

FANSHAWE YACHT CLUB
FYC General Meeting
HMCS Prevost Wardroom - Thursday, March 18, 2010

Commodore Brian Hurst opened the meeting at 7:13 p.m, with 21 members and guests present.

Minutes of February 18, 2010 General Meeting

Moved (Paul Chesman, Rick Goldt) to adopt the minutes as distributed. **Approved.** Copies of the agenda and minutes had been circulated by email and were also available at the meeting. Financial documents were distributed at the meeting (on file).

Old Business

A financial summary for 1995-2009 was presented as directed in the motion passed at the February 18th meeting (on file). Mark Anderson expressed the Club's thanks to John Bryant and Doug Mackenzie for updating the report. In answer to a question about the location of Club records, John Bryant responded that records prior to the last five years are archived in the Regional Room at D. B. Weldon Library, University of Western Ontario. In answer to a question about the Trillium Foundation grant in 2004, Marc Lacoursiere described how the proceeds were disbursed. John Bryant explained that the high Sailing School excess of revenue over costs (\$20,091) in 2007 had been achieved through a combination of a good year for student registrations and low expenses, since no new boats were purchased. The summary was accepted without further discussion.

Preparations for Sailing Season

Rick Goldt presented a list of major projects to be addressed during the work parties. Commodore Brian Hurst said that the list would be distributed as an email attachment. Fleet Captain Marc Lacoursiere is working with the list and will be recruiting volunteers to begin work soon, if possible before the first work party. Welding repairs on the barge, for example, must be finished expeditiously. The timing of welding done on the main dock will be contingent on the water level and clearing of trash. The executive will try not to rent welding equipment for more than one day. Marc further reported that the executive has located an experienced welder ready to do the work needed.

Paul Chesman asked whether, if the membership numbers are down this year, projects will have to be cut to balance expenses with income. Marc Lacoursiere and Brian Hurst noted that most projects, while important, are fairly small, and it is expected that all can be handled with available funds.

Sailing School Report

Sailing School Director Peter Wilkins reported that registrations are proceeding normally. He has hired instructors for the season. Paul Chesman, Chair of the leasing program, said he was concerned that leasing members may not be able to find CL14s when they come for evening sailing, when the boats will be in use by adult students after the latter's training is complete. Boats may appear to be available but not be useable because parts are missing. Boats with missing parts should not be launched until faults are cleared. Paul also provided a sample form with which to report needed repairs, and noted that boats should be checked for faults each

evening. Sailing School Head Instructor Emily Durward said she will appoint an instructor to report on each area of Sailing School responsibility at the end of every sailing day. Doug Mackenzie congratulated Emily on her plan, and also pointed out that the Sailing School budget for boat repairs may be inadequate to carry out needed repairs.

In answer to a question, Brian Hurst reported that he has located a supplier for new keys which will open the main gate and the narrow gate. Each paid-up member will receive a new key with his/her registration. A deposit, possibly \$20, will be charged for the new keys. Brian noted that the purpose of the new lock is to control entry during nights and weekends when the Club is closed. Nina Myers pointed out that another problem that it is hoped the new lock will address is former Sailing School instructors who have brought their own boats to the Club but have not paid registration or permit fees.

New Business

Ralph Smith asked if the Club now has a sling for handicapped sailors. Brian Hurst and John Bryant replied that Community Living has its own spreader and sling, that Woodeden doesn't use the hoist, and that a safety strap, which was supplied with the hoist, should always be used. Ralph agreed to investigate the question of FYC liability in the event of an accident to any user of the hoist.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Bryant, Recorder, and Jack Blocker, Secretary