

**Canadian Wayfarer Association
Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 18 January 2025, 6:30 pm

Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club

Minutes

In attendance:

- In person – Mike Codd and Bev Knight, Scott Ramsay, Les Sherratt, Rob Wierdsma, John Koetsier, Alastair Ryder-Turner, George Waller, Al and Julia Schonborn, Kit and Patsy Wallace, Bob Stephenson and Rebecca Cowdery, Leo and Joanne Van Kampen, Phoebe Wang, John Cawthorne, Hans Gottschling, Steph Romaniuk, Sue Pilling, Jan and Alannah d'Ailly, Robert and Stevinnina Drassinouer, Ross Thompson
- Online via Teams – Dave Hansman,

1. Call to Order and Chair's Welcome

- Rob Wierdsma called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- He commented on how nice it is to see everyone together at our traditional venue.

2. Minutes of the 2024 AGM

- One correction: spelling of John Koetsier under item 7.
- Approval (moved by Scott Ramsay, seconded by Mike Codd); carried

3. Treasurer's Report

- Mike Codd presented the financial statements for 2024;
- The Association received \$1795.80 in revenues, with expenses of \$1979.49, for a net loss of \$183.69 (compared to net revenue of \$842.19 in 2023)
- Total assets at the end of 2024 wer \$13,397.74 (compared with \$13,060.03 in 2024)
- Approval (moved by Mike Codd, seconded by Steph Romaniuk); carried

4. Membership Report

- Kit Wallace reported that the association finished 2024 with 64 members in total (the same as 2023);
- Membership renewals for 2025 are starting to come in.
- Kit noted that there has been some feedback from members about e-transfers relating to the set-up of the website; the issue is being addressed.

5. WIC Business

- As anticipated in 2024, SWS has brought forward a proposal to delete Rule 35.5. The effect would be to allow carriage of two spinnakers on board a boat during racing, similar to the current CWA dispensation.
 - There was brief discussion on of the rationale and implications of the rule change;
 - Motion to approve the deletion of Rule 35.5 (moved by John Koetsier; seconded by Al Schonborn); carried
 - **[Action: when the rule change receives full ratification from the other national**

associations, then the CWA dispensation will need to be deleted]

6. Other Business

- Honorary Commodore, Dave Hansman, offered some thoughts on the success of Wayfarer racing over the last year, in terms of both the successes of the racers in the fleet, and the solid volunteerism that has supported our regattas; he noted that there are concerns around the world about how to recruit new racers in younger age groups, similar to the challenges we are facing with an aging fleet. The Association will have to be open to adaptive solutions to sustain (and build) the fleet.
 - Dave also offered his thanks to the members of the Executive for their efforts at keeping the Association functioning so well.

7. Election of the Executive for 2025

Rob Wierdsma noted the current executive membership:

- Honorary Commodore, Dave Hansman
- Chair, Rob Wierdsma
- Past Chair, vacant
- Vice-chair, Jan d'Ailly
- Trophy Secretary, vacant
- Treasurer, Mike Codd
- Secretary, Scott Ramsay
- Membership Secretary, Kit Wallace, WIC Rep
- Racing Secretary, Class Coach, Webmaster, Al Schonborn
- Cruising Secretary, Alan Asselstine
- Chief Measurer, Leo Van Kampen
- Webmaster's Apprentice, John Koetsier
- Advertising Director, Alastair Ryder-Turner
- Members-at-large: Steph Romaniuk, Sue Pilling

Rob called for nominations from the floor: none came forward.

Motion to approve the slate (moved by Jan d'Ailly; seconded by John Cawthorn); carried

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm (moved by Jan d'Ailly; seconded by Alastair Ryder-Turner)