

SMUGGLERS COVE BOAT CLUB

Minutes of General Meeting – Wednesday September 8, 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	42

Meeting Start 7:04pm via Zoom

Commodore's Opening Remarks: Bill Salton

- *Thanks to Bruce and Holly Lee for organizing the New Member Cocktail Party. And thanks to Dave & Jeannie Clark, Bob & Nancy Mennie, Lori Grignon, Jill, Tom Korchuk for helping out.*
- *Great success and lots of fun with perfect weather. We met our objective: have fun and meet your fellow members!*
- *Thanks to the orientation committee for excellent work this year. Gary Cornett and Wayne Sherwin run this committee and we also got some extra horsepower with Bob Ciupa and Christian Tufnell helping as well*
- *This year brought unprecedented numbers of applications, and I suspect that this committee has never had a busier year.*
- *Thanks also to our Fleet Captain, Jon Lelie. He did a great job managing our reciprocal guests this year. His knowledge of the clubs on the lake really showed and we had no major incidents.*
- *Two additions to the meeting agenda*
 - *notice of motion(s) requesting a Boat Length Committee to review a request to revert to the old bylaw wording, just increasing the boat length to 30'*
 - *an additional motion requesting an examination into the need to formalize an accommodation process to deal with requests by members asking for special considerations, mostly due to physical limitations.*

Secretary's Report: Christian Tufnell

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

Motion to accept previous minutes: Bob Cuipa

Seconded by: Lorne Bjorn

Correspondence – Bill Salton

- *Niagara Jet Adventures (Youngstown Jet Boat) have accepted an invitation to meet with us for a site visit within the next few weeks. We are thanking them for respecting the wake inside our anchorage.*
- *A thank you note was received from Steve Pullen and was shared in the newsletter.*

Announcements

- *Wayne Sherwin - Chest Waders are on sale now at Canadian Tire...Haul Out is fast approaching!*
- *Bob M & Bob C – get your club spirt wears – they are high quality and make for very good Christmas presents!*

Treasurer's Report – John Johnson

Treasurer's GM Report

Accounts as at 02 September 2021

Chequing	\$62,029.68
Advantage Savings	<u>\$142,265.82</u>
Chequing and Savings	\$204,295.50
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	\$ 42,045.52
Interest	\$60.39
Current Funding Balance	\$142,105.91

Reserve Fund

Escalator 27	\$10,273.88
Chequing	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total	\$20, 273.88
<u>Operating Capital</u>	\$52,029.68

- The club has significant operating free balance as little money has been spent and only one social event has been hosted to date
- Outstanding invoices yet to be paid include - Niagara Parks lease, Insurance, Winter Storage

Question

Dan – Is the interest received on the building fund investments returned to the building fund?

John - Yes

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report: Bob Mennie **Seconded by:** Lorne Bjorn

Sick Members

- Nancy Mennie: she’s had her hip operation and is recuperating at home. Thanks to all for the best wishes
- Nancy Bigwood: Bob & Nancy would like to thank the members for their kind words and support.
- Barb Bjorgan: knee surgery and recuperating at home. Thank you note for the flowers.
- Gail Davidson: recovering from an operation on her arm earlier in the summer (Our sunshine girl!)

New Members - Swearing In – Bill Salton

- Welcome to the 5 new members present at tonight's meeting!
- Please don't hesitate to ask anyone for help or guidance as you integrate into the club.
- All new members were successfully orientated and no feedback was received from the membership

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

1. Chris Begley (Karen)
2. Christopher Bull
3. Shalom Leytam
4. George (Imma) Petrou
5. Brandon (Nicole) Russell

Absent

Terry (Shannon) Chunick

Matthew Hurlburt

John (Susan) Lancaster

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 new members! Please see my report in the newsletter. I forgot to thank Keith Welsh for all his help with the new finger dock for the honey barge. This also will be the new storage space for the Liz T.*
- *Thanks to both the Dive and Workboat Teams...we have now located all the missing blocks and will next work on moving some of the anchor block further out into the river, them in anticipation of the new clubhouse and its new configuration.*
- *Thanks everyone your support the last 3 years. Looking forward to a slightly different haul out in preparation of the demolition of the old and building of the new clubhouse.*

Questions

Bruce – Will the haul out be earlier this year as a result? Are we still using the Queenston site?

