

# Lakeshore Yacht Club

## Minutes of February General Membership Meeting

76 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario  
February 15, 2011

At 1930h a quorum was confirmed and the meeting called to order; by the break there were 81 members represented (12 by proxy).

**MOTION:** by Sheldon Street, to approve the minutes of the November 2010 General Membership Meeting: **carried**

### Announcements

- the date of the Arts and Crafts Show is changed to April 10
- the appointment of Sean Furniss as Rear Commodore

### AED Presentation

- a full-day course provided by the Mikey Foundation on the use of the recently acquired automatic external defibrillator (AED) will be held at the club; a number of members and club staff will be attending
- Rick Verbeek will be offering an abbreviated CPR and defibrillator course (duration 2.5 hours) sometime during the last weekend in March; Rick would like to run these short courses continually throughout the year with the goal of having every member participate and to put that out as a challenge to other clubs on the lake

### Broken Prop Award

- presented by Corrine Cairns to Graham Twomey, for running aground in Snug Harbour during a late fall Wednesday Night “race” to the pub

### Work Hours

- the Commodore presented a breakdown by activity of last year’s work hours; members are encouraged to commit to launch/haulout and mast stepping/unstepping activities as these represent a significant effort, contributed to by relatively few and usually the same members year after year

### Dock Extensions

- the Commodore presented a proposal to extend five more fingers at a total cost of \$15,000
- **MOTION:** by Graham Twomey, to proceed with the five dock extensions: **carried**

### Dock Expansion

- the proposed dock expansion would see B-Dock move 48 feet to the west
- requires 15 rock-bolt anchors with chain
- preparations can be made over the summer and work would continue after haul-out as long as weather permits
- the expansion would also provide anchor points for any future Humber Dock Expansion
- the Dock Reserve Fund and the Capital Projects Fund combined are enough to cover the cost of the project, estimated to be \$83,350 (\$16,000 from Reserve and \$67,350 from Capital Projects)
- **MOTION:** by Jim Carr, to proceed with the dock expansion project; **carried**

### Winter Live-aboards

- ballots were distributed at registration, each containing three yes or no questions:
  1. I support the winter live aboard program
  2. I support the motion to increase the number of winter live-aboards to three (3)
  3. I support the motion to limit the term for winter live-aboards to three (3) consecutive years

- several members spoke positively about the program and its benefits to the club during the winter
- the predominant concern revolved around use of the club facilities by the winter live-aboards; are there guidelines in place to distinguish “live-aboard” from “sleep-aboard” and would any perceived excess use of the club extend to members who spend significant time here during the summer
- there was a suggestion that the club is subsidising winter live-aboards; the Commodore confirmed that the current winter live-aboard fee more than adequately covers additional costs, such as hydro, to the club
- Mike Delaney, speaking as a representative of the club's insurance company, confirmed that winter live-aboards do not pose an insurance risk to the club and in fact their consistent presence is preferred
- the Vice Commodore expressed concern that increasing the minimum number of boats would make it arbitrarily more complex for applicants to plan for living board during the winter
- **MOTION:** by Dave Neilson, to amend the second question to make it clear boats are the subject of the proposed increased minimum: **carried**
- the Vice-Commodore went on to say that this and several unrelated issues have contributed to tension and a creeping negativity within the club over the last several years; members are reminded that a process has always been in place to mitigate conflict, but the process is effective only to the extent that it is followed

There was a 20 minute break for refreshments and to allow members to vote.

### Treasurer's Report

- there was a question about the apparently high cost of the boat show this year; it is possible that in past years the deposit and the balance were not accounted for in the same fiscal year; it was pointed out that the cost to the Ontario Boat Builders Association, another not-for-profit organisation, was considerably less but a comparison of booth facilities would be required to make further discussion meaningful
- during the budget presentation there was confusion regarding the allocation of some items; the way things are grouped for the auditors doesn't necessarily match the way they are presented in the budget; members would like to see the relationship mapped more clearly because comparisons are difficult to make otherwise
- members would also like to see the financial statements and proposed budget be available in advance of this meeting if at all possible
- **MOTION:** by Vera Taylor, to approve the proposed budget: **carried**
- **MOTION:** by Kat Street, to approve additional capital items of \$20,000: **carried**

### Ballot Results

- 74 ballots were counted
- question #1: 107 yes, 47 no
- question #2: 49 yes, 105 no
- question #3: 62 yes, 92 no

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

- the club's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo, designed by Brayden Woods, was well received
- the Vice-Commodore spoke of other projects celebrating this event, including a cook book (recipes are still welcome), a stone garden fountain, and the events over the weekend of Sail Past
- the membership was asked to approve spending for one of four options:
  1. \$8500: cookbook (\$1500), garden fountain project (\$3000), entertainment (\$800), Friday night fish fry (\$500), hire kitchen and serving staff for potluck lunch (\$700, each member should be prepared to bring enough food to serve themselves, their guests and up to ten other people), catered evening meal for approximately 80 people (\$2000); members and guests would pay \$10 for the catered evening meal (\$5 for children under 12)
  2. \$9300: cookbook (\$1500), garden fountain project (\$3000), entertainment (\$800), Friday night fish fry (\$500), catered lunch for maximum 140 (\$3500); members and guests would pay \$5/ticket for the catered lunch with a limit on the number of guests per membership (eg. four over the age of 12); this represents membership contribution of approximately 60% toward the cost of lunch with the Club subsidising the remainder
  3. \$7200: cookbook (\$1500), garden fountain project (\$3000), entertainment (\$800), Friday night fish fry (\$500), catered lunch; members would pay \$15/ticket without limit to the number of guests (ie. no subsidy)

- from the Club)
4. \$6500: cookbook (\$1500), garden fountain project (\$3000), entertainment (\$800), Friday night fish fry (\$500), hire kitchen and serving staff for potluck lunch (\$700); each member should be prepared to bring enough food to serve themselves, their guests and up to 10 other people
- a member requested that approval of spending for the garden fountain be voted on separately from the meal options
  - some members were concerned about having access to the club facilities if they weren't participating in a catered lunch (ie. would there be restrictions on use of the kitchen in particular); if the lunch is to be potluck, can competent and effective staff be found to serve and cleanup
  - after much discussion it appeared the question comes down to catered lunch vs. potluck with hired help
  - **MOTION:** by Pat Ferbyack, to approve the installation of the garden fountain; **carried**
  - **MOTION:** by Bill Marlborough, for option 4: **not carried**
  - **MOTION:** by Tri Pham, for a pot luck lunch only, with staff for serving/cleanup; **carried**
  - **MOTION:** by Chris Penn, for a catered meal Saturday evening: **not carried**

### Junior Club

- presentation by Paul Kay on behalf of Brayden Woods
- requests that LSYC support the evolution of the Junior Member as currently defined in the By-Laws
- presently there are no members designated as such, nor have there been any
- an initial framework for the Junior Club includes :
  - a location for a dinghy storage area and a facility (one option is the existing handicap parking area, which would be moved a bit north)
  - a reasonable fee for storage of a Junior Member's dinghy
- the concept of training/lessons is excluded from the initial framework
- **MOTION:** by Sean Furniss, that the Club commits in principal to supporting a Junior Club: **carried**

**MOTION:** by John Witter, to adjourn: carried

Meeting adjourned at 2230h.