



**Conestoga Sailing Club
Awards Presentation and Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 10 November 2018, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**KW Granite Club
99 Seagram Dr., Waterloo**

Minutes

In attendance: Dieter Nollert, Stephen Mercer, David Morgan, Peter Draper, Mike Fisher, Leo and Joanne Van Kampen, Les Sherratt, Hugh Loughborough, Graham Moogk-Soulis, Mark Dineen, Neal and Melissa Moogk-Soulis, Dave Meijer, David von Wahl, Scott Ramsay, Ryan Lind, John Glennie, Carol Moogk-Soulis, Bruce Alexander, Tania Bechard, Dave Fielder; Bryan Peter;

1. Commodore's Welcome: Vice Commodore, Tania Bechard, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members on behalf of Jan d'Ailly, who was unable to attend the meeting. Tania thanked the members of the board for all of their work over the year. She also presented a review of accomplishments at the club over the year.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 2017 AGM as circulated prior to the meeting (moved by Tania Bechard, seconded by Mark Dineen): carried

3. Annual Awards Presentation:

- Commodore's Award – Stephen Mercer
- Broken Rudder Award – Peter Draper and Mike Fisher
- Shore Captain's Award – Dieter Nollert
- All Arm's Race Winner – Warren and Olivia Flannery (Belwood Lake SC)
- Laser Award – Hugh Loughborough
- Club Championship – Leo and Joanne Van Kampen
- Wednesday Race Series – Peter Draper and Mike Fisher

4. Guest Speaker: Hugh Loughborough, "Trekker's Travels"

- Hugh presented a slide-show on sailing from Georgian Bay to the Bahamas with his wife, Karen, on their 40-ft boat, *Trekker* over nine months from fall 2017 to Winter 2018.

5. Team Laurier Presentation:

- Ryan Lind gave a brief presentation on the activities of the Laurier Sailing Team in 2018;
- There is lots of interest in growing the team, and continued good relations with the club.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- Mark Dineen presented the financial report for the year;
 - membership revenues were up in 2018, however sailing school revenues were down resulting in lower overall revenues compared to 2017;
 - expenses were also down, however the net was a loss anticipated at year-end of \$3881.09.
- Mark made a motion to approve the financial report as presented (seconded by Bruce Alexander); carried.

7. Vice-commodore's Report:

- In 2018 Tania performed an analysis of the club's insurance coverage and investigated options to revise our coverage in 2019, that will result in lower cost to the club.
- Tania also reported that she and David von Wahl worked on outreach to new members over the season;

8. Media Captain's Report:

- David von Wahl made a brief presentation on his work over the year managing the website, receiving registrations, working on ID stickers for members' boats, winter storage, etc.
 - membership numbers were back to values consistent with 2016 and earlier;
 - David worked over the year on learning and making some improvements to the online registration tools; he has identified further improvements to the registration pages and the website;
 - He is also working on streamlining the email system;

9. Sailing School Report:

- Bruce Alexander gave a presentation on youth lessons;
 - Youth registrations were strong in July but fell off in the later sessions in August;
 - Staffing worked out well with positive reports from the sailors, with prospects for good word-of-mouth promotion of the sailing school for the future;
 - Bruce showed a promotional video that will be used to advertise the sailing school;
 - Bruce also reported on the awards that were presented to the students at a banquet held in early September;
 - Plans are in place for staff succession going into the 2019 season;
- There were 42 registrations for adult lessons;

10. Fleet Captain's Report:

- Les Sherratt gave a presentation on work around the club that was completed in 2018, including a note of thanks to Stephen Mercer for his work on building a new bridge over the gully to the boat park; most other work was basic maintenance;
 - Les reported that the club will likely need a new septic system sometime in the next

few years due to regulatory action that may arise from the province and the conservation authority, as well as the state of repair of the current system; some of the club's investment funds are earmarked for major capital projects such as this;

- The policy of asking members to take their garbage home with them resulted in major savings for the club;
- Les has also explored options for grass cutting; the help of members each week helped to keep the chore manageable;
- Les also asked for member input on improvements or additions to the club facilities;

11. Race Captain's Report:

- Dave Meijer had no report beyond the awards that were presented earlier;
 - participation overall was good, and the weather was cooperative;
 - He is hoping to have an early start to Wednesday in 2019;

12. Fleet Captain's Report:

- Graham Moogk-Soulis gave a brief report on the fleet;
 - two new Toppers were purchased for the sailing school;
 - a number of items that were planned this year will be carried out in 2019;
 - top priorities for 2019 include overhauling the Club 420s, getting the motors better matched to the power boats, and working with the sailing school instructors on making minor boat repairs;
 - thanks were extended to Mike Fisher for his ongoing efforts to maintain the club boats;

13. General Discussion and Commodore Closing Comments:

- There was one question and discussion about opportunities for ice-boating in the winter;
- Tania expressed her thanks to everyone;

14. Election of Board Members for 2019:

- There are three vacancies coming up for 2019: Tania Bechard, Les Sherratt, and Mike Treusch;
- Tania called for nominations from the floor;
 - Stephen Mercer put his name forward;
 - There were a couple of other tentative expressions of interest, but no commitments at this time;
 - Scott Ramsay moved to affirm the nomination (seconded by Graham Moogk-Soulis); carried.
 - The remaining vacancies will be filled by the board
- The continuing board members are Jan d'Ailly, Mark Dineen, David Meijer, David von Wahl, Bruce Alexander, and Graham Moogk-Soulis;

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm (moved by Les Sherratt, seconded by Mark Dineen).