

# SMUGGLERS COVE BOAT CLUB

Minutes of General Meeting – Wednesday June 2, 2021

**Executives in Attendance:**

Bill Salton – Commodore	P	Ed Vago – Past Commodore	P
James Warankie – Vice-Commodore Operations	P	John Johnston – Treasurer	P
Greg Wardle – Vice-Commodore House	P	Christian Tufnell – Secretary	P
Bryant Werner - Rear Commodore	P	Members in Attendance	47

Meeting Start 7:04pm via Zoom

**Commodore’s Opening Remarks:** Bill Salton

- *Welcome to our last meeting until September – no July or August meetings anticipated*
- *Thankfully it appears the COVID numbers are heading in the right direction*
- *Next meeting is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> likely...via Zoom*
- *Special thank you to the Boat Length Committee led by Peter Hartl, joined by Lorne Bjorn and Frank Lovasi*
- *Amendments to the agenda*
  - *Under Old Business in the Agenda, Peter will speak to their proposed by-law amendments and will be requesting feedback from the membership*
  - *Under Announcements, “Family at the club” – new sign-up authorization sheet/binder now located in the club house*

**Secretary’s Report:** Christian Tufnell

- *Please advise of any errors or omissions concerning any club documentation*
- *Resignation was received from Mark & Jillian Beyer*

**Motion to accept previous minutes:** Keith Walsh

**Seconded by:** John Fischer

Correspondence - n/a

**Treasurer's Report – John Johnson**

**Accounts as of 26 May 2021**

<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$80,298.38</b>
<b>Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$50,298.38</b>
<b>Advantage Savings</b>	<b>\$107,896.95</b>
<b>Escalator 25</b>	<b>\$10,028.19</b>
<b>Escalator 28</b>	<b>\$10,028.75</b>

**Building Fund**

**Allocation to date**                    **\$150,864.05**

**Expenses**

<b>Barges</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Move of barges</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
<b>Naval architect</b>	<b>\$1,286.50</b>
	<b>\$4,130.15</b>
<b>Storage</b>	<b>\$1,300.63</b>
<b>Delivery of hulls</b>	<b>\$497.20</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,954.48</b>
<b>The current balance</b>	<b>\$127,909.57</b>

**Membership payments**

As of today, 59 members have paid in full.

This will increase the building fund by \$11.800

**GICs**

Both GICs mature in June. In order to free up the funds for the new build scheduled to begin at the end of this season the following plan has been agreed to by the Commodore.

1. Escalator 26 will be cashed out and the funds transferred to Advantage Savings.
2. Escalator 25 will become the Reserve Fund.
3. The current funds identified as "Reserve Fund" will transferred to Advantage Savings for use by the Building Committee.

**Motion to accept Treasurer's Report:** Bob Ciupa      **Seconded by:** Moe Waselovich

### **Sick Members**

- Bill recently spoke with Phil Duncan who reports he is doing well and hopes to have his boat in the water this season!

### **New Members - Swearing In – Bill Salton**

- Welcome to the 9 new members!
- Please don't hesitate to ask anyone for help or guidance as you integrate into the club.
- Until you get to know people, call or email anyone on the bridge or just ask any member you bump into
- Expect members to want to help you dock and leave the dock...the current can be crazy and sometimes unpredictable. Please return the favour!
- All new members were successfully orientated by Gary Cornet and Wayne Sherwin and have gone through the 10 day comment period (successfully)

### **New Member(s) swore in this month (seniority ranking according to alphabetical order):**

1. Ted Grinstead
2. Paul Jovanovic
3. Mac MacSween
4. Doug Munkley
5. Ron Neuman
6. Joshva Perlstein
7. Silvestro Ranucci
8. Jason Smyth

### **Absent – Christopher Bull**

*Welcome aboard!!!*

*If any current member is interested in becoming a new member mentor, in part showing the ropes and advising members how they can get more involved in club events, please contact Bill*

### **Vice Commodore's Report - Operations: James Warankie**

- Welcome all the new members...looking forward to your participation!
- Shortly I will be sending each of you invitations via e-mail to join our *Track It Forward - Work Party Scheduling and Work Hour Reporting Application*.
- As always, should anyone have any questions, please contact James directly as he manages this system
- New members, if you are a diver please sign up to join our dive team lead by Carl B
- Thank you the Reg R, Bob M, Peter H and Jeff R who earlier today located a ball and untangled a few of the winter marker stick cables
- More work still required to sort South Balls 3,6, & 10, and North Ball 10
- A reminder to members that snubbers are required help absorb wave shocks and prevent damage to both our docks, and your boat
- Canada Goose Updates – Marge has hatched her eggs and left a mess on the Honey Barge and Maggie is still aggressively occupying the Liz T – give her a wide birth!
- James will be away working in the US for the month of June - Please see Greg or Byrant for any pressing issues (thank you).
- James can still be contacted by e-mail or cell

