

General Meeting Minutes Pine River Boat Club

May 22, 2011

At the Lurgan Beach Clubhouse of the Pine River Boat Club

attendance 32

1) Call to order 10:30

2) Commodore's Remarks: Commodore Howard Madill welcomed the members to the meeting. He noted that we have 3.5 to 4 feet of water in the channel. The markers are in including the quarter mile marker. He wished everyone a good year. He asked members who had concerns to bring them to the club executive.

3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Directors: The Secretary reviewed the minutes of the Fall 2010 General Meeting and the Board meetings since September 2010

BIRT the minutes of the September 5, 2010 meeting be approved
moved Gordon Cale seconded Renzo Marcone Carried

4) Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the treasurer the report was delayed to later in the meeting.

5) Officer's Reports

a) Vice Commodore: Progress

b) Rear Commodore: Bob Madill was absent due to illness. Peter Palubiski raised the need for an application to dredge in case of need. After discussion the following motion was presented.

BIRT the Rear Commodore be requested to approach the Ministry of Natural Resources to arrange a dredge permit for 2011.

Moved John Wood Seconded Paul Buttinger Carried

c) Fleet Captain: It was reported that as a result of the resignation of the Fleet Captain this position was vacant. Without a Fleet Captain the BBQ would not be able to proceed. Renzo Marcone indicated that he would take on the job but that he would not be available very often. Gord Lee offered to assist Renzo.

BIRT Renzo Marcone be elected to the Board to fill the term of Don Miller as Fleet Captain.

Moved Gordon Cale Seconded Gordon Lee Carried

6) Harbour Masters:

South: Paul Buttinger urged members on the south side, given the way the bank bends, to ensure that there is a consistent space between docks when they are installed. He also reminded members that the level of the river varies and it is important to ensure reasonable height above the river for their docks so that the docks do not end up submerged. He also noted that there were some steel stakes in the water that had not been removed and that these are a hazard. He has tried to spray them bright orange but they must be removed by the persons who installed them.

North: Peter Palubiski noted that the rope identified in the minutes, had been purchased for tying off boats affected by surges or storm water. He raised a concern that there were still trees in the river and one to the north of the channel in the lake that need to be removed as they are a danger to boaters. He also reminded members that their names are supposed to be on their dock.

7) New Business

A) Gord Lee raised the issue of algae on the beach and pot holes in the roads. In discussion the Secretary was asked to provide email and phone numbers of township contacts for when members have a concern about algae on the beach or pot holes.

B) Gord Lee asked the club to consider an increase in the money given as a donation to the Pine River Watershed Initiative Network. After discussion the following motion was put.

BIRT the General Meeting recommend the Board consider an increase to the donation to the Pine River Watershed Initiative Network.

Moved Gord Lee Seconded Crawford Heritage

The motion was amended by the consent of the house to read

BIRT the General Meeting recommend the Board consider an increase to the donation to the Pine River Watershed Initiative Network and the Lake Huron Fishing Club.

Carried as amended

Don Voll advised members not to immediately turn north or south after passing the channel markers as they would find rocks. They should instead proceed out to the quarter mile marker.

It was reported by the Commodore that the steel utility boat required a motor.

BIRT that a motor for the steel boat be purchased for up to \$600.

Moved Howard Madill Seconded Gord Lee Carried

It was further suggested that the club should look for a trailer that would handle the utility boat.

Given the treasurer had not arrived the meeting was asked if they would accept the treasurer's report from the May 1, 2011 Board meeting. There was no objection. The report is included below

The Treasurer reported that for the period January 1 to May 1, 2011 income was 15,947.47 and expenses were 4,040.38 for a net of 11,907.09 There will be little further income and many expenses for the balance of the year. Total liquid assets are 53,747.96. For the past several years we have spent more than we have taken in so the treasurer suggested caution in any new expenditures to maintain our financial ability to dredge when necessary. It was noted that the taxes are a significant expense.

8) Adjournment 11:23

Moved Don Voll Seconded Alan Forester Carried

Secretary