

SMUGGLERS COVE BOAT CLUB

Minutes of General Meeting – Wednesday November 10, 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	43

Meeting Start 7:37pm via Zoom

Commodore's Opening Remarks: Bill Salton

- *Here we are at the end of the 2021 term. As I won't be standing for commodore in 2022, I want to thank the membership again for this opportunity to serve and for the trust placed in me over the past few years. It has been a great experience and I feel the better for it. Hopefully the club is too. 😊*
- *My fellow bridge members have been crucial to this coming out successfully. There is a surprising amount of work involved running this club, and I am sure that it couldn't be done alone.*
- *Chris has compiled a list of the club's accomplishments over the last few years. Like I said in the newsletter, this club has spirit, and it shows in this list.*
- *None of this would have happened without a supportive and engaged membership. Of course, we only showed our successes. The failures list (much smaller) was placed in the honey barge!*
- *(Accomplishments List included in Appendix)*

Secretary's Report: Christian Tufnell

- *Please advise of any errors or omissions concerning any club documentation*

Previous minutes accepted

Correspondence – Bill Salton

Jimmy Leigh - Thank you for your message and I sincerely appreciate and accept the Honorary Membership designation. Thank you to Bob Ciupa for the nomination and all the members of the Club for their support, SCBC is a truly unique facility and I have many fond memories.

Rick & Wilma Bosgraaf - Thank you, we very much appreciate that the club has honoured us in this way. We always felt it was a real privilege to be a member of SCBC and are overjoyed that we will be able to visit again. Thanks to all and we will see you next season.

Nancy Mennie - Nancy's thanks the club for the flowers sent by the club on the passing of her father

Niagara Jet Adventures - Mory De Maurizio, Chief Operating Officer - (Bob Mennie met with Morty on Monday October 18th)

It was nice meeting Bob Mennie yesterday and getting to know your operations. He gave me the tour and quickly realized that we know a lot of the same people. Always interested in collaborating and helping each other as best we can as we are both operators on the Niagara River....

Announcements

- Matt Vreugdenhil Honorary member passed away. Brian Mc Gillion spoke about his Matt and his passion for our club.

Treasurer's Report – John Johnson

Accounts as at 04 November 2021

Chequing	\$52,596.75
Advantage Savings	<u>\$152,996.01</u>
Chequing and Savings	\$205,592.76
Escalator 27 (Reserve Fund)	\$10,273.88

Building Fund

Allocation **\$165,000.00**

Expenses

Barges	\$15,000.00
Move of barges	\$750.00
Naval architect	\$1,286.50
	\$4,130.15

Storage	\$1,300.63
Delivery of hulls	\$ 497.20
Total	\$22,954.48
Total	\$ 142,035.52
Interest	\$349.79
Sale of Barges	<u>\$ 10,610.70</u>
Current Funding Balance	\$ 152,966.01

Reserve Fund

Escalator 27	\$10,273.88
Chequing	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total	\$20, 273.88

Operating Capital \$42,596.75

Major Expenses to be paid

Review Engagement	\$3559.50
Winter Storage NOLSC	\$4,000.00
NPC Lease	<u>\$3500.00</u>
Total	\$11,059.50

- *This is my last treasurers report, and I am very happy to leave the position and club with lots of money in the bank!*
- *We now have a bookkeeper, and we use Quick Books online which has proven very effective*
- *Please take a look at the Review Engagement Audit – the club affairs were again deemed compliant with regards to our business operations, structure and finances*

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report: Kim Robertson Woods **Seconded by:** Gary Cornet

Treasurer’s Announcements: Review Engagement vs. Internal Audit for 2021 Season – Bill Salton

- Motion requested to Recess the general meeting.

Motion to Recess made by Gary Cornet **Seconded by** Morty Pekar

- Special Meeting called to order to discuss and vote on an “extraordinary resolution” as whether a simple **Internal Audit** is desired rather than a **Review Engagement** for the 2021 Season
- Acceptance of the resolution requires 80% approval from the membership

Questions/Comments

John – the default audit is an extensive Review Engagement at a cost of \$3,500 annually

Bill – financial regulations have changed to allow our club this less costly option. Instead of the formal external review engagement exercise, previous year accounting and business practices are reviewed internally by a club member or a committee composed to conduct and complete the review. This is how the club has traditionally operated.

Dan – how long will this be in effect

Bill – extraordinary resolutions require an annual vote from the membership

Motion Passed

Motion to Adjourn Special Meeting Doug Munkley **Seconded by** Rob McKenzie

Regular Meeting Resumed

Sick Members

- n/a

New Members - Swearing In – Bill Salton

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

1. Terry Chunick

absent

Matthew Hurlburt

Myles Milligan

Welcome aboard!!!