### **Vice Commodore's Report – House: Greg Wardle**

- *Another warm welcome to our new members!*
- *We have already completed several of work parties including setting up the tents on both the two swim platforms and the dinning deck excellent*
- *When we reach Phase 3, maybe in August, we will again able to use the club house*
- *We have also removed and inspected the flotation tanks under the men's room. The tank looks to be in good shape. New flooring will be installed shortly.*
- *(The plan is to add additional flotation in the fall on the downstream side to correct the slight list)*
- *We also have relocated the temporary Covid Gate up the Main Walkway to persuade tourists to stay off the dock*
- *Until the restart, for now only family members can sit together at the tables*

### **Comments**

*Lorne – Let's be careful everyone. There are a lot of people in the park up above that can easily take pictures and report us if we are not following the rules. Not only are we each individually responsible, the Bridge and the Cub collective share the liability if we do not do so.*

#### **Rear Commodore's Report: Bryant Werner**

- Welcome New Members!
- Thank you James for mentioning the reminder requiring members docked on the complex to use Snubbers on their mooring lines
- New members please complete a dock intention sheet and return them directly to me and you will be assigned a dock/ball, as we work to complete the dock/ball allocations for this season
- All members, but in particular those members with boats on mooring balls, should you need to temporary dock on the visitors dock for any lengthy period of time, whether if be to either load/unload, make repairs or conducting maintenance, please contact and clear it first with the Rear Commodore.
- The Rear Commodore will in turn, consult with the Fleet Captain (Jasper) to ensure that there are no conflicts with regards to any reciprocal guest arrangements

#### **Dock Chair – Harvey Freel**

- Welcome New Members!
- I suggest we keep the inside exterior door of the Gate House closed at all times...a baby racoon was found inside. He was successfully escorted off the docks and up the hill!

#### **Social Chair – Bruce Lee**

- Welcome New Members. Unfortunately, right now you are missing what would have been your *New Member's Welcoming* party followed by in a few weeks time, our annual *Sail Past* that officially marks the opening of the club new boating season...BUT...we are hopefully that sometime in August, following the opening of Phase 3, that the club can host a very specially catered dinner
- We will need 14-18 volunteers to help organize "SCBCPOLLOSA" (thanks Brian)
- In addition to a catered dinner, we are planning for some fun activities, live music and dancing
- Exact details/date TDB
- Reminder to new members that social work hours also count for work hours. Please get involved!

#### **Fleet Captain – Jasper Zwartz**

- Welcome New Members!
- The role of the Fleet Captain is to organize club and reciprocal cruises/guests around the lake
- Covid unfortunately is dictating that we delay any reciprocal guests from participating form reciprocal clubs until maybe sometime in July
- We are also looking at possibly limiting reciprocal guests to only one or two boats and possibly limiting it only to weekdays and not during weekends, in an effort to slow the spread
- Hoping we can organize a fall sail...hoping!

**Safety Chair – Bob Ciupa (for Guillermo)**

- Weather on the great lakes can change very quickly
- All weather is local
- Pay attention and be careful
- If it looks iffy put on a life jacket or stay in port!

**Projects**

**New Building Committee Update – Dan Grignon**

- An update along with some 3-D computer images were provided in the Newsletter
- The committee is looking for feedback

**Comments/Questions**

**Bruce** – Have we considered sliding doors as opposed to the garage door as they provide screens and can allow for the adjusting of air flow?

**Dan** – We are planning on purchasing a hanging screen with an access opening to address this concern

**Kim** – Where is the stereo and TV located?

**Dan** – Not yet determined

**Jasper** – If the plan is to turn the club 90 degrees and build a large deck in front of the club, we need to get started with that aspect of the planning asap. These changes are significant and will affect all the connections. This needs to be sorted and costed out.

**Bill** – We are proposing a sub committee to work on all these issues including connection points, anchor points, platforms, and the entire costs associated with reconfiguring the clubhouse orientation. This sub committee will also be led by Dan and the budget for these changes will be separate to the building fund. The committee will be sensitive to these costs.

**Keith** - If we are reorienting the direction of the pontoons under the clubhouse, do we know if this will affect the stability of the club from the wake of passing jet/power boats?

**Dan** – An earlier inspection of the pontoons revealed more general wear on the upstream exterior pontoon likely because of its exposure to the current. The original plan for the earlier barge design was to orient them in this same direction, at the recommendation of the marine architects

**Lorne** – The new deck platform should absorb much of these shocks, mated together and held into place with independent floatation

**Bruce** – This can be easily bolted in place similar to the dining dock, for greater stability

**Doug** – The previous plan was not based on the use of the existing pontoons. We should still get a professional marine architect/engineer’s opinion before we get started.

**Dan** – When the clubhouse is disassembled, we will have a better opportunity to inspect and access the pontoons.

**Bob C** – Thank you Dan for learning the design program and working up the clubhouse design images...looks great so far!

