

**General Meeting Minutes
Pine River Boat Club**

September 5, 2021

At the Lurgan Beach Clubhouse of the Pine River Boat Club

Attendance: 17 members

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

2) **Commodore's Remarks:** The secretary reported that he had received the resignation of Commodore Bill Johnson from the Board. The secretary was requested to take the chair.

3) **Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Directors:** Share certificates for 2019 and 2020 are available. Members were requested to assist in the distribution. The previous Directors minutes and the Spring General Minutes were reviewed for information.

**BIRT the General Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2021 be approved.
Duly Moved Seconded and Carried**

4) **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer provided a copy of the accounts and took questions.
BIRT the Treasurer's Report be approved. Duly Moved Seconded and Carried

5) **Officer's Reports**

a) **Vice Commodore:** Klaas Jorritsma: The membership were reminded that there will be an ongoing need to dredge.

b) **Rear Commodore:** Darren Westman: It was reported that the stanchions which were raised as a concern have been painted. Risers have been installed on the septic tank making inspection and pumping in future simpler. The channel buoys will require continued maintenance. The Fairway buoy light was repaired but it was not installed this year.

c) **Fleet Captain:** Maggie Steele: It was reported that the Fleet Captain is still looking forward to running a party when we are finally done with Covid.

6) **Harbour Masters:**

South: Paul Buttinger: Dock alignment was good this year. Members who install stakes are responsible to have them removed. Members need to update their contact information when it changes. We had an issue trying contact a member this summer as their information was out of date. If your dock is next to the Rip Wrap your dock requires a ramp.

North: Howard Madill: progress

7) **New business:**

a) **donations:** After discussion the following motion was put
**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**

b) **membership.** After discussion, and following the recommendation of the Board, the following motion was put.

BIRT the Pine River Boat Club limit membership of “regular members” to one hundred forty five (145).

Duly Moved, Seconded, Carried

8) Election of the Board. The Secretary took the chair for the elections. He reviewed the affected bylaws and the customs.

The Following current Directors have chosen to put their names forward.
Doug Baier, Paul Buttinger, Gordon Cale, Klaus Jorritsma, Mike McCourt, Dan Sevcik, Maggie Steele,,
Darren Westman

BIRT the following be elected to the Board for the term September 2021 to September 2022

Doug Baier, Paul Buttinger, Gordon Cale, Klaus Jorritsma, Mike McCourt, Dan Sevcik, Maggie Steele, Darren Westman

Duly Moved Seconded and Carried

Election of Directors at large

The following members are currently Directors at large

Barry Cress, Bill Flesch, Rob Kieswetter, Parry Martin, Don Voll

BIRT Barry Cress, Bill Flesch, Rob Kieswetter, Parry Martin, Don Voll be appointed Directors at Large for September 2021 to September 2022

Duly Moved, Seconded, and Carried

9) Concerns from members

A member submitted a page of 6 concerns that he had. The list of concerns was read to the members present, and is attached to the official minutes and will be attached to the public minutes placed on the club web site. No action was taken at this time.

The Secretary was requested to solicit applications from members for the vacant positions on the Board and for the north harbour master.

10) adjournment 10:56

**Gordon Cale
Secretary**

Pine River Boat Club Notes September 2021 Meeting:

1. Safe navigation and access is top priority
2. I think the various jobs and workload should be split up evenly amongst the entire Board of Directors (along with assistance from the general membership)

Example A: The HarbourMasters should look after navigation such as putting in and taking out the channel markers and maintaining the navigation range lights.

Example B: One person designated to handle the dredging Permits. Klaas did an excellent job and I think he would be a great guy to continue this job going forward.
3. Members could be mindful of garbage laying around on the club premises. I regularly witness people walk by the garbage or river debris and don't bother to pick it up and dispose of it.
4. Dredging will be more of a challenge in the future as the contractor no longer has a dredge line. In all likelihood, the dredging contractor will need to make a temporary road leading out to the shallow water areas and with this process, the cost of dredging will increase.
5. Extend the Flag Officer positions from 2 year terms to 4 year terms so has to gain more knowledge on the various jobs and processes required within the Club.
6. When the channel markers shift due to high winds and wave action, they should be moved back into position as quickly as possible. If they get left for longer periods of time (ie. 2-3 weeks) the sand washes over top of them and they become extremely difficult to move them back.