

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB

Stoney Creek Inc.

June 25, 2019

Stoney Creek Town Hall

Call to Order:

Acting Commodore Jeff Hansford called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. In addition to the Acting Commodore, the following Board Members were present:

Peter Belanger

Wes Cox

Darryl Field.

Gavin Rouble

Zena Thomas

Janet Womack

Regrets: Michael Rushton, Nigel Reed

1. Additions / Approval of Agenda:

(1.) Member complaint

(2.) Boat Removal

Motion to accept the agenda as amended was proposed, seconded and carried

2. Approval of Minutes of May 28th meeting:

Motion to adopt the Minutes of the May 28th meeting was proposed, seconded and carried

3. Business Arising from the Minutes: (Carried over until completed or amended)

- **Big sign lakeside** at entrance with info for visiting boaters is being made by Ray Jones. Sign will have easy to read LARGE font and lighting at night. Director of Property also advised he is trying to get a “freebie” banner for the fence but we may need a permit.
- **Increasing VOLUNTEERISM:** Director at Large was asked to take on the task of finishing what the 2018 Board began to document volunteer hours needed and develop a tracking system for volunteer hours – mandatory hours may be needed at some point and having facts will help us quantify the total cost to run this club. A Spread Sheet was sent to the BOD. Each Director has been tasked to develop a list of jobs, volunteer hours required and add them to the Spread Sheet before next BOD Meeting. The Spread Sheet will then be posted in the Club House. Members will then be asked to fill it in with their name. Each square of the Sheet represents one hour of volunteer time. Director of Marketing had presented research on volunteer hours and charges in lieu of hours previously. Best estimate to date is it requires 812 non director Volunteer hours. Membership will be advised of volunteer requirements at next A.G.M. or Special G.M. The question was raised do we need members to volunteer 25 hours, or will 10 hours be sufficient.
- **Finance Committee** reviewed the terms of the Club’s loan since less than three years to renewal. The loan was taken out in 2017 and is locked in for 5 years at 3.9%. We currently owe \$444,000 and we have \$350,000 in a Savings Account. There would be a penalty for an early discharge. Consideration is being given to buying out EMR’s.

- The Treasurer explored moving the Year End to mid August since A.G.M. in November are not as well attended as Summer General Meetings. However it would be difficult to move due to accounting issues. Provincial Legislation has been passed so that we no longer have to provide audited. The AGM is now independent of the Financial Year End. The next AGM is tentatively scheduled for September 10, to maximize attendance. We should be OK with respect to elections.
- **Jewitt charges for maintenance and services – 2 slips**– Considering the Club has annual budgeted expenses of approximately \$220,000 per year, a fair cost for maintenance, dredging and utilities appears to be about \$2000 per slip. The Commodore will attempt to negotiate when detailed costs are known. **In progress.**

4. Standing Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: See Finance Committee above.

Marketing:

1. Flyers distributed to houses around yacht club
2. Website is being updated.
3. Membership book - Cost to print estimated to be over \$1,380. Two Directors volunteered to have 50 copies printed for new members and the Membership Book will also be put on the Web Site.
4. Newsletters - The Directors were asked to forward their submissions by the weekend.

Membership:

1. Guest vs. Social member. At what point do we say no to letting people coming as guests? Deferred.
2. Raising guest prices for events and when guest tickets are purchased member providing names of guests for tracking. Several members have tried to avoid paying their social fees. Social Membership numbers are continuing to decline. Discussion deferred.
3. Membership Cards are available in the Clubhouse.
4. We are up 25 boat feet YTD.

Property

No Trespass signage was discussed but there are difficulties putting signs on property not own.

On Water:

Outbound - Next cruise scheduled mid-July.

Inbound - scheduled for end July.

Social

1. No Mix and Mingle scheduled for the Long Weekend.
2. Money raised year to date is over \$4,000.
3. Lobster fest fundraiser is being considered for this summer with ticket price of \$50.00 being reviewed for next meeting.

At Large

- 1) Club Wifi Rollout - Technical issues on placement of antennas resolved. Service will be set up for 5 months that the Club is operational. Cost recovery was discussed. Do we include the cost as part of utilities or do we charge users a fee?

Motion made that the monthly fees for WIFI be absorbed by the Club was proposed, seconded and carried.

- 2) By-law Review - Deferred to next meeting

6. Club House Update:

Last meeting was held two weeks ago. At that time, a list of 50 builders was identified and given to Shirley Rushton so that letters could be mailed. We received a positive response from several builders. A R.F.P. has been prepared by Peter Belanger which will be sent to interested Developers.

7. New Business:

Social Membership Request : Member was in the process of selling his boat and asked to dock the boat for 7 days. He then advised he needed more time and extended the dockage to a month. Monthly Short Term rate was applied. Eventually the boat was docked for 21 days but he asked for a refund on the 7 unused days. Refund for monthly rate is not available. After several emails and negative posts on social media, the member asked for reinstatement of his Social Membership which he previously surrendered. In light of the negative social media posts, the Board held a vote to determine interest in allowing reinstatement of his Social Membership.

Voting Results: Against - 5, In Favour - 0, Abstentions 1.

It was further decided by the Board that copies of the members emails and if available his Social Media posts would be retained in his Membership file. Membership Chair will advise member of the Board's decision.

Pontoon Boat Refuelling dockside. Member was advised dockside refuelling from Jerry Cans is not permitted. If this is repeated, consideration must be given to revoking his membership.

Contractor Policy - It was the decision of the Board that Members cannot accept payment for volunteer labour.

Trailers in Parking Lot - must be registered with the Club or they will be subject to fines and removal at owners expense.

8. Next Meeting Date:

The first Board meeting in 2019 is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday July 23, 2019

9. Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.