**Bill** – Very Exciting...more details will be presented as the workplan develops...thank you Dan!

**Website Renewal** – Bill Salton (for Drew Young)

- Drew expects the new external side of the website to be up and running very soon
- The new website includes automated on-line membership and reciprocal applications
- The members side remains the same for now and will migrate later

**Announcements** *“Family at the Club”*

- *A new sign-up authorization sheet/binder is now located in the club house*
- *This only applies to immediate family that do not live at home, with some restrictions – children and their spouses/families*
- *Each year interested members authorizes their” family at the club” access, on behalf of each family member they sponsor, by signing them up in the registry*
- *This grants those family members access to the complex, and access to the member’s boat*

**Old Business**

**Notice of Motions – Follow UP**

**Boat Length Committee Update and Recommendation** – Peter Hartl

- *Along with Lorne B and Frank L, this was a good committee that met several times, and we believe we have come up with a workable solution that helps to solve some of the problems of the past*
- *We have passed our recommendation to the Bridge*
- *Both the Bridge and the committee support sending the final version out to all the membership to review and discuss over the summer months, to be revisited at the October general meeting*

- *Also included will be a Frequently Asked Questions backgrounder to help provide context and understanding behind the proposed amended by-law motion*
- *Membership feedback is to be sent to the attention of Peter, Lorne and Frank.*

**New Business** – Bob Cuipa By-Law Committee

New membership background

- Since we incorporated as a non-profit several years ago, we are undergoing a process of renewal as we converted our previous “constitution” that served us for 50+ years into our new corporate club by-laws in, compliance with provincial regulations
- 65 items were brought and identified to the membership for renewal/updating/amendment
- Each meeting we attempt to resolve one or two of these issues

**1. Notice of Motion (NOM) Bylaw #1 16.07/16.08 Relating to private gatherings at the club**

**Proposed - NEW**

**16.07** Club facilities including fridges, tables and kitchen facilities are open to all members at all times without reservation or restriction.

**16.08** To avoid scheduling conflicts and facilitate monitoring of club consumables and honey barge levels, members wishing to host ten (10) or more guests at one time shall request permission from the Vice Commodore, House.

**Motion to proceed made by** Reg Rodaro

**Seconded by** Bruce Lee

**2. NOM Bylaw #1 6.10 & Bylaw #2 4.01/4.02/4.03 Relating to Auditing/Review Engagements versus Internal Auditing**

**Current - Bylaw # 1**

**6.10** In keeping with Section 68 of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010, S.O. 2010, c. 15 and any successor legislation, at the Annual General Meeting the Bridge shall recommend a qualified external auditor to the Members for a period of twelve (12) months next following the date of appointment. The appointment may be renewed or extended for further periods of twelve (12) months at the discretion of the Members.



## **Proposed**

**6.10** In keeping with Section 130.1 of Schedule 7 of the Ontario Act to Cut Unnecessary Red Tape, SO 2017 c.20, and any successor legislation, at the Annual General Meeting the Bridge may recommend a qualified auditor to the Members for a period of twelve (12) months next following the date of appointment. The appointment may be renewed or extended for further periods of twelve (12) months at the discretion of the Members.

## **Bylaw # 2 Article 4 - Financial Review and Accountability**

### **Current**

**4.01** Pursuant to Article 6.10 of By-law #1 and in keeping with Section 68 of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010, S.O. 2010, c. 15 and any successor legislation, at the Annual General Meeting the Bridge shall recommend a qualified external auditor to the Members for a period of twelve (12) months next following the date of appointment. The appointment may be renewed or extended for further periods of twelve (12) months at the discretion of the Members.

**4.02** The Members shall direct that the auditor conduct an Audit or a Review Engagement.

**4.03** A direction for a Review Engagement in any given year shall be made by Extraordinary Resolution.

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**4.02** The Members may:

- a. direct that the auditor conducts an Audit or a Review Engagement
- b. appoint an internal auditor

**4.03** A direction for a Review Engagement or internal auditor in any given year shall be made by Extraordinary Resolution. For debate at the September 2021 meeting on the date appointed by the Bridge.

**Note:** Our Bylaw enacted September 6, 2017, waiver of audit or review engagement permitted as of January 13, 2018

**Motion to proceed made by Ed Vago**

**Seconded by Jon Lelie**

- **For debate at the September 8th, 2021, meeting**

**Closing Remarks – Bill Salton**

- Call to ACTION - Get your dock intention sheets and membership dues in asap!

**Lori** – New members will be contacted by the cleaning committee.

- The cleaning schedule and cleaning lists areas located in the gatehouse on the white board.
- This is where you sign off on your completed cleaning tasks for your assigned week

**Motion to Adjourn Keith Welsh**

**Seconded by Jon Lelie**

**REMINDER** - The next general meeting is **Wednesday September 8th @ 1900 via Zoom**