

SMUGGLERS COVE BOAT CLUB

Minutes of General Meeting – Wednesday April 6, 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	51

Meeting Start 7:06 pm via Zoom

Commodore's Opening Remarks: James Warankie

- *Welcome to the April general meeting...our snowbirds are soon returning home for spring!*
- *The ice boom has opened, and ice is clearing the river in time for the new club launch...and its is looking amazing!*
- *Thank you to everyone who has helped with the new build to date, and as always, a tremendous effort by our usual core crew!*
- *We are now looking for more participation from everyone to complete the build, launch and assemble the new decks and connecting points*
- *Please be on the look out for work party e-mails and be prepared for work to be completed in the coming weeks but also throughout the entire season*
- *It is strongly recommended to download the Track It Forward to your smart phones for ease of access to both report hours and sign up for work parties.*
- *As mentioned in the newsletter, Covid mandates are being lifted and we hope to enjoy a full social calendar this year!*
- *"All hands-on deck" will be required for Put In – Saturday April 30 8 am*

Secretary's Report: Christian Tufnell

- *We received one resignation from David Wilson*
- *Please advise of any errors or omissions concerning any club documentation*

Motion to accept the Secretary's Report: Jon Lelie **Seconded by:** Chris Bull

Correspondence – James Warankie

- *n/a*

Treasurer's Report – Lorne Bjorgan

SCBC Treasurers Report as of April 4th 2022

Totals below include outstanding cheques, and include dues paid by members to date.

Chequing account balance \$26,888.07

Savings account \$52,580.85

GIC (reserve fund account) \$10,273.88

Total \$89,742.80

Notes

- By the latest estimate we have about \$50,000 additional expenses related to the full project, which includes the building costs, the new deck costs, and front awning etc.
- The building committee is still running within budget, hat's off to all of them for pulling that impossible task off.
- The new decks are running over due to the unforeseen jump in prices from the time the budget was developed about a year ago.
- Flotation cost went up by 25%, massive steel and wood price jumps as well.
- Everyone has done a great job minimizing expenses as best they can.
- **Membership and Docking Fee Invoices for the 2022 season are due now.**
- *Please follow the instructions and send your payments via e-transfer to treasurer@smugglerscoveboatclub.com*

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Reg Rodaro

Seconded by: Wayne Sherwin

Sick Members - James Warankie

- *n/a*

New Members - Swearing In – James Warankie

- Haley Dinel - absent

Orientation Committee Update: James Warankie

- *Gary Cornet stepping aside from the Orientation Committee*
- *Tom Korcok to join and will be mentored by committee members Wayne Sherwin and Bob Ciupa*
- *Bob to coordinate hand off of new membership applicants – we have several openings to fill and many applicants are on the waiting list*

Vice Commodore's Report - Operations: Greg Wardle

- *Date to launch the new clubhouse has now been moved forward by Niagara Jet Boat*
- *The new club house and build committee are ready!*
- *Workboats are getting ready for launch and need to be retrieved from Reg's house*
- *We will continue to work with small work parties as much of the work will be slower as we fit and adjust to the new orientation*
- *The water level is rising, the docks on the beach are looking good and the ice boom has been lifted and the ice will be clear the river in time for the move*

Vice Commodore's Report – House: Sheldon Randall

- *Meeting with Niagara Parks to get permission and approval to install culvert to correct the beach which has been washed out due to shore erosion*
- *Sheldon working with Bob M and Terry S*
- *It is hopeful this situation will be corrected in time for put in*

Rear Commodore's Report: Bryant Werner

- *Dock Exchange – e-mail coming out shortly*
- *Please follow the instructions, complete, and return to the Rear Commodore ASAP!*
- *Membership Fees and Dock Intention Sheets must be fully returned to initiate the process*

Social Chair – Bruce Lee

Kudos to the building committee and special thanks to John and Linda Andreas for allowing us the use of their home workshop to manufacture the new platforms!

