

# SMUGGLERS COVE BOAT CLUB

Minutes of General Meeting – Wednesday February 2, 2022

## Executives in Attendance:

James Warankie – Commodore	P	Bill Salton – Past Commodore	P
Greg Wardle – Vice-Commodore Operations	P	Lorne Bjorgan – Treasurer	P
Sheldon Randall – Vice-Commodore House	P	Christian Tufnell – Secretary	P
Bryant Werner - Rear Commodore	P	Members in Attendance	42

Meeting Start 7:08 pm via Zoom

## Commodore's Opening Remarks: James Warankie

- *Good evening everyone - welcome to February's meeting*
- *Mother nature doesn't want to give us a break with another snowstorm on its way*
- *So, get ready to get out your shovels once again*
- *Things are moving along well and on schedule with the New Build, thanks to the hard work being done by our members behind the scenes*
- *Bill will be updating the membership during the projects report*
- *I am also pleased to inform you that your bridge was able to put together this year's budget with a few revisions until we felt it was right to present to the membership.*
- *We are spending quite a bit of money this year*
- *Lorne will be going over the budget and if you could wait until he has gone through the line items, we will open the floor for questions*
- *I do ask that everyone take turns and allow everyone to ask a question before you raise your hand again*
- *I would like to keep my meetings efficient and not drag on for hours*

## Secretary's Report: Christian Tufnell

- *Please advise of any errors or omissions concerning any club documentation*
- *We received a membership resignation from Reid and Ester Cooke – our club Caplin for the past 25 years*

**Motion to accept the Secretary's Report:** Bob Cuipa    **Seconded by:** Wayne Sherwin

**Correspondence – James Warankie**

- *n/a*

**Treasurer's Report – Lorne Bjorgan**

**as of Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**

Chequing account balance \$38,819.58

Savings account \$82,522.91

GIC (reserve fund account) \$10,273.88

Total \$121,343.49

Over the last couple of months \$70,000.00 has been transferred from the savings account to the chequing account to pay for the construction of the new club house to date, with more to come every week.

In the budget being presented tonight allowances have been made for additional items we will need to complete the full club house project, not just the structure. We will review these in detail tonight.

The original budget of \$165,000.00 HST included does not cover anything except the actual fixed structure. Items like decks, walkway extension, 2 new dinning platforms, appliances, the list goes on, are not under the \$165,000.00. The membership has already approved \$22,500.00 + HST for the dinning decks, but due to substantial increases in steel, flotation and wood since the deck budget was compiled last fall, the final cost will exceed that estimate.

Another \$10,000.00 + HST was also approved at the December meeting to put towards additional expenses and unforeseen budget increases, plus money towards items like canopy covers for downriver dinning deck and possibly river facing dinning deck, plus other required items, as far as that money will go.

With approval of the 2022 budget, we should be in perfect shape with everything we want and need by May 24 weekend. With our amazing new complex and amenities, many other clubs could only dream of, guaranteed we will quickly become the Lake Ontario place to be.

Three short months to go!

**Motion to accept Treasurer's Report:** Bob Cuiipa

**Seconded by:** Jasper Zwarts

**2022 Operational Budget – Lorne Bjorgan**

- no membership fee increases - \$200 building fee added to membership
- no change to dock fees
- mandatory work hours increase from 20 to 25 to account for all the work associated with the new club house build
- \$12,500 added to the reserve fund (now to total \$25K)
- Funds dedicated to replacing power cable and siding on the gatehouse, repair rot and add additional flotation to the shoreside end
- Funds dedicated to a new video surveillance system
- Increased insurance costs – updated valuations of new club house and gatehouse – workboats only insured for liability except for the new motor which is fully insured
- Some issues/mistakes/double entries found with last year’s bookkeeping – working on sorting them out with the bookkeeping service

**Questions**

**Bob C/Bruce** – Are their sufficient funds dedicated for all the Social Events planned this season?

**Lorne** – Increased from \$2,500 to \$3,500, Funds for Sail Past, Commodore’s Ball and Work parties are all lumped together. Anticipated slippage from other line objects should be available to assist with any short falls if required

**Bob C/** – What happened that we need video cameras?

**James/Lorne** – Previously reported we had some theft last year – propane tank and battery, as well as a few suspicious events involving boats coming free from their moorings and reports of uninvited fishermen/visitors on the complex

**Brian** - We will need to post signs and be careful about protecting membership privacy

**Lorne** – signs will be posted and only activity on the main walkways – upstream and downstream, and towards the gatehouse/beach area will be captured. No cameras will be installed inside the club or aimed at any of the dinning decks or members boats

**Bruce** – Great Job Lorne – thank you for all your work on this year’s budget!

**Motion to accept the Budget made by** Moe Waselovich      **Seconded by** Bill Salton

**Motion Accepted** - 97% membership approval received in support

**Sick Members** – James Warankie

- *n/a*

## Announcements

Commented [CT1]:

James Warankie

My deepest sympathy goes out to a couple of members whose family members have passed away.

