

FANSHAWE YACHT CLUB
FYC General Meeting
HMCS Prevost Wardroom - Thursday, April 22, 2011

Commodore Paul Chesman opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m, with 27 members and guests present.

Minutes of March 24, 2011 General Meeting

Kevin Biskaborn pointed out that the motion governing eligibility in the Club Championship regatta passed at the meeting referred to eligibility for the Club Championship race, not the regatta as a whole. Jack Blocker moved, and Doug Mackenzie seconded, a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. **Approved.** Jack Blocker also noted that a financial statement as of March 31, provided by Bookkeeper Wayne Henderson, had been received and copies were available for members' information (on file).

Old Business

- *2010 Financial Statement (on file).* Doug Mackenzie asked about the invested funds and was informed that that the Club has \$60,000 invested in a one-year Guaranteed Investment Certificate at 0.95 percent. He also inquired about the \$3,570 key deposit, and Nina Myers responded that there are many keys outstanding. Doug asked why there was no amount entered as revenue for association dues, and Jack Blocker responded that the revenue was included this year in the registration fees line. Doug congratulated the Sailing School on the lower salary amount paid last year. Jack Blocker reported for Wayne Henderson that the audit of last year's books is not yet complete.
- *Volunteering and Opt-out Payment.* Moved (John Kabel, Bob Magill), That those members not opting out of volunteer duty by paying the required fee at membership renewal, but not completing 24 hours of volunteer work for Fanshawe Yacht Club by the end of the Club Banquet in a given year, be invoiced on December 15 for an amount up to \$100, prorated for the work they did complete. Members who believe they have been so invoiced in error will have 30 days to prove service or plead extenuating circumstances, to the satisfaction of the Executive. Members still required to pay the opt-out fee must do so before membership fees are next due or be refused membership renewal until the fee is paid. After a spirited discussion, John Kabel moved, and Mark Anderson seconded, a motion to table the motion on volunteering. **Approved.** Jack Blocker noted that the matter will be placed on the agenda for the November meeting.
- *Sailing School Committee.* Peter Wilkins reported that the executive resolved at its last meeting to recruit additional members for the committee and to require that the committee meet together at least three times during the year. The nominating committee is recruiting those members, and he expects that the group will meet in the next few weeks to organize itself.
- *Club Championship Regatta.* Moved (Kabel, Mike Morris), To rescind the motion governing eligibility for the Club Championship passed at the General Meeting of March 24, 2011. **Approved.** Kevin Biskaborn moved, and Jeff Eames seconded, the following motion: A sailboat and its crew may participate in the FYC Club Championship Regatta as long as the sailboat is registered at FYC and bears a valid UTRCA boat pass for the current season and at all times during the regatta, the crew consists of at least one

permanent sailor who is a current FYC member (or Sailing School student) in good standing; no additional restriction is necessary for the Champions race. Kevin's argument on this and other matters is spelled out in a memo addressed to Club members and distributed at the meeting (on file). Following discussion, the motion was **Approved**.

Update on Preparations for the Sailing Season

- Rear Commodore John Kabel reported that a Racing Committee had been formed consisting of the following members: Kabel, Chair; Mary Watson, Secretary; Emily Durward, representing the Sailing School; Doug Mackenzie, representing the open fleet; Brad Biskaborn, representing the Laser fleet; and Ravi Gupta. He also reported that material has been ordered for new flags and that Mrs. Kabel has kindly agreed to make the flags.
- Fleet Captain Hans Schaffner reported on the work to be done at the second or third work parties if not before. The new section of the South dock is 90 percent completed. The barge and the four South dock sections need to be launched. The portion of the old Sailing School dock required for six boats needs to be launched, and the remainder to be scrapped. Some new metal hooks must be welded on the Main Dock before the installation of the carpets. A 20-yard container will be at the Club for the last work party on May 7. A crew of 6-8 strong people is required to load the container with items identified with orange paint.
- Vice Commodore Roy Elworthy reported that the stairs from the Chalet to the Main Dock are being repaired due to damage to the lower section. He also asked for and received feedback on a proposal to erect a canopy over the west door to the Chalet.
- Commodore. No report.

Updated Sailing School Report

Sailing School Director Peter Wilkins reported that registration is continuing for both adults and juniors. Hiring for all staff positions is nearly complete. Progress in work on the Sailing School at the first work party was limited due to the weather and the turnout. A crew was busy at the work party assessing the existing dock units. The plan is to use the existing docks for six boats and to purchase new units for another four to evaluate their potential as a complete replacement system. A decision has not yet been made on which of two possible suppliers to choose. One of the dock suppliers may bring a unit to the Club during the next work party on April 30 for evaluation. Moved (Wilkins, Schaffner), To purchase two CL-14s for a total cost of \$15,165.20 plus HST from the proceeds of Josie Scarlett's legacy. In discussion, it was suggested that in future a smaller and less expensive boat should be considered. The motion was **Approved**. Moved (Wilkins, Steve Currie), To purchase a Lund coach boat from budgeted monies. **Approved**. (Report on file)

New Business

- Moved (Kevin Biskaborn, Kabel), To remove "Commodore's Cup" from the name of the June regatta. **Approved**.
- Moved (Morris, John Burgess), An amount of money approximately equal to the highest loss of the school in the past years be set aside from the Josie Scarlett donation for a period of 5 years. This amount of money (\$15,000) is to cover any losses during that five

years until used up. If at the end of the five years all the money has not been required for loss coverage all remaining funds will be released to the school to do with as they wish.

Defeated.

- Moved (John Bryant, Brian Perry), To refer the matter of the financial relations between the Club and the Sailing School to an ad hoc committee to report back at the next General Meeting, November 18, 2011. **Approved.** The committee is to consist of John Bryant, Doug Mackenzie, Nina Myers, and Peter Wilkins.
- Jens Biskaborn asked about repairing the light on the Main Dock. Paul Chesman suggested installing solar lights.
- Paul Chesman said that two new barbecues and a new water heater will be purchased.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Blocker, Secretary