

FANSHAWE YACHT CLUB
FYC Annual General Meeting
HMCS Prevost Wardroom - Thursday, January 21, 2010

Commodore Mark Anderson opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m, with about 30 members and guests present.

Minutes of November 26, 2009 General Meeting

Jack Blocker moved, and Hans Schaffner seconded, a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. **Approved.**

Commodore's Report

Commodore Mark Anderson reported that the Club had "a pretty good year" and thanked the members for the privilege of serving. He also announced that a last-minute proposal by the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority to raise car and boat annual permit fees has delayed the printing of the membership application for 2010, but he expected that it would be mailed next week, after the UTRCA board has acted on the fee proposal. He thanked Kevin Biskaborn for his assistance in revising the application form and preparing it for printing.

Membership Report

Membership chair Nina Myers reported a total membership for 2009 of 107, including 4 corporate, 82 owners, 4 sailing, 1 sailing/lease, 3 crew, 5 crew/lease, and 4 student members. Not included in this total are 84 dragon boat individual members in two clubs and 8 sailing school instructors as sailing members. The total was 7 less than in 2008 and 11 less than in 2007. (report on file)

Report of the Fleet Captain

Rick Goldt reported that repairs were again necessary for the floating docks, and that the new ramps were a useful addition. Additional messenger chain for the moorings will be ordered this year. Major repairs to the main dock have been budgeted for this season and should be completed during an extended period of low water. The barge will need minor repairs, and the installation of carpeted bumpers on the main dock should be continued. (report on file)

Sailing School Report

Sailing School Director Peter Wilkins delivered the Sailing School report for 2009. He reported a successful year in training new sailors, although the enrolment in both youth and adult programs was down from the previous year. Course registration in the junior program was 47 White Sail in 5 courses, 12 Bronze in 2 courses, and 6 in the racing program. In the adult program, there were 40 White Sail in 4 classes and 1 Bronze Sail in one class. He noted that the Canadian Yachting Association is restructuring the coaching system, and that our club, as well as others, is trying to cope with the implications of these changes. Emily Durward will succeed Peter Norris as Instructor/Manager. He concluded by thanking all those who had contributed to the achievements of the school. (report on file)

Treasurer's Report – no report.

Secretary's Report

Jack Blocker presented a brief report on enquiries to the FYC website, for which the Secretary serves as the primary contact. There were enquiries in 2009 from 139 individuals, mostly during the spring and summer and most concerning the Sailing School. Comparing the number of enquiries during the April-December period reported on last year found 16 percent fewer, although in private conversation later Kevin Biskaborn noted that the presence of a "Frequently Asked Questions" section on the Club website could account for the drop. (report on file)

Nominating Committee Report

Paul Chesman presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Those nominated were:

Commodore:	Brian Hurst	Treasurer:	Wayne Henderson
Vice Commodore:	Doug Carey	Secretary:	Jack Blocker
Rear Commodore:	Roy Elworthy		
Fleet Captain:	Marc Lacoursiere (who was not on the initial slate, but who graciously volunteered)		
Director, Sailing School:	Peter Wilkins		
Chair, Nominating Comm.:	Mark Anderson		

No further nominations were made. Hans Schaffner moved, and Jeff Eames seconded, a motion that the slate be elected. **Approved.** (report on file)

In addition, Paul reported the following appointments:

Membership Chair	Nina Myers
Public Relations Chair	Mike Morris
Communications Committee	Sue Goldt
Editor FYC Scuttlebutt	Sue Goldt
Harbour Master	Rob Perquin
Dock Marshal, North Dock	Simon Baarbé
Dock Marshal, South Dock	Peter James
Parking Area Marshal	Brian Perry
Boat Master	Jim Mackenzie
Safety Officer	Ross Green
Sportswear Coordinator	Lori Chesman
Website Coordinator	Kevin Biskaborn

Inauguration of the Commodore for 2010

Brian Hurst was inaugurated as Commodore for 2010. In his address, Commodore Hurst thanked the members and officers for their efforts to sustain the Club and encouraged everyone to continue to support our sport. He promised to promote more social events at the Club and to work aggressively to increase the membership numbers. (address on file)

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Blocker, Secretary