

**Canadian Wayfarer Association
Annual General Meeting**

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