

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB
Stoney Creek INC
Minutes
August 22, 2017
Saltfleet Room, Stoney Creek Town Hall

Call to Order:

Commodore Barry Stringfellow called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
In addition to the Commodore, the following Board Members were present:

Brian Goodbrand
Terence Hughes

Nigel Reed
Michael Rushton
Janet Womack

1. Regrets: Dean Cole

2. Additions / Approval of Agenda

Added: Fees for 2018, Web Site, Kayak Launch

Motion to approve the Agenda: Proposed, seconded and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the July 24, 2017 Board Meeting were reviewed by all present.

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

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Officer of the Day – Duties are to welcome visitors, assign temporary dockage, pump outs and make on the spot decisions on behalf of the BoD. It was noted some clubs give less than hour for hour credits. OOD volunteers are Tom Latimer, Jeff Hansford, Dave Masney, Doug Greenaway, Paul Reim and Bob Irwin.

Sail Boat Mast – Apparently there is some complexity involved in stepping the mast on the mounted sailboat in the parking lot. Further discussion deferred to next meeting.

New Member Package – This package is in process of being updated by Janet Womack. A list of Honourary Members is being submitted. Once package has been updated it will be sent to David Goede to update the web site. It was noted that someone should be appointed to update the Social Events on the web site.

Visitor Slip Signage- With absence of Dean Cole further discussion deferred.

Council of Commodores – The Commodore and Treasurer have been invited to join the Council, at the next meeting in September. Annual cost is \$275.00.

Motion that we join the Council of Commodores : Proposed, seconded and carried.

Board of Directors Job Descriptions – Job descriptions were tabled and given to Janet Womack for uniform formatting.

Motion to nominate Janet Womack as Vice Commodore Marketing, and Terence Hughes as Vice Commodore Membership: Proposed, seconded and carried

5. Treasurer's Report:

The following documents were tabled by the Treasurer and reviewed by the Board: Balance Sheet Comparison with Prior Year to July 31, 2017; Profit and Loss Comparison to previous year from Oct 2016 to July 2017. (attached). The Treasurer also suggested the purchase of a “ball lock” to prevent delinquent members from removing their boat/trailer before clearing their account.

Club House Update – Shirley Rushton is setting up a meeting with our Counsellor Brenda Johnson regarding the onerous requirement of paving parking spots for each slip.

2017 Board of Directors Election Process and Timeline – The following members have chosen to not stand for election: Commodore Barry Stringfellow, Brian Goodbrand and Dean Cole. Dates were assigned to the time line (attached). The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2017.

Fees for 2018 Season – The Treasurer advised there is no immediate need to increase fees as long as our membership continues to increase. The VC Membership was asked to review our current bylaws and policies to determine the minimum size of boat which would permit free dockage of a PWC in the same slip to avoid the situation of someone paying dockage for a 15 foot skiff and being allowed to dock their PWC at no charge. The Treasurer also asked that consideration be given to reduce the price per foot difference between Patrons and EMR's.

Motion that for the 2018 season we should stop selling EMR's unless the purchase is approved by the Board of Directors: Proposed, seconded and carried.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership:

The VC Membership advised we had one new EMR this week. Year to date we have had 31 new members which represents a year over year increase of 20 members. We also have four prospects for the 2018 season.

b. Property:

In the absence of the Dean Cole, the Commodore advised the following:

Aquatic Weed Control – Due to withdrawal from the Canadian market of the weed killer chemical, Aquatic weed spraying will not be done this year. The Dock Master will be asked to manually pull weeds.

Parkette Gate – Apparently a circuit board controlling the gate has failed. Repairs are expected to be completed in the next few days.

c. Marketing:

Club Burgees -The VC Marketing advised our Club Burgees have been delivered to yacht clubs at Etobicoke, Whitby and Picton. Three more burgees will be given to Reciprocal Clubs. When our members visit other Clubs, they are asked to encourage other club members to visit Newport.

Volunteers – The Membership will be reminded of the condition of Membership, to volunteer a specified number of hours per year or pay a surcharge. A list of volunteer activities is being assembled and “sign up” sheets will be available at the AGM in November for the 2018 season.

Web Site- John Gallagher has volunteered to help with the web site.

d. SOCIAL:

Events on the horizon are the Peaches and PHRF Regatta and the Year End Party. See the Commodore or Michael Rushton for tickets.

e. ON WATER ACTIVITY

Chairman Nigel Reed reported receiving a good update from the Racing Committee on their activities. He recommended Club recognition of the Racing Results.

Motion that all land social activities, including regattas be supported by the Social Committee: Proposed, seconded and carried.

Motion that a trophy be purchased to recognize the efforts of the Racing Club and demonstrate NYC-SC support for their activities: Proposed, seconded and carried.

Kayak Launch – Due to dropping water levels it was noted kayakers are having difficulty launching/retrieving their Kayaks from our docks. A Kayak Launching System is available to resolve this. Nigel was asked to explore cost and anticipated demand and funding options for this system.

ACTION

7. New Business:

Constitution – Our bylaws state every member should receive a copy of our Constitution. However no such document exists apart from the Club Bylaws.

Motion that the pertinent Bylaw be amended by removal of the word “Constitution”: Proposed, seconded and carried.

8. Next Meeting Date: September 20, 2017

9. Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.