Vice Commodore's Report - Operations: James Warankie

- *Special thank you to Bill for your leadership and mentorship these past 3 years...and thank you Jill for all your support for Bill!*
- *And thank you everyone for a very successful haul out, and thank you Greg for stepping in and stepping up in my absence due to work!*

Vice Commodore's Report – House: Greg Wardle

- *I think we had a very good season despite the continuation of Covid 19 impacts*
- *I have enjoyed working with this executive – we accomplished a lot and now we wait for the clubhouse haul out and demolition*
- *I look forward to next season and more club social activities!*

Rear Commodore's Report: Bryant Werner

- *Thank you Bill for your leadership these past few years...I have enjoyed working with you and getting to know you and everyone better*
- *Thank you all for your continuing support!*

Social Chair – Bruce Lee

- *Thanks Bill for the past 5 years serving on the bridge!*
- *Looking forward to the Commodore's Ball this Saturday.*
- *Special thank you to this year's organizers Bill and Dawn Khahn along with Jim and Lori Thwaites*
- *Don't forget to e-transfer money for your tickets to the treasurer*
- *SCBC Clothing Committee will be raffling a gift basket of Club Wears valued at \$175*
- *What a fantastic haul out we had...thank you to the new members for getting involved*
- *Thank you to Glen Eastman and Frank Lovasi for leading the work teams*

Dock Chair – Harvey Freel

- *Excellent Haul out everyone...great comradery!*
- *We are still looking for input as to how to better identify the inside finger docks when they are upside down in the water*
- *We still need to attach cable from the trees to the docks in the event of high water*
 - *Rob McKenzie reported that the downstream docks are scheduled to be completed*
 - *Brian McGillion complimented Brandon's skill operating the forklift*

Projects

New Website Update – Bill Salton

- *the member's portal is now up and running*
- *thank you Drew and Lori for all your efforts completing this task*
- *please take a look around the site*
- *the membership list is now available*
- *you can post your own photo*

New Building Committee Update – Dan Grignon Chair

- *I really enjoyed the video of the clubhouse voyage upriver to Queenston*
- *This symbolises the “kick off” of the new build!*
- *Haul Out is Nov 18th and then demotion and inspection of the flotation will follow*
- *Check our website for updates and picture of the new build progress*

Bill – all purchases for the new build will require preapproval via purchase order from the treasurer to ensure for greater accountability and control

Old Business – Bill Salton

1. Notice of Motion

Current:

Bylaw #1:

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Proposed:

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- **Motion Passed**

2. Notice of Motion

Current:

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Proposed:

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6.05.01 In the event the current Commodore resigns or is removed, the position of Past Commodore in the following term shall remain vacant until the subsequent Commodore retires.

- **Motion Passed**

NEW Business – Bill Salton

Nominations and election results for the 2022 Executive

Nomination for Treasurer

- *Lorne Bjorgan* – accepted

Nomination for Secretary

- *Christian Tufnell* - accepted/acclaimed

Nomination for Rear Commodore

- *Bryant Werner* – accepted/acclaimed

Nomination for Vice Commodore House

- *Sheldon Randall* – accepted/acclaimed (Darryl Adams – did not stand)

Nomination for Vice Commodore Operations

- *Greg Wardle* – accepted/acclaimed

Nomination for Commodore

- *James Warankie* – accepted/acclaimed

Closing Remarks – Bill Salton

Congratulations to the 2022 Bridge!

Please note – the next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 1st

Notifications to follow.

Motion to Adjourn Jasper Zwartz

Seconded by Frank Lovasi

Appendix – Informal list of Club Accomplishments 2019-2021

- Anchor and Cabling Inspections completed – new inspection protocols developed
- Beach Parking Protocols
- Boat Length Amendment
- Code of Conduct
- Constitutional Amendments
- Chain on Walkway to the Beach
- Drone and Underwater video capability for inspections, education
- E-Transfers accepted as Preferred Payment Option
- Facebook Page
- Family at the Club Protocols
- Final Approvals for New Build
- First Aid Presentations
- Flooring Installed in Gatehouse
- Honourary and Lifetime Memberships Awarded
- Increased Communications – High Water, Covid 19, New Build, New Member
- Increase Formal Signage – Code of Conduct, Swim at Risk
- Improved Relationship Building with fellow sister clubs – NOTLSC, DYC, Youngstown
- Improved Relationship Building with both Canadian and US Jet Boats
- Improved Relationship Building with CBSA, NRP, NPP and Niagara Parks Commission
- Insurance Compliance Audit Conducted
- Internet Coverage Upgraded
- Lifting Eyes for Safety introduced
- Lighting on the Stairway
- Midway Point Approval for storage received
- Mooring Sticks introduced
- New Dingy and Honey Barge Docks
- New Workboat research, costings and capabilities presentation
- New Member Pictures
- New Membership Campaign – formation of Recruitment Committee
- New Workboat Motor for the Liz T
- Organization Chart with the inclusion of Data Base and Commutation officers, and Website administrator
- Quick Books for Invoicing and Record Keeping
- Registration of the Work Boats
- Review Engagement Financial Audits (3)
- Roadway Relocation and Paving
- Sea Container Purchased for off-site, off-season storage
- Sold the Aluminum Pontoons
- Stairway Painted
- Temporary Awnings – Dining and Swim decks
- Track It Forward – more efficient scheduling of work parties/tasks
- Vice Commodore House Position added to the Bridge
- Website Refresh with automated membership and reciprocal application
- Workboat Committee Formalized - workboat proposal with costing
- Work Hours - Restored to 20 hours along with a 32-hour cap on Extra Hours Credit
- Work Credits increased from \$5 to \$10 (dock/balls increased from \$200 to \$400 per season)
- Zoom Virtual Meetings