James/Bill – Haul out will be the same time as we are unable to move the gatehouse into the NOLSC basin any earlier. Yes, we are confirmed to work at the Question Dock. Demolition begins in November.

Vice Commodore's Report – House: Greg Wardle

- *Welcome new members! It was great to see everyone at the meet and greet...what a great party! We are still restricted to 10 inside the clubhouse. We are all so hopeful next year, with the new clubhouse we can once again return to more social functions*
- *We plan to start to pack up the clubhouse mid October. Reminder to members – please No storage of personal items in the gatehouse. All space will be required to be utilized*
- *Thank you to everyone for your attention to completing the cleaning duties*
- *The club looks great and is appreciated by everyone*

Rear Commodore's Report: Bryant Werner

- Welcome New Members!
- Once again thank you to everyone for their patience as I placed and arranged everyone in docks and on the balls this year.

Dock Chair – Harvey Freel

- Welcome New Members!
- All docks are in good shape except for a few upstream fingers that need a few cleats replaced. If any member needs work hours, this is a good time to complete this task.

Social Chair – Bruce Lee

- Welcome New Members. It was so nice to finally see everyone. It was a fantastic event. Thank you to everyone who helped make this party successful
- Congratulations to Chris Tufnell our 50/50 winner \$165!
- New members received a Club Hat and Club Burgee
- The next social event is the Commodore's Ball
- Due to Covid capacity restrictions, DYC is not suitable this year so the Commodore's Ball will be held at Club Roma in St. Catharines.
- Club Roma can accommodate 125 people. We will have live music, a cash bar, a cocktail hour meet and greet, along with a head table for the Bridge, and our traditional awards presentations
- All this for \$45 per person!
- Move details and punch bowl invitation to follow

Fleet Captain – Jon Lelie

- Welcome New Members!
- We had 65 visiting boats this year
- I am happy to report that All visitors were Vaccinated!

Bill – Jon (and Brian) are down at the club. We had a member's boat sink, and it is being raised as we speak!

Safety Chair – Bob Ciupa (for Guillermo)

- Be prepared always...safety first!
- Check your bilge pump...check that it functions, check the grounds, check the plumbing
- Always have spare parts on your boat – fan belts, impeller, spark plugs etc.

Projects

New Building Committee Update – Dan Grignon Chair

- Dan introduced the committee membership for the benefit of the new members
- They are - Bob Cuipa, Bob Mennie, Drew Bailey, Greg Wardle, Bill Salton & John Johnson
- The Sub committee responsible for docks and platforms is Chaired by Jasper Zwarts and includes members Wayne Sherwin, Peter Hartl, Lorne Bjorn and Brian McGillian
- Dan presented a scaled 3D computer simulation image of the building. This along with more details will be distributed to the membership in the next few weeks
- Please hold your questions until then and let us know what you think. Feedback will be solicited via e-mail.

Comment

Lorne – Excellent Work and looks impressive. This design now includes substantially more deck space for outdoor dining. Great Job Dan, Jasper and Team!

