

**Canadian Wayfarer Association  
Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday 27 March 2021, 7:00 pm**

**Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

In attendance: Rob Wierdsma, Scott Ramsay, Jan d'Ailly, Al and Julia Schonborn, Les Sherratt, Mike Codd, Sue Pilling and Steph Romaniuk, Marg and Mike Duncan, Rob Wierdsma Kit Wallace and Patsy Poulin, Anne and David Pugh, Annelies Groen, Bill Harkins, Margie McKelvey, Dave Hansman, Peter Frost, Peggies Menzies, John Cawthorne, Bruce and Katrina Idleman, Alan Asselstine, Leo and Joanne Van Kampen Fred and Anne McNutt, John Weakley, Jim and Linda Heffernan, Robin Allardyce.

1. Call to Order and Commodore's Welcome

- Rob Wierdsma called the meeting to order, welcomed the members to the meeting, and offered some brief thoughts on the 2020 sailing season. He offered his hopes that 2021 will be a better season, and that we can look forward to a well attended International championship in Florida.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 AGM (moved by Scott Ramsay, seconded by Mike Codd): approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Mike Codd presented financial reports for both 2019 and 2020;
- The total cash on hand at the end of 2019 was \$3398.73; based on total income of \$2383.06 and expenses of \$2098.13, the net income was \$284.93
- The total cash on hand at the end of 2020 was \$9848.46; based on total income of \$7135.05 (including a \$5000.00 donation) and total expenses of \$1417.09, giving a total of \$5717.96 net income;
- Mike moved approval of the financial report as presented (seconded by Dave Hansman).

4. Membership Report

- Kit Wallace thanked everyone for joining the meeting, noting that attendance is quite a bit better than would we would normally have at a face-to-face meeting;
- 51 members in total (lower than at this time of year historically), including 14 honorary members; renewals continue to come in;
- Kit also highlighted some of the communication he has had with new members recently, looking forward to opportunities to sail in the coming season;
- Rob Wierdsma reminded the members in attendance that the association made some laminated cards that can be circulated to encourage people who sail Wayfarers to join the Association.

5. WIC Business

- Al Schonborn reported that a number of items pertaining to class rules had been circulated to the national associations but other than the rule proposal under business item 6, there was consensus that all the items were fine and not in need of refinement;

6. Class Rules

- Al Schonborn gave a brief presentation about the issue of using a tack strap to attach the tack of the mainsail to the mast; only CWA and NedWA are in favour of latitude on allowing tack straps
- Motion: That the following dispensation be added to the Class rules – “Mainsails purchased before 1 July 2021 may be attached at the tack to the mast using a tack strap, as an alternative to a pin attached to the boom, in events where the use of such a strap is not explicitly forbidden.” (move by Al Schonborn, seconded by Leo Van Kampen); carried

## 6. Other Business

- Peggy Menzies and Jim Heffernan (USWA) reported that the dates for the next Wayfarer International Championship have been set for 6 – 11 March 2022, at Lake Eustis in Florida;
  - if international travel continues to be restricted the dates may be revised;
  - assuming everything goes to plan the NOR will be released in late August 2021;
  - An email list has been set up for anyone who wishes to receive regular updates; details for being added to the list have been posted on the website.
  - Preliminary expressions of interest suggest there may be as many as 50 boats competing;
  - In response to a question Jim reported that plans are still uncertain about whether there would be a mid-winter regatta in January 2022;
  - Jim also mentioned that some plans are in development to host an international rally at Cedar Key.

## 7. Election of Officers for 2021

- The following members of the Executive Committee have agreed to stand for re-election: Rob Wierdsma (Commodore), Anne Pugh (Past Commodore), Jan d’Ailly (Vice-Commodore), Scott Ramsay (Secretary), Mike Codd (Treasurer), Kit Wallace (Membership), Leo Van Kampen (Chief Measurer), Al Schonborn (Racing Secretary, Communications Officer, WIC Representative), Alan Asselstine (Cruising Secretary), Steph Romaniuk (Advertising Director), Sue Pilling (General Member), Alastair Ryder-Turner (General Member);
- There were no other nominations;
- Motion to approve the slate of nominees as presented (moved by Mike Duncan, seconded by John Weakley): carried;

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm (moved Jan d’Ailly, seconded by Alan Asselsine).

