

**Canadian Wayfarer Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

37 Meadowcrest Rd. Toronto

Saturday 22 October 2016, 10:00 am

In attendance: Anne Pugh, Al Schonborn, Alastair Ryder-Turner, Hans Gottschling, Scott Ramsay (via Skype from Waterloo) Dave Hansman (via Skype from North Bay), Steph Romaniuk (via Skype from Parry Sound), Sue Pilling (via Skype from Parry Sound)

Regrets: Leo Van Kampen, Jan d'Ailly, Alan Asselstine, Mike Codd, Kit Wallace

1. Minutes of the meeting of 17 April 2016 (moved by Scott, seconded by Alastair):
carried

2. AGM Date and Agenda

- Anne recommended that the date be set and the agenda finalized and distributed in November, include vote on amendments as major motion at AGM;
- Following some discussion about potential dates, especially about whether or not to tie the meeting to the Boat Show, there was consensus in favour of Saturday 14 January at TS&CC;
- There was agreement that in future years consideration should be given to holding the AGM in another month;
- AGM Agenda Items:
- Discussion around the vote on the amendments to the constitution settled on holding an in person vote at the AGM, and solicit proxy votes from members who are unable to attend;
- The AGM will also need to include discussion of technical revisions, eg window size at meetings, pinning the tack of the mainsail to the boom;
- Membership fees to be left as is depending on the state of the finances, including any liabilities;
- There was some discussion of membership bonuses to offer this year: calendar, DVD or nothing
- there was consensus against producing a DVD
- there was discussion about the value of producing a calendar leaning in favour and perhaps producing them early;
- Dave made a point that 2017 is the 60th anniversary of the Wayfarer, which could also be a prompt for some special recognition and publicity in some of the major sailing magazines over the year; [Action: Steph will draft a press piece that can be sent out for publication; to be circulated among the Executive for comments]

3. Financial Report

- Mike C had given Anne a brief statement of the bank balance (~\$2400) but a full

financial report will be discussed at the next meeting;

- Steph reported on some successes at tracking down advertising, including the return of some previous advertisers;
- Steph also reported that 31 of 40 buffs have been sold, for \$300 of revenue;
- There was also some discussion of whether to include ads on the calendar, and where they might be placed; there was some agreement that placing them in blank day spaces or as a banner across the bottom of the page might work;

4. Awards

- Al has proposed a change to the scoring for the Storer Trophy that would include all regattas scored by the number of boats that you beat in each event, and a participation point for each event sailed; the proposal eliminates the distinction between gold and silver events, and offers a simple way to score that rewards competitor involvement; one concern that was discussed was the heavy weighting the proposal gives to events that are always well attended, and could allow a boat to win without competing in any of the major events; the proposal does achieve the goals in the original dedication of the trophy; consensus was to bring the proposal to the AGM for discussion and approval for 2017;
- Al, Hans and Alastair as a subcommittee discussed nominees for the 2016 awards;
- Al outlined the recommendations of the subcommittee including the reasons for each;
- Al is still looking for input on suggestions for the best cruising log, rookie of the year, and most interesting act of seamanship;
- final discussion and approval of the award winners will be on the agenda at the next executive meeting, and approval of a budget for prizes to be awarded at the AGM;

5. Events for 2017

- Anne announced that the Duncan's have taken up responsibility for organizing the MSC CL/W regatta, and the dates are set for 26 – 27 August;
- North Americans: proposed for 22 – 23 July, the weekend at the end of the Wellesley Island International Rally; Cobourg is available as is TS&CC; a number of overseas Wayfarers have expressed their interest to attend; consensus was in favour of holding the event at TS&CC;
- Ontarios: SPS is interested in hosting again; Sue has suggested the possibility of a boat rescue course in advance of the event; Al expressed some concerns about the course layout and suggested that a decision to race at SPS should be contingent on the CWA having some input on course layout: the main issues were preferences for upwind vs downwind finishes, and open vs closed start-finish line; consensus was in favour of taking the Ontarios back to SPS if the organizing committee will accept input from the CWA on the course details, with our expectation to have an open start-finish line; the suggested date is 12 – 13 August [Action: Sue will take the suggestions to SPS and report back at the next Executive meeting];
- Canadians: Anne reported that Cobourg is enthusiastic about hosting another event, and flexible on dates; there was considerable discussion of possible dates, especially avoiding piggy-backing on other annual events; Dave mentioned that there has been some discussion of having the North Bay weekend moved to the week after Canada Day (i.e.,

8 – 9 July in 2017; concerns about proximity to the rally), which led to some discussion of whether hosting the Canadians at North Bay might reignite interest in the event; discussion then focussed on how holding a major regatta at North Bay would affect the traditional elements of the North Bay weekend, and the logistics of organizing a race committee;

- Dave raised the issue of being more pro-active in advertising our events to CL sailors to encourage their participation; the key issue seems to be that many seem to be reluctant to travel for regattas
- Warm Water Regatta: plans are in the works to maintain the same format as 2016, at the start of the season in June, with a Thomas Fogh-led training day on Saturday and racing on Sunday; if it were scheduled early (i.e., 10 – 11 June), North Bay could be scheduled for 24 – 25 June;
- Anne suggested polling the regular regatta participants to see which weekend for North Bay would attract the most interest; however, consensus was leaning in favour of holding the Canadians on 8 – 9 July at North Bay; [Action: Dave will take the proposal to the organizers at North Bay]
- Al mentioned plans to have some single-handed racing at TS&CC;
- [Agenda Item]

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 19 November.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm (moved by Dave and seconded by Hans)