Old Business

1. Dixon Motion re: Boat Length

- Dixon motion to strike a committee to examine returning to the old bylaw language (2019) with respect to boat length, except make the length 30' instead of 28'. For members who are newer to the club, the old language excluded swim platforms/bow sprits and the new/current language included them.
- The committee concluded that returning to the old language, but using 30' was not a workable solution as it could easily allow for boats in the 35-foot range on the complex and would present many safety and logistical problems

- The committee did look at modifying the existing language to include a process whereby exemptions could be made if recommended by the bridge and accepted by the membership
- The committee also looked at scenarios where all docks are assigned a length (most standard at 30' and some longer)
- In the end, no options considered included returning to the old language, using 30'
- The bridge supports the recommendation of the committee and will not bring the change forward.
- Personally, I would like to consider bigger and broader changes to our docks and boat lengths, but there are many considerations that arise bringing a surprising amount of complexity to the issue. This is something that should be considered at length, but I would say the time is not now as we busy ourselves with the new build.
- I would like to thank the committee chaired by Peter Hartl, along with Lorne Bjorgan and Frank Lovasi. They came up with a fair and realistic assessment.

2. Dixon Motion re: Accommodation

- Bridge considered the topic of accommodation and felt that the club is already very accommodating
- We have beach parking for members with mobility issues, we have built longer fingers where needed, added grab posts and railings as well. We have also given relief to members work hour requirements when ill, and allowed deferred payments where people are in financial hardship.
- If members have additional ideas or requests that can accommodate our members better, please submit your specific ideas/requests to the bridge for consideration

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

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*

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.

DEBATE – no issues or comments raised

Motion Passed

4. 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.

Proposed

4.01 Pursuant to Article 6.10 of By-law #1 and 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 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 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

DEBATE – comments/questions

Bob Mennie – Are there any disadvantages to this option?

Lorne Bjorn– No, historically and prior to incorporation, a second set of eyes from another member was used to review the books and conducted an informal internal audit. This is a good business practice.

Guillermo Fuentes – Does the bank require a formal audit or review engagement?

John Johnson – No

Motion Passed

New Business – Bob Cuipa

1. Notice of Motion - Exigent Spending (by-law amendment)

Current

Article 6 - Exigent Spending

The Bridge shall have the authority to spend up to \$1,000.00 for any exigent circumstance or item affecting: the safety, repair or immediately required maintenance of docks, floats, moorings, buildings and other facilities to benefit Members; measures to conserve fish, wildlife and natural resources and to combat pollution of waterways.

Proposed

By-law #2, Article 6 - Exigent Spending

The Bridge shall have the authority to spend up to \$2,000.00 for any exigent circumstance or item affecting: the safety, repair or immediately required maintenance of docks, floats, moorings, buildings and other facilities to benefit Members excluding boats and motors; measures to conserve fish, wildlife and natural resources and to combat pollution of waterways.

- ***For debate at the meeting of October 6th, 2021.***

2. Honorary Members Article 12 - *Nomination for Honorary Membership: Jamie Vanbergen*

Key things for eligibility:

Past member, outstanding contribution to club, no dockage and no voting, nominated by the bridge and voted on by the membership

Nomination presented to the members by Bob Cuipa, and is fully endorsed and supported by the Bridge

Nomination Passed

3. Life Members Article 11 - *Nomination for Life Membership: Bob Ciupa, Wayne Sherwin*

Key things for eligibility:

Current member, at least 20 years at the club, have served on the bridge, outstanding contributions, voting and dockage is allowed, seniority continues

Last life member was 3 years ago: Ed Vago

Nomination for **Wayne Sherwin** presented to the members by Gary Cornet, and is fully endorsed and supported by the Bridge

Nomination for **Bob Cuipa** presented to the members by Brian Mc Gillian, and is fully endorsed and supported by the Bridge

Nomination(s) Passed

Closing Remarks – Bill Salton

If you are interested and available, some of us are planning to have a beverage at Hooligans after the meeting, in Niagara Falls. Please join us.

Next month we are looking for nominations for bridge positions with the election at the Annual General Meeting in November

I will not be standing for commodore nor will John Johnston for treasurer. I know that James would like to stand for commodore and Greg would like to stand for VC-OPS. Chris and Bryant would like to stand for their current positions.

Motion to Adjourn Bob Mennie

Seconded by Bruce Lee

REMINDER - The next general meeting is **Wednesday October 6th @ 1900**