



# CLUB DE VOILE DE LA RIVIÈRE GATINEAU RIVER YACHT

2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CHELSEA COMMUNITY CENTRE  
January 25, 2006

**The following board members were in attendance:**

Richard Yeo  
Erik Rask  
Seymour Hamilton  
Joe Dion  
David Newing  
Jean François Côté  
Gonnie De Witte  
Fatima Martin

**The following members were in attendance:**

Brenda Cerson and Casey Cerson  
Mike Cook  
John Hennessy  
Paul Fydenchuk  
Bruce Lorimer  
Tim Martin  
Steve Roberts  
Giles Morrell  
Malcolm McHattie  
Patti Goodman  
Lee Anne Johnston  
Michael Henderson and Nicki Paulun  
Deirdre Rask  
Denis Beaulieu  
Stephen Woodley  
Laura Massie and Sheldon Massie  
Marylies Woods and Jos Woods  
Jack Des Brisay  
Heather Gibb  
Muriel How  
Marc Levac  
Nancy Burn (Landry)  
Roberta Walker and Sandy Foote

The Chairman, Commodore Richard Yeo, called the Meeting to order with a quorum at 19:00.

#### **Commodore's welcome**

Richard Yeo, welcomed members explaining that the meeting would focus on the club's current state of affairs and outline plans for going forward.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion:** Bruce Lorimer moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Brenda Cerson, all in favour, carried.

#### **Minutes of 2004 AGM**

Correction to 2004 AGM minutes: Add Seymour Hamilton's name.

**Motion:** Muriel How moved to accept minutes, seconded by Stephen Woodley, all in favour, carried

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Jean François (JF) Côté tabled the financial summaries, as they appeared in Appendix B of attached report.

JF explained that a new cash based accounting system has been put into place. The new system separates finances by department, is detailed and enables an easy review and analysis of how and where funds are disbursed.

JF explained that revenue has been good and that expenses were below budgeted amounts.

There was a total surplus of \$23,000. The surplus is due in part to the junior program's success in securing 3 grants or \$8,000 more than had been budgeted. The remainder of the surplus is from initiation fees and non-volunteerism fees none of which can be counted on for next year. Facilities also made a surplus of \$6,000. These funds will be put towards major works in 2006. With the new system, each department knows how much money is available and where funds are being disbursed. This facilitates management of funds and decision making. Each cost centre can manage its budget to create a reserve for future renewal and replacement of assets.

The Junior Program did very well with a \$12,000 surplus. As mentioned earlier, they were able to get 3 grants when only a half a grant had been budgeted. Two of the grants came from Employment Québec for student employment and one from Young Canada Works in both Official Languages for an out of province student. In addition, all 4 sessions were close to being full. Some of the surplus funds from the Junior Program may be allocated to maintaining the fleet.

The deadline for reporting revenue to the government is April 30. Reporting to the government is done using an asset based accounting system. This means that financial statements are changed over to asset based accounting for one day only, to facilitate

reporting to the government and then back to a cash based system for the remainder of the year.

**Motion:** Mike Cook moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by John Hennessy, all in favour., carried.

#### **Commodore's Report**

Richard Yeo tabled the attached report.

**Motion:** Casey Cerson moved to accept the Commodore's report, seconded by Jack Des Brisay all in favour, carried.

#### **Fleet Captain's Report**

Joe Dion and David Newing tabled the attached report.

It was suggested that the GRYC host the Canadian Sandpiper Nationals. It would be possible to get 20 boats competing and would be an invitational race for serious racers. Mike Cook would be very willing to help.

It was also recommended that the fleet captains suggest a different date for the regatta.

**Motion:** Jos Woods moved to accept the Fleet Captain's report, seconded by Bruce Lorimer, all in favour, carried.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Fatima Martin tabled the attached report.

QUESTION FROM THE FLOOR: Have there been any comments from members on the large number of new members joining in 2005?

There have been no negative comments. In fact, all the new members have been extremely active and have injected a new energy into the club.

There was discussion on the criteria used for prioritizing applicants on the waiting list and in particular on the definition of local. Changing the definition would require changing a by-law therefore it was decided to table the issue for further discussion under "other business".

