

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB- STONEY CREEK INC.

Minutes

Monday, October 16, 2017

Saltfleet Room, 777 Highway #8, Stoney Creek

Call to Order:

Commodore Barry Stringfellow called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

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

Dean Cole	Nigel Reed
Terence Hughes	Michael Rushton
Janet Womack	Brian Goodbrand by Phone

2. Additions/Approval of Agenda.

Added: Review of Storage Form revisions

Added: Review of List of Motions made in 2017

Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was proposed, seconded and carried.

3 Approval of Minutes of September 2017 meeting Board Meeting were reviewed by all present.

Motion to accept the Minutes was proposed, seconded and carried

4. Business arising from last meeting

- Visitor Slip Signage – Property informed the Board that this would be in place for next season

- Social Committee motion (August 2017 Board Meeting) some of the committee have served their term and would be stepping down – the discussion would be addressed with the new Board and Social Committee

Review of Motions made in 2017 Year to Date for clarification

Commodore asked for clarification and discussion on the following items that were carried in prior meetings and actions needed:

January 2017 Motion that Non Member boats be accepted for winter storage starting in 2017, with a 20% surcharge over Member Prices. Motion was proposed, seconded and carried

To be added to the website

April 2017 - 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.

Suggested that Membership engage those grandfathered in discussion on how to increase rates over time to equal new rate – on a related matter – Membership will have a discussion with the member on an appropriate donation level for a second Seadoo on a similar usage rate as in past years

April 2017 Motion made that the New Member Discount be continued till the 2018 Season.

After feedback that the new member discount was only a motivation to 2 members and a pleasant surprise to the rest –

Motion to remove the new member discount incentive immediately – remove the promotion from the Website and remove cards from circulation (those who come with cards in hand will be honored)

May 2017 Motion made that names of all volunteers should be published and listed on the Bulletin Boards, with sign up space for tasks still needing volunteers

Discussion ensued on how to implement this practice of most volunteer clubs and track hours

July 2017 Motion made that if a boat leaves before the end of season, short term rates be applied from April 15 until the boat actually leaves.

Refund policy to be published on the Web-site

August 2017 - Motion made that for the 2018 season we should stop selling EMR's unless the purchase is approved by the Board of Directors.

Reference to EMR loans and pricing from the Web-site

August 2017 - Motion made that the pertinent Bylaw be amended by removal of the word "Constitution". Appropriate notice of the reason for the removal of the word as advised by our club lawyer prepare for a vote at the AGM

September 2017 Motion made that new members joining the Club after August 15th be advised they have 30 days to pay for their next year's dockage

Motion that payment for the next year would be required upon arrival with the boat if the two months were to be given free. Publish on Web-site

Motion to require payment upon arrival was proposed, seconded and carried

5. **Treasurer's Report.**

- **Period 12 in QuickBooks** – Year end is almost complete and we ended the year with a profit of over \$51K – work with club accountant in progress to finalize by Nov. 8th

- **Budget draft for 2018** was reviewed versus 3 actual years. The profit target has been reduced by increasing expenses by \$58K – most of which is for property maintenance. (\$43K increase)

The Clubhouse Improvement fund is a loan and outside the operating expenses of the club. We should ensure members know that having a new clubhouse is not stopping us from needed repairs.

The Treasurer reminded all that the budget is a goal and we are still required to discuss and vote on spending over \$1000. The goal for income is \$23K which is still achievable while increasing spending on replacement items and maintenance.

Motion to accept the budget with minor adjustments from the Treasurer to follow. –
Motion to accept the budget was proposed, seconded and carried

Recognition of the Bookkeeper – The Commodore asked the Treasurer to thank Shirley for her 3 years of volunteer work as Bookkeeper – Treasurer agreed and stated that without her help there is no way that he could have been Treasurer while working full time.

- **AGM topics** – Treasurer had distributed a sample agenda and PowerPoint that he and the Commodore had developed and suggested we all use PowerPoint slides behind us when speaking – Unanimous agreement – Directors should each draft their own message but let's present a cohesive story. Directors who can edit PPT should do so and the others who cannot should send their notes to the Treasurer.

- **Distribution of AGM PowerPoint** – it was unanimous that after the meeting we should PRF and email all members the slides as many do not attend the meetings

- **Volunteer hours** – there has been much discussion on this topic at several meetings

Motion to implement an expectation that all members would volunteer 20 hours per year to the club be tracked and signed off by Committee heads as other clubs do. At this time the rate for hours not worked is \$0.00 but the expectation is that all should – publish the working lists:

Motion to implement an expectation that all members would volunteer 20 hours per year was proposed, seconded and carried

The AGM presentations will share the cost of competing clubs plus where volunteer hours are not required PCYC and show the value of our club presents.

Mechanics of tracking and giving credit for hours worked would be a function for the new Board to establish over the winter. Commodore would review how best to share this decision at the AGM

- **Winter storage Agreement** was reviewed and updated. Legal terms added to enable the club to have a remedy for those who do not pay.

On a related point – we need to ensure our basic agreement for new members also gives the club rights to recover fees if a member does not pay – Membership and Treasury to review and adjust our new member forms accordingly

7. Standing Committee Reports

Marketing

- Shared the table created on the Volunteer hours from other clubs and has done work on the “Job Jar” of tasks that we need done for the club – it is a good base to work from.
- Agreement to have a sign-up board to engage members to indicate which areas they have skills or interest in volunteering for.

Property

-**Pump out update** – repairs were completed assistance of members

- **Dock electrical repairs** – three quotes are being prepared – 2 week time estimate

- **Boat storage** – No one has come to Property to indicate winter storage – signs are up to contact Property

- **Social update** – Christmas Party – Board members offered to help sell tickets if this would help – Ask Social if assistance needed

Lighting of the Sailboat – Member offered to trade lighting the Boat in exchange for free winter storage – this would not be a good precedent given that all members are expected to volunteer time – of course the club will pay for any materials needed

Membership

Members Status Report

	2016	2017
Patron	71	84
EMR	59	55
Social	63	50

New Boats joining

Power	18
Sail	13
PWC	2

- Membership cards -Motion that in 2018 these would be produced only for members requesting a card – Motion to produce cards as requested was proposed, seconded and carried

- Election candidates – at this point we do not have any more than one per position – deadline is this Friday – voting may be needed only on the By-law change

- Fob situation – Currently a Fob or a Card will both activate all types or gates – action would be taken to disable Fobs for those no longer active members who have not turned in their FOB's.

On-Water-Update

Sail Racing Awards Night – Fool and Flagon Nov. 17th – Treasurer and On-Water Director plan to represent the Board and all were encouraged to attend – tickets at the door

Two Board Members met with racing member to review the needs and tasks surrounding regattas

Racing member suggested that instead of an award for a Racer (they have these already) give an award to the member helping the club overall with On-Water activities and supporting

Bronte YC plan to Cruise again to NYC after this seasons success with "joint party". Also On-Water Director to investigate the prospect of the two clubs "sistering"

On-Water Director informed that he plans to start an On-Water Committee for racing / cruising and powerboat activities also – education is also part of his plans for next year.

8. New Business

-Club clothing - has been passed from Gary Bourke after 6 seasons to Paul Nicholls