- *Great News – PUB NIGHT!*
 - *April 8, 2022 – Niagara Brewing Company – make your calendars!*
 - *Thank you to our hosts Dino and Sherry DiCenzo*
- *SAILPAST*
 - *We need 15 volunteers please*
 - *date TBD*
 - *Please contact Bruce Lee blee38p@outlook.com*
- *Fishing Derby & Pig Roast – are planned but need to be scheduled – more to follow*
- *COMMODORE'S BALL – Club Roma, November 12th, mark your calendars!*

Reminder to all members – for planning purposes, it is very important to respond to all club punch bowl invitations/RSVP.

Dock Captain – Harvey Freel

- *Everything is good and ready...water is rising nicely*
- *New members – get chest wadders*

Fleet Captain – Jon Lelie

- *Working on a reciprocal cruise with the Lakeshore Yacht Club*
- *Reciprocal Policy and Reciprocal List of clubs coming soon*
- *If you are planning on cruising this season, please contact Jon for assistance with reservations*

Comment

Jasper – consideration should be given limiting guests or waiting first until the new clubhouse if fully completed before excepting guests

Safety Chair – James Warankie

- *We are looking for a new Safety Chair – if you are interested, please contact James*

Bob Ciupa

- *Put In and Take Out are two of the most dangerous club activities*
- *Safety is our number 1 priority*
- *Do not wear Chest Waders on the complex...if you fall in it is very difficult to get out*
- *Be mindful of heavy equipment – only one dedicated member to give operator direction*
- *Water is cold...dress appropriately and use a lanyard to secure your hand tools*

Wayne – the safest and best view to observe the new build launch is from a top at the back of the Anglican church.

Projects - New Building Committee Update – Dan Grignon

- Tremendous effort everyone!
- So many people...so much work...very impressive
- We are on budget...may come in slightly under due to the amount of volunteer labour
- Interior walls nearing completing, to be followed by the ceiling
- Flooring, the complete kitchen installation and garage doors (with openers) still to be completed
- Decking is now completed...a 600sqft increase!
- Should you have any questions/comments, please send them to me dan.grignon@gmail.com

Questions

Bob C – Do we have a location for the Commodore’s Wheel?

Dan/Chris – Yes, opposite side to where the electronics rack is being located

New Build Budget Motion to complete project – Lorne Bjorgan

I would like to make a motion to approve an additional \$10,000.00 in necessary capital spending to cover our currently known and estimated future costs.

Background

- The membership passed a motion a few months ago to allow \$10,000.00 towards non-building fund budget items, such as the new awning etc.
- The awning was \$18,700.00, leaving us \$8,700 short with approved spending.
- We can afford it; we just need the approval of the membership.
- Once the full project is complete, any surplus funds will be transferred back to our reserve account.

Motion to Move made by: Bob Ciupa

Seconded by: Keith Walsh

Motion Passed

Honourary Membership Motion for Reid and Ester Cooke – James Warankie

- Longer standing and active contributing members – our club’s chaplain
- Exceed the requires for this honour

Motion to Move made by: Wayne Sherwin

Seconded by: Bob Ciupa

Motion Passed

Old Business – Bob Ciupa

CURRENT

2.08 “**Dock Holder**” means a **Member** who has reached position #1 on the **Dock Hopper’s List**, has been offered, accepted and been issued a dock or mooring that, with annual Notice of Intention to the Rear Commodore, becomes the **Member’s** permanent dock or mooring unless the **Member** enters the **Dock Posting Process**.

2.22 “**Member Not in Good Standing**” means a **Member** who has all boating, voting, access to club facilities and other benefits of **Membership** suspended **under Article 20**;

2.23 “**Member Not in Good Standing**” means a **Member** in arrears for fees and/or **Mandatory Hours**;

15.04 The **Dock Posting Process** proceeds as follows:

- (a) pursuant to Article 14.05, a **Dock Holder** shall advise the Rear Commodore of the **Member’s** intentions regarding their assigned dock or mooring ball by filing a Dock Intention Sheet by the prescribed time;
- (b) if the **Member** advises that they are giving up their dock or mooring ball and the dock or mooring ball is not to be used again by that **Member**, that dock or mooring ball shall be listed in the **Dock Posting Process** for re-assignment;
- (c) in the Spring and Fall a list of available docks or mooring balls shall be posted and circulated to the **Members**;
- (d) **Dock Holders** may bid for an available dock or mooring ball within the time specified by the Rear Commodore
- (e) allocations are based on **Seniority**;
- (f) any dock or mooring ball becoming vacant as a result of said allocation is then assigned to those to be listed for the next round of bidding;
- (g) bidding will continue in subsequent rounds until no **Dock Holder** bids on the remaining available docks or mooring balls;
- (h) the remaining available docks and mooring balls are then offered to the **Dock Hoppers** as prescribed in Article 15.03