**Motion:** Heather Gibb moved that going forward the Secretary's report include the total number of both adults and children in order to properly assess the impact of the total number of people on the island. Seconded by Jos Woods, all in favour, carried.

**Motion:** Jos Woods moved to accept the Secretary's Report, seconded by Malcolm McHattie, all in favour, carried.

#### **Communication Director's Report**

Seymour Hamilton tabled the attached report

**Motion:** Mike Cook moved to accept the Communications Manager's Director's report seconded by Muriel How, all in favour, carried.

#### **Youth Committee's Report**

Lee Anne Johnston tabled the attached report.

Success rate for White Sail 3 is low as it really needs a 3 week session for campers to acquire the skills necessary; unfortunately, the club is not able to offer a 3 week session.

Bruce Lorimer congratulated and thanked Lee Anne for her hard work in making the junior program successful. He commented that in 1984 when he was commodore and Lee Anne was vice-commodore they had to fight to keep the program.

**Motion:** Bruce Lorimer moved to accept the Youth Committee's report, seconded by Jack des Brisay, all in favour, carried.

#### **Rear Commodore's Report**

Gonnie de Witte tabled the attached report.

**Motion:** Jack des Brisay moved to accept the Rear Commodore's report, seconded by Malcolm McHattie, all in favour, carried.

#### **Facilities Director's Report**

Erik Rask tabled the attached report.

COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR: The facilities director should not really be involved with stickers. In most clubs this would be the position of a Harbour Master. In the case of the GRYC as there is no harbour master, duties normally undertaken by a harbour master are divided between a number of people on the Board. The club should consider instituting the position of harbour master.

THE BOARD: We have tried to recruit for this position but no one came forward. As far as the stickers go, there was a considerable amount of work to institute the program, but it should be relatively easy from now on. The harbour master's role is de facto a role that sits with the facilities director.

COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR: How is the budgeting for repairs and construction done?

BOARD: Erik assess the work that needs to be done and evaluates which projects can be completed using club members and which need a paid contractor. A detailed assessment has been done, this does not mean that everything will be done. We will start with the most important issues first.

COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR: We need to be careful when bringing someone in to provide a professional assessment to ensure that such assessments are strictly limited to the making of expert recommendations on specific subjects to the board only.

**Motion:** Jos Woods moved to accept the Facilities Director's report, seconded by John Hennessy, all in favour, carried.

### **By-law revisions:**

#### **1. Retaining members**

Retaining members pay \$100 to maintain membership. The current by-law only allows retaining members to regain full membership status if space permits. This is an inconsistency as a past member is at the top of the priority list, the same as a retaining member and has not been paying the \$100 retaining fee. The board proposed that retaining members be allowed to rejoin the club even if this means temporarily exceeding membership limits.

There was concern from the floor about the open ended nature of the limit. It was explained that if the limit was exceeded, no new members could be admitted to the club until membership numbers were back under the ceiling set by the club.

It was agreed to reword the by-law as follows:

e) Retaining Member. An existing member, who for personal, economic or logistical reasons will not be using the Club facilities for a season or more; may pay a reduced fee to prevent his membership from lapsing; and may resume active membership in a future season, with no restrictions placed by the membership limit (i.e. membership limit may only be temporarily exceeded to account for the above situation), without being subject to repayment of initiation fees.

**Motion:** Jack Des Brisay moved to accept the by-law revision, Heather Gibb seconded, all in favour, carried.

#### **2. Residency:**

There was considerable discussion on the definition of residency. Residency is used as a means for prioritizing membership, not excluding people from the club.

It was agreed to reword the by-law as follows:

Date of receipt of the application form by the secretary, Treasurer, Commodore or Past Commodore will determine their ranking within these categories. Residency is defined as where the applicant: lives, either full time or seasonally, in the year of acceptance for membership. Change of status (residency, ownership of sailboat) results in a change of priority category.

**Motion:** Jack Des Brisay moved to accept the by-law revision, Mike Cook seconded, one opposed, and four abstentions, carried.