- *Barb Bjorgan's* father passed away suddenly this past week
- *Dan Grinham's* brother passed away suddenly
  - o no information yet available regarding funeral arrangements

I also regret to inform the membership that Reid and Ester Cook have put in their resignation and will be moving out east.

- They are hoping to buy another boat to continue their sailing adventures. I asked Reid to not leave until he blessed the new clubhouse.

On a good note, *Bob and Nancy Mennie* are enjoying their 2-month vacation in Hawaii.

- *Bill and Jill Salton* will be joining them the end of February and together they will be presenting a letter from the Commodore, along with a club burgee to the Commodore of the Waikiki Yacht Club.
- We will be adding them to our reciprocal list and if you happen to be in town, you can enjoy spending time at a very welcoming club!

Bob Cuipa

If anyone needs any machining or welding (including aluminum) call Kevin (905) 328-4092

**New Members - Swearing In** – James Warankie

*n/a*

**Orientation Committee Update:** Gary Cornet

- *We have 3 membership applicants in progress to be ready for the March meeting*

**Vice Commodore's Report - Operations:** Greg Wardle

- *Thank you to Lorne for the solid work on the budget*
- *Tremendous job to those working on the new build – very tough working conditions!*
- *The gatehouse will need some attention this year to keep it from further deteriorating*

**Vice Commodore's Report – House:** Sheldon Randall

- *Not much to report or update on*
- *Work parties will be organized for the spring – stay tuned*

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

- *no update until the docks are in the water*

**Social Chair – Bruce Lee**

- *Pillar and Post* has a free skating rink
- This could be a fun social event if someone is interested in organizing an event
- *Pub Night* is still TBD due to Covid protocols

**Morty** – *Bill Nicol just started working there...we may have an inside contact*

**Dock Captain – Harvey Freel**

- No change since last report

**Fleet Captain – Jon Lelie**

- Nothing to report

**Safety Chair Bob Cuipa** (for Guillermo Fuentes)

- *Some seasonal reminders – get vaccinated, watch your health and be mindful of ice!*

## Projects

### Track It Forward – How To Use Video - James Warankee

- *I am almost ready to start videoing and editing a how to video on Track It Forward for our new members who join the club*
- *It will also be a good refresher for current members that are still struggling with it*
- *If anyone is in need of a one-on-one lesson, please don't hesitate to contact me*
- *I will be passing on the management of this activity to Greg*

### New Building Committee Update – Bill Salton for Dan Grignon

- *I am filling in for Dan this evening*
- *The project is on schedule*
- *The refurbished tanks are looking great and have been returned to the site in Queenston*
- *Soon, there will be a call-out for help to scrape and paint the main platform*
- *This will be done before the tanks are reinstalled*
- *The project is close to budget*
- *It is tracking a little over*
- *COVID times and supply chain issues have made purchases more challenging*
- *The group has been successful in using alternate sources to keep the costs on track*
- *Just keep an eye out for Work Party invites – coming soon!*

If you are involved in any projects associated with the new build, please send any pictures you have to both Erika at: [smugglerspictures@gmail.com](mailto:smugglerspictures@gmail.com) and Lori Thwaites at: [nautibear2004@gmail.com](mailto:nautibear2004@gmail.com) who posts them on Facebook. We are collecting pictures and videos so that we can document the whole process.

## Comments

**Bob** – Special thanks to Terry who move the tanks back and forth to Stevensville in the bitter cold

**Brian** – Opportunities soon to open for work parties to begin work on the inside of the club. We want to get the pontoons reattached next. We are also doing some relationship building with the Jet Boats, assisting them with some of their work at the dock.

### Old Business – James Warankie

- *n/a*

**New Business** – Bob Cuipa

**1. Notice of Motion**

Proposed - New

**9.05** Routine floor votes for members attending electronically shall be counted by raising of electronic hand. Votes requiring confidential response as determined by the Commodore shall be counted using the secret ballot procedure.

- **For debate at the meeting of March 2, 2022**

**2. Notice of Motion**

Proposed - New

**7.07** The Past Commodore shall:

- (a) be a voting member of the Bridge;
- (b) mentor and provide advice and support to the succeeding Commodore and Bridge;
- (c) provide continuity and context to discussions of the Bridge;
- (d) act as a delegate for the Bridge on committees or at functions as designated by the Commodore.

- **For debate at the meeting of March 2nd, 2022**

**Closing Remarks** – James Warankie

- *Next meeting – Wednesday March 2, 2022, 7 PM via ZOOM*

**Motion to adjourn made by Bob Cuipa Secoded by Tom Korcok**