

FANSHAWE YACHT CLUB
Special General Meeting
Monday, September 29, 2008
FYC Clubhouse, Fanshawe Conservation Area, London

Minutes of the Meeting

Vice Commodore Mark Anderson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. 26 members and 2 guests were present. The Agenda for the meeting and the motion to be discussed were distributed by e-mail in advance. Since this was a Special General Meeting, there were no Minutes of previous meetings to review.

Background

The members of the FYC executive are very concerned about the amount of subsidence that has occurred along at least 40 ft. of the edge of the Main Dock near the clubhouse steps since last year. The subsidence appears to be due to deterioration of the steel sheet piling forming the dock wall; a similar length of another part of the dock piling had to be replaced several years ago for the same reason.

Members of the club executive had invited representatives of two firms that have done similar work for the Thames Conservancy organizations to visit the club and provide preliminary quotations for the work needed

Motion by the Club Executive: "That the FYC Executive be authorized to contract for necessary repairs to the Main Dock and to spend up to \$35,000 to carry out such repairs."

To open the discussion Mark Anderson presented and discussed a quotation of \$24,675 from Marine Tech of Wallaceburg to rebuild 40 feet of the sheet piling in the FYC dock wall, dated August 29. Fleet Captain Rick Goldt had received a second quotation of \$27,300 from Dan Hills Excavating of St Thomas dated September 29 for the same work.

Points covered in discussion:

- 1) Cause of the subsidence appears to be a major leak at the foot of the steel sheet piling. As the level of water in the lake changes soil is washed out below the piling. Later the soil next to the wall subsides to fill the space left at the foot of the wall.
- 2) We need to see the extent of the damage to the dock wall before we can make any sound decision on the repair work needed. Fleet Captain Rick Goldt has already arranged for UTRCA staff to lower the water level in the lake so that the wall can be inspected, starting immediately after the first work party. Potential contractors will be invited back to make recommendations once the water level is down.

- 3) Treasurer Wayne Henderson has informed the executive that FYC has the resources to carry out the repair work on the 40ft of damaged piling. Members suggested we should explore the possibility of a Trillium Grant to help with the cost of a partial or complete rebuild of the dock wall.
- 4) Our chances of success would be improved if we were to combine efforts with the Dragon Boaters who are already considering a Trillium application. OSA too has offered its help in preparing trillium applications. However the Trillium approach would likely cause a two-year delay to prepare and judge the application, and the outcome of the request is far from certain.
- 5) Since the repair is happening on land leased from UTRCA we should approach them for some financial support in carrying out the repair.

After the discussion Mark Anderson seconded by Peter Wilkins proposed the motion on the floor be approved. Carried by a show of hands.

Motion to adjourn: Ralph Smith, at 8:07 P.M.