

## **General Meeting Minutes Pine River Boat Club**

September 2, 2007

At the Lurgan Beach Clubhouse of the Pine River Boat Club

Attendance: 19 members

1) Call to order: 10:36 am

2) Commodore's Remarks: Tim Johnston welcomed the members. He noted that it had been a quiet summer but the the Board had been busy on behalf of the members

3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Directors: The Minutes of the previous Directors' meeting were read for information. The Minutes of the May 20, 2007 General Meeting were read.

BIRT the minutes of the May 20, 2007 General meeting be approved  
moved Gordon Cale           seconded Scott Montgomery       Carried

4) Treasurer's Report:: The Treasurer read her report giving a detailed account of the expenses to date. There is \$30 000 in the dredging reserve fund and \$20 000 in the Hydro and club house upgrade reserve fund. The bank account holds a balance of \$7400.

Paul Proudfoot complimented the Treasurer on a job well done.

BIRT the Treasurer's report be approved.  
Moved Lillian Nolan           Seconded Crawford Heritage       Carried

5) Officer's Reports

BIRT the reports of flag officers be accepted at the call of the chair.  
Moved Gordon Cale           Seconded Don Voll           Carried

a) Vice Commodore: Progress

b) Rear Commodore: Renzo Marcone gave a description of the current access to power for the Channel marker lights. He then explained that we had been recommended to move to solar. We have the name of a supplier for a solar installation and expect that in the Spring it will be installed.

There has again been a concern raised about the speed at which some boats enter and leave the river through the channel. Renzo noted that it is the law that applies to behavior should an accident occur. The club does not have authority to police the waters or set legal rules.

John Wood and Don Voll proposed that that newsletter should contain a list

of rules. There followed a discussion of the issue of the best method of entering the channel. Concern was raised about boats dragging objects such as tubes into the channel. It was felt that there should be reference to the government web site on safe boating. The secretary indicated he would write an article for the newsletter and circulate it around the Board before printing.

c) Fleet Captain: John Wood reported that there were approximately 190 at the corn roast. He thanked the members who volunteered their time to help. He noted that it was tough to find corn for a September party and that a corn Roast needs to be on the Civic Holiday weekend. The Directors have approved consolidating the two parties to one on the Civic Holiday Saturday.

The cooler has been removed from the club house and replaced by a new used small freezer. In response to a question it is available if you have a key to the clubhouse.

d) Harbour Masters: North: Peter Palubiski noted that it had been a good summer for the channel markers as none were required to be repositioned. One boat on the north side was slightly damaged in a sieche as the boat rode up on the dock and was scratched by a pipe that had been put in too low.

South : Paul Buttinger reminded members that they were supposed to have their name on their dock as it helped the harbour masters do their job. An outboard motor that was not locked down was stolen from the back of a boat parked in the club grounds. It may be possible that it has been recovered in Ashfield Township.

Don Voll asked Gordon Cale to talk about sieche effects. A short summary of the nature, cause, and impact of a sieche with reference to examples of the sieche this summer that turned 5 docks followed. The secretary was requested to include a description of how to tie up a boat in the river to avoid the problems of a sieche. Gord also noted that attaching floatation to the bottom of a dock made it prone to turning over in a sieche.

## 6) Action Items

a) Sludge: Gord was asked to report on the meeting with the Council about the sludge accumulating at the mouth of the river. There was a wide ranging discussion of the sludge issue: how to get action: who was responsible. It was strongly suggested that the club get the support of legal advice

BIRT the club supports the Board in taking action to seek remediation of the sludge problem

Moved Gordon Cale                      Seconded John Wood                      Carried

b) Peter Palubiski suggested that action needed to be taken to repair the South bank east of the south ramp to the edge of the Millard property. This was referred to the Board.

7) Elections: The secretary identified the bylaws definition of term as one year and the club practice of two year terms in office. The secretary had previously requested that any Director wishing to resign contact him before this meeting. He had not received any resignations. As a result the following motion was put

BIRT the current Directors as identified, Gordon Cale, richard Heath, David Hyman, Tim Johnston, Renzo Marcone, Liliane Nolan, Peter Palubiski, Paul Proudfoot, Dan Sevcik, John Wood, be confirmed in office for the year ending September 2008  
Moved Gordon Cale            Seconded Larry Rice            Carried

There are two non voting positions intended for training and the increased involvement of members in the Board identified as Director-at-large. These members attend Board meetings and have speaking privileges.

BIRT Paul Buttinger and Doug Spitzer be appointed as Director-at-large for the year ending September 2008.  
Moved Gordon Cale            Seconded Paul Proudfoot Carried

#### 8) Adjournment

BIRT the meeting adjourn

Moved Paul Proudfoot            Seconded Don Voll            Carried

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Secretary