

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB
Stoney Creek INC
Minutes
March14, 2018
Home of Commodore Michael Rushton

Call to Order:

Commodore Michael Rushton called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM.

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

Doug Greenaway

Don Jarrett

Jeff Hansford

Nigel Reed

Terry Hughes

Janet Womack

1. Regrets: None

2. Additions / Approval of Agenda

Janet Womack – Add Mission Statement, Smoking Policy and Cost of Mix and Mingles

Motion to approve the Agenda as amended: Don Jarrett

Second: Jeff Hansford

Motion: Carried

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the January 9, 2018 Board Meeting were reviewed by all present.

Motion to accept the Minutes as corrected: Jeff Hansford

Second: Nigel Reed

Motion: Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Electrical Repairs for Floating Docks – Work will begin in three weeks, starting with repairs to “C” Dock.

Spare Pump Out Pump – Pump is in process of being rebuilt so we will have a backup pump on hand.

Lighting for Sailboat on Pedestal – Application being made to MTO for a permit. If approved, permanent lights will be installed.

Telephone Service – A new telephone line will be installed to the Club House on March 19, 2018 for WIFI service.

Volunteer Hour Tracking – The Board decided it was necessary to determine the number of volunteer hours required to operate the Club. Each Committee will determine a list of tasks and the number of volunteer hours needed and will forward that information to Jeff Hansford. Jeff will then develop an appropriate tracking system.

Pontoon Boat for Maintenance – V.C. Property advised he has had discussions with Sandy MacDonald regarding his maintenance boat. He is asking \$10,000 for it.

Meanwhile another pontoon boat has been located in Ingersoll which can be easily modified to provide the necessary capabilities. Previously approved to spend up to \$3,500 for a maintenance boat.

Motion made: by Commodore Michael Rushton to increase authorization for a new work boat to \$5,000.

Second: Doug Greenaway

Motion: Carried

Shipping Containers for Storage – V.C. Property advised he is applying for a permit to install two 20 ft. shipping Containers in the parking lot so the hydro enclosure can be emptied of NYC SC property. Estimated cost of containers will probably exceed \$4,000.

Motion Made by Doug Greenaway to approve spending up to \$5,000 to purchase two used 20 ft Shipping Containers.

Second: Terry Hughes

Motion: Carried

Board Walk Lights – Currently two light polls are missing. The V.C. Property advised one poll is ready to be reinstalled after repairs. One or two other polls may be moved by the next meeting to improve Board Walk lighting.

Signage – New signage has been installed to advise the harbour is private property. A new aluminum sign for the harbour entrance will be installed shortly.

Dock Master – Roger Cox will be the permanent Dock Master. Three other members have volunteered to back up Roger as needed. This will save the club the cost of hiring a summer student. Pump outs will be available at scheduled times.

Frequent Visitor Access Card – These fees are intended to cover the cost of Access Cards and use of the Club facilities during Racing Nights. The amount of the fees was debated and voted upon.

Motion made by Doug Greenaway that Frequent Visitor Access cards would be provided at a cost of \$50.00 per card. It will be left to the Boat Captain to determine the number of cards he/she needs.

Second: Terry Hughes

Motion: Carried

5. Treasurer's Report:

The following documents were tabled by the Treasurer: Balance Sheet Comparison with Prior Year to March 11, 2018; Profit and Loss Comparison to previous year from Oct 2017 to March 2018. The Balance Sheet was reviewed and found to be in order. The Year to Year to date comparison continues to indicate improvement in the Club's financial position.

Club House – The Property survey has been completed and was sent to the Consulting Firm I.B.I. to confirm the site plan. The Committee will now be reviewing design of the interior space. They want to develop a rendering of the interior design. Next meeting March 29, 2018.

6. Standing Committee Reports"

a. Membership:

Gate Cards – Due to approval of the Racing Crew Cards, the Membership Chairman asked for approval to spend another \$1,000 for new Gate Cards.

Approved.

Status Report – As of November the Club has been breaking even year over year on total members and total "boat feet," with good potential for further growth. The Club has a shortage of dock space for 30 to 39 ft boats.

PWC (Personal Watercraft) Policy – There are currently 5 or 6 PWC's with grandfathered rates of \$500 per year. Various proposals discussed, such as giving the option to PWC owners to move to designated areas in the harbour for PWCs or pay the 15 ft minimum charge to dock outside of designated PWC areas and allow floating PWC ramps. Terry Hughes will draft a proposal for the next meeting.

The Commodore proposed all new PWC's would pay the 11 ft rate of \$750.00 per year. Grandfathered PWCs would experience increases over the next two year until they reach the \$750 per year rate.

b. Property:

Report tabled.

Dredging – Water levels need to be checked to determine if there is a need for dredging this year.

Lawn Cutting –

Motion made by Michael Rushton to award Lawn Cutting Contract to Ridge Rock Landscapers at a cost of \$2,800 for the year.

Second: Don Jarrett

Motion: Carried

The following approvals were also granted:

Club House Cleaning - \$2260 for twice weekly cleaning

Gas Pressure Washer - \$1,000.00

Floats for Floating Docks – Need to replace 21 floats at a cost of \$105 each plus HST and Shipping. \$2500.00 approved.

Gravel for Parking Lot – VC Property will obtain quotes for gravel for summer trailer storage.

c. Marketing:

Referrals – This appears to be the best marketing tool.

Print Ads – Several have been placed in local newspapers but it is difficult to judge their effectiveness

Post Cards – New cards have been printed

Welcome Package – is being updated for 2018.

Initiation Fees - The Board decided the \$200 Initiation Fee would **not** be waived.

d. SOCIAL

Social Calendar was tabled. Next event will be a Mix and Mingle on April 20th at Mustangs.

Mix and Mingle Pricing: will remain \$7.50 for members and \$10.00 for guests

e. ON WATER ACTIVITY

On water Team: Miriam, Natalie, Joanna, Troy, Jack, Greg, Nigel and Jeff is our social committee liaison.

1. Sail past:

- Jack has developed a plan for the sail past. He has date of June 9th 2018
- Starting with a Skippers meeting at 1:00pm, instruction will be given at that time on sequences and procedures. We will attempt to find a boat which can accommodate members who would like to participate, but do not have a boat.
- 1:30 head out to the lake and find the assigned lead sail or power boat.
- Sailboats will lead the parade starting with larger boats first and leaving 3 boat lengths between each boat.
- Power boats will follow in the same sequence.
- Sail boats should leave their engines running if wind conditions do not allow keeping pace.
- They will sail around the anchored club boat and head towards the port side of the Commodores boats.
- Further details will be made available as we near the date. Nigel and Jack will refine details.
- Meal is being provided by the Fool and Flagon. Jeff has set this up.

2. Reciprocal Yacht Club Cruises:

- An email was sent in early January to all the clubs (57). I have had confirmation of receipt from a number of clubs.
- Macassa Bay are coming to Newport on June 9th & 10th.
- The results from the clubs I have approached so far:
- Alexandria, Sept 15&16 (cannot take 8 to 10 boats but have forwarded my email to National.)
- Macassa June 16th & 17th (have no room for 10 boats)
- Niagara on the lake August 11th & 12th (no response)
- LSYC July 21st & 22nd (full this year but have been able to secure July 21 &

22 2019)

- In order to focus more attention on this. I have asked Natalie to help me with this project and will contact her with all the relevant information.(I have since provided a spread sheet of all the contacts and communication information on all relevant Yacht Clubs) I recommend we ask for 5 boats and if we get more ask for forgiveness.
- 3. Newport Fiasco: July 1 2018**
- The poster has been printed. Great job Troy and Joanna. The group don't think we want to put them out too early, we will look at May. Team will keep monitoring this.
 - RC: there has been some interest in training, about 5 people, Martin and myself, we will approach Sailing Ontario and Bronte.
 - Awards and Flags for FIASCO , Joanna has contacts for this.
 - Greg indicated we need to look for skipper bag supplies and if we get some larger gifts they can be used as door prizes. All the team should try to obtain what they can from their contacts.
 - Greg, Joanna and Troy will continue to work on FIASCO .
 - We need another person to maintain the web site and ensure the notice board is up to date.
- 4. Poker Runs**
- Miriam has agreed to take the lead on the Poker runs. We have a few prominent functions that could be Poker Runs.
 - June 16 Sound of Music festival Burlington
 - July 1st Fireworks at Burlington
 - Also there was thought given at this point to fireworks in Newport.
 - Labour day poker run to rib fest
 - Poker run to Jordan harbor
 - **Miscellaneous:**
 - We will try to get the Bronte in Newport again this year.
 - Education: There has been a desire to hold educational, technical, navigation and general interest, evenings these can be held at a pub
 - I just want to thank the team for all the hard work they have put in.
 - P&P is on the radar with the team working on that
 - GHYRA is a go with all boats signing up for GHYRA automatically being registers for it's a Fiasco.
 - Racing season will be getting underway I have received an Invoice from the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet. 371.64. Requires some discussions

- with Mike Vandervaart for accurate number of registered boats
- Looking at some kind of race for power boats with activities
 - Boating safety.
 - Our Web site has the wrong dates for Regattas. Need to change

ACTION

7. New Business:

Winter Live Aboards – This was discussed at previous meetings and the Board affirmed the decision Winter Live Aboards will not be permitted.

Burgees – The Commodore wants to personally hand out burgees to new members. He also tabled burgee designs for the Directors Burgees.

Regalia on Hand -

Motion made by Doug Greenaway to increase dollar value of inventory on hand to \$2,000.00

Second: Janet Womack

Motion: Carried

Smoking Policy – The Club cannot regulate the activities of members while on their boats. For Mix and Mingles, a designated area for smoking will be identified.

Mission Statement Amendment – Deferred to next meeting.

8. Next Meeting Date: April 10, 2018

9. Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM