

**Canadian Wayfarer Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club  
Saturday 18 January 2014, 6:00 pm**

**Minutes**

*In attendance: Kirk Iredale, Leo and Joanne Van Kampen, Alex and Peter Rahn, Carol and Dave Hansman, Anne and David Pugh, Bob Stevenson, Kit and Patsy Wallace, Jan and Allannah d'Ailly, Hans Gottschling, John Weakley, Tom Wharton, Heider Funck, Steph Romaniuk, Sue Pilling, Mike Codd (Chair), Rob Wierdsma, Allastair Ryder-Turner, Al and Julia Schonborn, Eric Johanson, Mike and Marg Duncan, Leo Savitsky, Doug Tatton, Annelies Groen, Barry Hitchcock, Robert Currie, Doug and Alicia Ryan, Paul Rogers, Dirk Townsend*

1. Chair's Welcome

- Mike Codd welcomed the members to the meeting, and asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Adoption and Approval of 2013 AGM Minutes

- Motion to approve as presented (Scott Ramsay, seconded by Allastair Ryder-Turner); approved. No business arising.

3. 2013 Yearbook DVD status

- Uncle Al has them and they will be distributed to those in attendance.

4. Membership Status

- Kit Wallace presented the membership report: there were 83 members, including 7 honorary members in 2013. Kit responded to some questions about how the numbers compare to recent years: they are down some.

5. 2013 World's Wrap-up

- Rob Wierdsma reported that feedback received on the regatta has been overwhelmingly positive;
- the participation was lower than expected;
- the final financial report will be issued at the MSC AGM, which is upcoming;
- the sale of the Mark IVs at the end of the regatta was also good news for the fleet;
- a list of lessons learned would be helpful for future organizing committees;
- there was some discussion of reasons why the number of participants from the UK was lower than expected;
- a note of thanks was extended to the Organizing Committee for all their effort;
- thanks were also extended to the race committee.

6. Class Rule Changes

- no changes have been proposed.

7. Financial Report for 2013

- Mike Codd presented the financial report;

- Income from memberships was down, but there were some donations that brought the total income up compared to 2012;
- net expenses on the AGM were up compared to 2012 but within an acceptable amount;
- boat show costs were down, but there are some outstanding expenses for new signage;
- equipment expenses included a new scanner for Uncle Al, calibration of the scale, fabrication of an aluminum frame and a stamp for measurements;
- membership dues to the WIC is outstanding;
- publications and Wayfarer books came in at net surpluses for the year;
- total expenses were down compared to 2012 for a net income of ~\$1000 for the year; there are some known outstanding accounts payable that will eat up the surplus;
- total assets to date are up at ~\$4700;
- Mike moved approval of the financial report (seconded by Peter Rahn): approved
- Mike moved that the annual dues for 2014 (for any that have not already been paid) be increased to \$35 (seconded by Peter Rahn); there was further discussion of the appropriate amount to sustain the finances of the association (\$35 vs \$40);
- Motion to amend the motion \$40 instead of \$35 (Jan d'Ailly, seconded by Sue Pilling); there was further discussion of the value of membership in the Association to sailors, especially those who are not active racers; the amendment was approved;
- The amended motion to increase the fees was approved;
- There was a suggestion that the Executive should consider alternative membership options for non-participants before the next AGM;

#### 8. Executive for 2013

- Mike Codd expressed his interest in no longer being holding the Chair; he would retain the treasurer role;
- we are looking to refresh the executive with some new representation from the membership;
- Mark Taylor has stepped down as member-at-large; John deBoer has also stepped down;
- Uncle Al mentioned some roles that could benefit the executive, including a vice-chair, librarian/archivist (Sue and Steph expressed willingness to take on the job);
- anyone who would like to volunteer can speak to Mike or Uncle Al;

#### 9. New Business

- a. Discussion of methods to increase class participation (Hartley and Classic divisions debate)
  - Mike explained the context and rationale for the motion that was approved at the Executive in November 2013;
  - Uncle Al posted a forum on the Whiffle Web to gauge the response of the membership to the idea of recognizing both Hartley and Classic finishes;
  - Mike invited Tom Wharton and Heider Funck to present the issue as they see it;
  - There was lots of discussion of the merits of dividing the fleet by mark of boat versus creating divisions based on the experience and skill of sailors; what is more likely to increase participation class regattas?
  - Mike reiterated the point that there is no intention to create two sets of class championships, but rather there is interest in doing things that will increase participation in regattas;
  - Motion to affirm that all Wayfarers will race as a single fleet (moved by Jan d'Ailly, seconded by Rob Wierdsma); approved
  - the Executive is tasked with considering initiatives that will encourage participation in regattas;

b. Other new business

- none

10. Adjournment (moved by AI, seconded by Hans)