
MINUTES – GEORGIAN YACHT CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HELD: Mon. Dec. 2, 2024. In person

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Present: Mike Forcier (Commodore), John Griffith, Chris Haslam, , Jason Lehtovaara, Joseph Hardin, Menno Harmsen, Becky Middlebrook(Past Commodore)

Present Virtual: Peter Struthers, John Gilbert, Sarah Fenton, Kurtis Mink(and in person)

Regrets: Murray Arnold, Joe Fryer

Guest: None

Meeting called to order 6:15pm

Conflicts – J. Griffith raised concern, dismissed as not a conflict.

Note: Passing of 2 members

Carl Ingliss Nov. 9, 2024

Past Commodore Jim Vanplew Nov. 17, 2024

Motion to Accept Agenda

Moved by: Menno Harmsen

Seconded by: Joseph Hardin

Carried Unanimously

Motion to Accept Minutes from November, 2024 meeting

Amendments made noting passing of members in minutes. Updated, posted online/website

Moved by: Chris Haslam

Seconded by: Joseph Hardin

Carried Unanimously

Business arising from last Meeting

Action plan Updated.

See PDF

Breakwinders update letter from R. Suke, issue closed.

Discussion of future letters issued to members

New applications for Associate

Motion 12/02/2024-304: The GYC accept Brodie McGruer as an Associate

Moved by: Sarah Fenton

Seconded by: John Gilbert

Carried: Unanimously

Motion 12/02/2024-305: The GYC accept Lia Edgar as an Associate.

Moved by: Sarah Fenton

Seconded by: Jason Lehtovaara

Carried: Unanimously

Motion 12/02/2024-306: The GYC accept Terry Macrae to the B List .

Moved by: Sarah Fenton

Seconded by: Menno Harmsen

Carried: Unanimously

Motion 12/02/2024-307: The GYC accept Bill Langdon to the B List.

Moved by: Sarah Fenton

Seconded by: Mike Forcier

Carried: Unanimously

Motion 12/02/2024-308: That the GYC accept John Denbok to the B List.

Moved by: Sarah Fenton

Seconded by: John Gilbert

Carried: Unanimously

Motion 12/02/2024-309

Change of mooring policy

The Owen Sound Unit of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be operating a rescue boat out of the GYC. The on-duty season for the rescue boat starts earlier, and ends later, than the normal GYC wet season so the “Out of Water Season Deadline” policy needs to be updated. The following changes are required (changes in red and underlined).

Policy Statement: All boats must be out of the water prior to November 15th every year, or before the water in the basins freezes, whichever comes first. Boats must not be brought into the basins until April 15th every year, or until the water in the basins thaws, whichever comes last.

Reason for Policy: If a boat is left in the basin during freezing conditions it could result in permanent damage to the boat and to Club property including the release of pollution.

Scope: This policy applies to all Members with a boat in the Club. Exceptions may be granted by the Board of Directors on a case by case basis.

Moved By: John Gilbert Seconded by: Chris Haslam

Carried: 8 in Favor 2 Abstained

Financial report –draft of the 2025 budget. Most items on in both income and expenses are usually consistent year to year. The items I would like to bring to your attention for discussion are

1) Improvements. added in 95,000 dollar for improvements this year. This includes 20,000 carried forward from 2024 and an additional 18,000 in docking improvements, 10,000 for the swim dock, 2,000 for white cloud and 45,000 for engineering reports.

If the board decides to move ahead with all the improvements this would require moving 60,000 dollars from our property improvement funds to balance the budget. We have about 220,000 dollars in this fund and it increase about 17,000 every year with initiation fees.

Motion: To Accept the Committee reports as submitted

Moved by: Menno Harmsen

Seconded by: Joseph Hardin

Carried: Unanimously

Discussion followed, items included:

- Peter Struthers reminding about invoices due date Nov 30 extensions on a case by case basis
- Menno discussion re: bubblers/circulation pump to be installed this month
- Mike Forcier Organizing a ad hoc committee re: volunteerism – first meeting held Nov 28, 2024
- Property improvement ideas

New Business

Historical – Senior Members to assist with “Throw back Thursdays” pictures, stories, events.

Planning, further meeting regarding Options presented by Engineering firm re: basin, docks, revetting, etc. Committee to evaluate and find vendors.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:13 pm.

Joeseh Hardin

