

**General Meeting Minutes
Pine River Boat Club**

September 6, 2020

At the Lurgan Beach Clubhouse of the Pine River Boat Club

Attendance: 25 members

1) **Call to order** 10:30

2) **Commodore's Remarks:** Doug Baier in the chair

The commodore welcomed the members present to the socially distant meeting. He expressed pleasure at the turnout. He then reviewed the happenings with the club this year.

3) **Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Directors:**

The minutes of the June 21, 2020 General Meeting and the Director meetings since the last General Meeting were reviewed. The Secretary also reported on his duties this year.

BIRT the minutes of the June 21, 2020 General meeting be approved

Duly Moved, Seconded, and Carried

4) **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer provided a written report and offered to respond to questions. He noted that there were about \$15 000 more in expenses expected before the end of the year. The printed report is attached.

BIRT the report of the Treasurer be approved.

Duly Moved, Seconded, and Carried

5) **Officer's Reports**

a) **Vice Commodore:** Bill Johnson

We only had one boat towed in this year. The Board plans to repair the canopy over the Club House Deck. The outer marker (Fairway Buoy) should have the light working for next year. The club will require some new anchor weights next year as some of the channel markers broke off and washed in. The club recognizes that Elliotts Construction donated the bins used for cleanup day.

b) **Rear Commodore:** Klaas Jorritsma

The biggest part of the job has been getting approvals. Dredging was done but the mouth may have already filled back in. The club has maintenance permission on the mouth so long as work occurs at least every five years. The Board intends to add maintenance to the north and south tips given how the high water is undermining the shore. We will review how the repair to the north bank stands up and if it does consider more rip wrap maintenance.

c) **Fleet Captain:** Maggie Steele

Due to the Covid-19 emergency we have been unable to have the Civic Holiday BBQ this year. It was suggested that the club consider new club T-shirts and painting the outside of the Club House

6) Harbour Masters:

South: Paul Buttinger

Issues with boat size and access has resulted in having to move people's dock spaces about. Thanks to members for support and understanding. There is no decision on how to deal with the south side wall. Members were reminded that there is no room for long term parking on the South side. Members need to not just remove their docks in the Fall but also any stakes in place. Paul expressed thanks to Doug for his leadership.

North: Howard Madill

Things worked out ok this year given the need to repair the North bank. Members will be able to install their docks next year. but take care not to damage the rip wrap. Thanks given to members for their patience.

7) New business:

Motion to increase dues. The following motion was recommended by the Board.

BIRT the on time dues be raised by fifty dollars (\$50) to three hundred dollars (\$300) starting in the Spring of 2021. All other fees remain unchanged.

Duly Moved, Seconded, and Carried

Discussion took place regarding the motion prior to the vote. Some members present felt that given the facilities provided by the club the dues could be higher than proposed by the motion. The Secretary explained that the Board considered this amount appropriate, the amount had been shared with the membership prior to the meeting, the club did have a reserve fund, if the amount did not turn out to meet our needs the dues could be adjusted again next year.

8) Election of the Board. The Secretary in the chair, reviewed the bylaws and procedure

The Secretary reported that the following members of the Board wished to remain on the Board. Doug Baier, Paul Buttinger, Gord Cale, Bill Johnson, Klaas Jorritsma, Howard Madill, Mike McCourt, Dan Sevcik, Maggie Steele

The floor was opened to nominations for the open position.

Darren Westman was duly nominated. There were no further nominations.

BIRT Doug Baier, Paul Buttinger, Gord Cale, Bill Johnson, Klaas Jorritsma, Howard Madill,, Mike McCourt, Dan Sevcik, Maggie Steele, Darren Westman
Duly Moved, Seconded, Carried

Election of Directors at large. The purpose and duties of Directors at Large were described.

**BIRT Barry Cress, Bill Flesch, Robert Kieswetter, Parry Martin, Don Voll be elected Directors at large.
Duly Moved, Seconded, Carried**

donations

**BIRT the treasurer is requested to make a donation of 250 dollars to each of the following charitable groups. Pine River Watershed Initiative Network, Lake Huron Fishing Club.
Duly Moved, Seconded, Carried**

Concerns of Members.

Don Voll raised a variety of concerns that he felt should be addressed. In particular he expressed that there would need to be maintenance on the trees by the range markers before next season.

The business of the meeting having been concluded the meeting was adjourned.

11:22 am

Secretary

Gordon Cale