**Canadian Wayfarer Association  
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**Saturday 6 January 2018**

**Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club**

**Minutes**

*In attendance: Anne and David Pugh, Michael Codd, Jan and Alannah d'Ailly, Leo and Joanne Van Kampen, Bob Stevenson, David Hansman, Rob Wierdsma, Al and Julia Schonborn, Mark Bennett, Julie Seraphinoff, Kit and Patsy Wallace, Sue Pilling, Steph Romaniuk, John Weakley; Hans Gottschling; Alastair and Sharon Ryder-Turner; Scott Ramsay*

1. Call to Order and Chair's Welcome

- Anne called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm, and welcomed everyone who made the effort to attend;
- Anne commented that 2017 overall was a good year with the exception of the cancellation of the North Bay regatta;
- 2018 promises more successes and a strengthened effort to encourage participation by the membership.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM

- Scott Ramsay moved approval of the minutes as presented (seconded by Jan d'Ailly): carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Mike Codd presented the annual financial statements for 2017;
- As of 31 Dec 2017 there was \$2577.06 in the bank with no outstanding accounts payable;
- Annual revenues were \$3143.78, an increase of nearly \$1200 over 2016,
  - increases in revenue came from advertising, sales of Wayfarer books, and "other income";
- Expenses were \$3121.64 compared to \$774.89 in 2016, with
  - the biggest increase in expenses were on calendars (production and postage; both 2016 and 2017 calendars were expensed in 2017), training (to be self-funding in future), and trophies (one-time costs);
- Net revenue over expenses were \$22.14;
- Mike moved approval of the financial report as presented (seconded by Al Schonborn): carried;

4. Membership Report

- Kit Wallace reported that the association ended the year with a total of 68 members, including 14 honorary life members and four supporters;
- Kit noted that membership is declining;
- On a positive note there are already two new paid members for 2018;
- Anne set out a challenge that members should encourage active sailors at their home clubs to join the association;
- There was additional discussion of ideas that might expand the membership, including try-it days, outreach to club commodores to connect with participants at adult sailing schools, pro-am races, etc.; the executive will follow up at its next meeting to consider some initiatives to pursue;

## 5. WIC Business

- MOTION: That the Canadian Wayfarer Association approves of the proposed amendments to class rule G.3.3(e) increasing the allowed tolerances for sail head buoyancy.
  - There was broad consensus that the change is unlikely to be adopted by racers;
  - Moved by Rob Wierdsma; seconded by David Hansman; carried unanimously;
- MOTION: That the Canadian Wayfarer Association approves of the proposed addition of class rule G.3.3(f) requiring the tack of the mainsail to be pinned to the boom.
  - This motion arose from disagreement over the interpretation of the class rules at the most recent World Championships;
  - There were several comments speaking against the proposal;
  - There was also some question about the desirability to be as prescriptive as the proposal would suggest;
  - Moved by Mike Codd; seconded by Steph Romaniuk: in favour – 1, opposed – 10, abstentions – 1; motion defeated;
- The results of the votes will be communicated to the WIC;

## 6. Other Business

- Jan d'Ailly mentioned that the theme for the Warm Water Regatta is Spanish;
- David Hansman mentioned that North Bay YC is interested in hosting the National Long Distance race as a second day in conjunction with their Canada Day regatta, 1 – 2 July;

## 7. Election of Officers for 2018

- Anne spoke to her desire to step aside from chairing the executive;
  - Rob Wierdsma put his name forward to serve as chair for 2018;
  - Jan d'Ailly put his name forward to serve as vice-chair for the year with the expectation he would transition to chair for 2019;
  - All other executive members have indicated their willingness to continue serving;
  - There were no other nominations;
  - Motion to approve the slate (moved by Mike Codd; seconded by Steph Romaniuk); carried

*Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm*