

## GLAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, November 30, 2014

Location: National Yacht Club.

Present: Cathie Coultis

Gord Martin

David Tessier

Jeff Willis

Bill Newman

Janet McNally,

Phil Birkenheier

Don Campbell.

Regrets: Rob Feeney, Larry Richardson

Cathie called the meeting to order at 12:45, with welcoming comments.

Minutes of the Sept. 20 meeting had been sent by e-mail, and a few copies were available at the meeting. Moved by Gord to accept the minutes of the Sept. 20, 2014 executive meeting. Seconded by Phil. Carried.

As per unanimous agreement at the last meeting: Gord moved that we change the bylaws, Part 1-6.6.9, to reduce the number of Directors at Large from two to one, and to substitute Sail Canada for CYA wherever shown in the bylaws. Seconded by Jeff. Carried.

**Commodore:** Cathie advised that the 50<sup>th</sup> page on the website will become an archival page. She complimented us on a good turnout for executive meetings, but noted that our membership is down to 63 members. Cathie confirmed that renewal packages will be sent to lapsed members. We discussed having 2 live executive meetings and 2 electronic meetings next year, with the spring and Nov meetings being live. Most agreed.

**Secretary:** Gord contacted Ron at Triton Sails for sponsorship and was given a yes; but not right now as he is too busy. The secretary prepared the AGM proxy.

**Treasurer:** Phil submitted a financial report to Nov. 30/14 showing a bank balance of \$883.44. He also entered a report on 50<sup>th</sup> income and expenses, and budgets for next year. Phil emphasized that we must stick to a tight budget.

**Membership:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Jeff advised that the next newsletter will be a brief newsflash promoting the AGM. Jeff moved to have three newsletters per year instead of four. Seconded by Gord. Carried. Newsletters would be spring, fall, and winter.

**Director at Large:** David had nothing new to report.

**Racing:** Janet commented that it was very hard to get responses from clubs when trying to organize races. She would like to have the Syronelle at NYC. APSC has invited us, but difficult drive in limits the appeal. APSC may be better for the Great Lakes Championship. There are sufficient flags in stock for the years racing.

**Cruising:** Bill again expressed frustration with poor turnout at cruising events, considering the time it took to organize them. It was especially hard to organize around holiday weekends. We seem to have a consensus to go to a less formal organization of cruises, with an eblast going out when someone has a plan. There will not be an Eastern Lake Ontario Rendezvous next year. Cruising will not need a budget for 2015.

**New business:** Cathie asked again if anyone had received a cruising log for the Gordon M Proctor Memorial Trophy. As there were none received, this trophy will not be awarded this year.

The Die Hard Trophy will go to Gord Laco for moving his boat all the way from Georgian Bay for one race.

Phil mentioned that he is allocating money for racing flag purchase, so that it will not be a big hit in one budget year.

Discussion of NYC vs. Cherry Street Restaurant for the AGM venue. The room cost at NYC would necessitate asking for advance payment, probably turning many people off.

Moved by Gord to have the AGM at Cherry Street Restaurant. Seconded by Jeff. Carried.

The 'Blahs' party will again be hosted by Sam and Ann Malcolmson, date TBA. The spring executive meeting will be in the afternoon of the party date. Cathie hopes to have a Wiggers 'on the hard' seminar in 2015

**Webmaster:** No report received from Rob. Cathie advised that the 'Buy and Sell' section will be expanded to include more than just boats. We also discussed the lack of action on the 'Cockpit Forum'.

Moved by Janet to remove the 'Cockpit Forum' from the GLAA website. Seconded by Phil. Carried.

Gord moved to accept all director's reports. Seconded by Janet. Carried.

Jeff moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Phil. Carried.

Gord Martin

Secretary