and Lyn Cole volunteered to be the liaison for the Social Committee. Fundraising is an important goal of this committee.

e. On Water Activity - Director Michael VanderVaart will obtain the Reciprocal List from Alfredo Domingo.

Discussion about Transients/visitors – who handles? Designated Transient/visitor slips?

Director Terry Hughes will ensure Visitor Form is made available.

Cruising - A list of those interested in cruising will be developed.

Racing Programme – is self-sufficient. They are, however, always looking for crew.

8. Next meeting date - TBD in January 2017.

9. Adjournment : The meeting adjourned at 9.17 p.m.