### **3. Create the position of Youth Program Director on the board**

There was discussion on the size of the board and whether or not this position is really required. It was agreed that it is important to have a representative of the youth committee on the board and that the youth committee would select a chair. This person will automatically become the youth program director on the board.

Addition to by-law:

- (i) A Youth Program Director who:

(i) is responsible for all aspects of the operation and coordination of the Youth Program, and

(ii) acts as the Chair of the Youth Committee.

**Motion:** Marc Levac moved to accept the by-law revision, Malcolm McHattie seconded, all in favour, carried.

### **2006 Budget approval presented by JF Coté**

In 2006, revenue will be reduced from 2005 due to lower initiation fees. A significant commitment has been made to asset replacement. The reserve is at \$46,000 and this is expected to grow. Expenditures last year were below budget. There is an increase of \$12,000 in the amount budgeted for this year. All proposed expenses have a budget, the reserve will not be touched. There is a large budget for asset replacement. This includes: \$5,000 to fix the windows. The frames are cracked letting in water which is in turn rotting the structure. Additional items requiring attention are: island docks; a structural check and the cutting down of some large trees. A position of boatswain is included.

**SAILING:** The club owns a mixed bag of boats. Last year a laser was purchased and this year JF donated his to the club. The sailing program is building a reserve fund to put into assets. The youth program can be accommodated with 24 boats. The increase in the budget will be spent on boat maintenance and for the position of boatswain who, supported by a team of volunteers, will be responsible for boat maintenance. The Regatta runs a profit and these funds will go into the reserve fund for new equipment: sails, canoe paddles, etc.

There was a discussion on whether it would be better to fix up the old boats or purchase new boats and whether another sandpiper is needed. Some of the old lasers will be retired. A lot will depend on the youth program's need and whether or not anyone is taking the Bronze program.

**YOUTH PROGRAM:** The budget has been based on the participation of 15 members and 5 non-members per session. The budget is based on the youth program receiving one grant; although, they will be applying for 3. Some of the funds in the youth program's reserve could be used to maintain the boats as they are heavy users. The youth program is self-

funding and in fact makes money which contributes to fleet maintenance. Non members pay higher fees than members.

Membership fees will not be raised due to the good fiscal situation of the club.

**Motion:** Jos Woods moved to accept the 2006 budget, seconded by Brenda Cerson, all in favour, carried.

A special vote of thanks was made to JF for all his work on setting up a comprehensive accounting system.

Jos Woods also thanked the spouses of board members.

### **Other business**

The Safety sub-committee currently reports to the youth committee. It is recommended that the safety sub committee should not be a sub-committee but a full committee and report to the commodore. This is an administrative change and there is no need to vote.

The Blue books need to be revised to account for changes that have taken place. Over the course of year amendments will be made and shared with members.

The issue of restricting membership to Chelsea residents was raised. It was explained that there is no restriction. Residency is used as a criteria for prioritizing applicants on the waiting list. This was discussed at length at the last AGM and agreed to by members. It was argued that the definition of local should include Farm Point and Wakefield, or anyone who lives close to the Gatineau River.

**Motion:** Jack Des Brisay moved that the board look at the definition of local and report back to the membership at the next AGM, seconded by Muriel How, all in favour, carried.

### **Elections:**

Richard Yeo thanked departing board members for their contribution to running the club. Richard resigned as Commodore paying tribute to his wife Pat for her wisdom and support.

The following were nominated:

Secretary: Nicki Paulun nominated by David Newing, seconded by Tim Martin, all in favour, carried.

Rear Commodore: Mike Henderson nominated by Joe Dion, seconded by Casey Cerson, all in favour, carried.

Vice-commodore: Patti Goodman nominated by Jos Woods, seconded by Marylies Woods, all in favour, carried.

Commodore: Paul Fydenchuk nominated by Bruce Lorimer, seconded by John Hennessy, all in favour, carried.

Youth Program: The chair of the youth committee will represent the committee on the board.

Mike Cook moved to accept returning board members, seconded by Jack Des Brisay, all in favour, carried.

**Motion to adjourn:** Jos Woods, seconded by Bruce Lorimer, all in favour, carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.