PROPOSED

2.08 **“Dock Holder”** means a **Member** who has reached position #1 on the **Dock Hopper’s List**, has been offered, accepted and been issued a dock or mooring that becomes the **Member’s** permanent dock or mooring unless the **Member** enters the **Dock Posting Process**.

2.22 **“Member Not in Good Standing”** means a **Member** who has all boating, voting, access to club facilities and other benefits of **Membership** suspended under **Article 20**, or for arrears for fees and/or **Mandatory Hours**; - (mutatis mutandis)

15.04 The **Dock Posting Process** proceeds as follows:

- (i) if the **Member** advises the Rear Commodore in writing that they are giving up their dock or mooring ball and the dock or mooring ball is not to be used again by that **Member**, that dock or mooring ball shall be listed in the **Dock Posting Process** for re-assignment;
- (j) a list of available docks or mooring balls shall be posted and circulated to the **Members** once per year;
- (k) **Dock Holders** may bid for an available dock or mooring ball within the time specified by the Rear Commodore;
- (l) allocations are based on **Seniority**;
- (m) any dock or mooring ball becoming vacant as a result of said allocation is then assigned to those to be listed for the next round of bidding;
- (n) bidding will continue in subsequent rounds until no **Dock Holder** bids on the remaining available docks or mooring balls;
- (o) the remaining available docks and mooring balls are then offered to the **Dock Hoppers** as prescribed in Article 15.03.

Question

Kim Robertson Woods – I thought the club owned the docks, not the members?

James – Yes, that is correct. These amendments are a clarification. Members only “own” the spot, not the physical property. You can only lose your dock if you don’t pay, or you give it up

Motion Passed

New Business – Bob Cuipa

1. NOTICE OF MOTION - a few cosmetic amendments

Current

2.33 “Spouse” means a person legally married or in a common-law relationship (as defined by the Family Law Act of Ontario or any successor legislation), with a Member in Good Standing.

2.34 Work Captain - is any member designated to accept responsibility to undertake, organize, recruit help, supervise and complete any task needed for the maintenance and/or operation of the club.

6.02 Individual members of the Bridge shall include the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other Officers as may be established by the Membership from time to time.

Proposed

2.33 “Spouse” means a person legally married to, or in a common-law relationship (as defined by the Family Law Act of Ontario or any successor legislation) with, a Member in Good Standing. (adds the word “to,” after “married”)

2.34 Work Captain - means any member designated to accept responsibility to undertake, organize, recruit help, supervise and complete any task needed for the maintenance and/or operation of the club.
(changes “- is” to “- means” for consistency)

6.02 Individual members of the Bridge shall include the Commodore, Vice-Commodore - Operations, Vice-Commodore - House, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Past Commodore and such other Officers as may be established by the Membership from time to time. (adds Vice-Commodore

- House and Past Commodore)

- For debate at the members' meeting of May 4th, 2022.

2. NOTICE OF MOTION Proposed: By-laws 3-12

Note: these by-laws, 3-12, are blank placeholders for future by-laws held in abeyance for the governance of the act, as maybe required, due to changes to provincial, not for profit legislation. This way they can be easily amended in the future, as necessary

- For debate at the members' meeting of May 4th, 2022.

Closing Remarks – James Warankie

- *Next meeting – Wednesday May 4, 2022, 7 PM via ZOOM*

Comments

Carl Bayer – Dive team – Reminder to get your equipment inspected and ready

Glen Eastman – We need to ensure we have cotter pins for put in

Jon Flynn – Please complete or coordinate drone footage for the new club launch

Commented [CT1]:

Motion to adjourn made by Reg Rodaro

Seconded by Jon Lelie