



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

**Sunday 10 November 2019, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

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

**Minutes**

*In attendance: Stephen Mercer, Peter Draper, Leo and Joanne Van Kampen, Les and Margaret Sherratt, Graham Moogk-Soulis, Mark Dineen, Neal Moogk-Soulis, Dave Meijer, David von Wahl, Scott Ramsay, Carol Moogk-Soulis, Bruce Alexander, Tania Bechard, Dave Fielder, Fernando de Martino, Jon Cooper, Stefan Sabados;*

**Presentation**

Scott Ramsay and Les Sherratt gave a presentation on their experience traveling to Ireland to sail in the Wayfarer International Championship in July 2019.

**Awards Presentation**

- Club Championship – Leo and Joanne Van Kampen
- Wednesday Race Series – Leo and Joanne Van Kampen
- Shore Captain's Award – Gayle Draper
- All Arms Race – Leo and Joanne Van Kampen
- Commodore's Award – Dieter Nollert
- Broken Rudder Award – Mark Dineen

**Business Meeting**

1. Commodore's Welcome: Jan d'Ailly
  - Jan noted that there were enough members in attendance to meet quorum, and he called the business meeting to order at 3:30 pm
2. Approval of the agenda (moved by Bruce Alexander; seconded by Stephen Mercer): carried
3. Approval of the minutes of the 2018 AGM as circulated prior to the meeting (moved by Mark Dineen, seconded by Sherratt): carried

#### 4. Presentation and approval of reports

a) Treasurer's Report – Mark Dineen

- Complete financial reports were circulated for review by the membership;
- Mark reported that the finances were very positive for 2019, including both revenues and expenses;
- The club finances were reviewed by an accountant in advance of a major grant application to the Trillium Fund;
- Due to some thefts in previous years, a decision was taken to factor in depreciation on capital assets;
- As a result of the accountants review Mark is investigating the possibility of the club receiving a rebate on HST expenses from Canada Revenue Agency;

b) Vice Commodore's Report – Jan d'Ailly

- Deferred to later in the agenda; included within the Commodore's report

c) Media Captain's Report – David vonWahl

- David reported that one of the major initiatives in 2019 was a complete update of the website;
- Membership was down compared to 2018, primarily due to changes in the number of university team member, but still fell within the typical range for the last few years;
- David reported that a number of member services were suspended this year due to time shortages, partly due to work on the update;
- David announced that he is looking to establish a committee of volunteers to help with website management; anyone who is interested can contact David by email;

d) Sailing School Captain's Report – Bruce Alexander

- Bruce reported that the sailing school experienced healthy positive growth in 2019;
- There were updates to the staff contract policies in 2019, which had the benefit of reigning in overtime costs compared to previous years;
- Bruce also spoke about efforts to develop succession planning for camp counsellors and the sailing school manager position;
- Bruce also worked with the staff to reinforce a culture of providing a quality camp experience for youth participants;
- Bruce announced the names of the sailing camp award winners (appended below);
- He reflected on some positive experience in offering some race coaching to the Cansail 3-4 group, and his hopes that this might be more formalized into a race training program with opportunities to send a team to one or more regattas in future years;
- Bruce also spoke about ideas for future years' camps, including learn-to-sail opportunities for younger children, more formalized lesson planning for youth lessons, better promotion of the club, etc;
- Bruce wrapped up his report with a video/slideshow of highlights from the summer;

e) Fleet Captain's Report – Graham Moogk-Soulis

- Graham reported on highlights of the year, including a work party to overhaul dollies, upgrade the Whaly, fundraising for some new boats, and an engineering assessment on installation of a lift to support sailors with limited mobility;
- Graham reported that plans are developing to plan for replacement of the powerboat fleet, including one new boat in 2020;
- Graham spoke about a multi-year fundraising project that is underway to purchase an RS Venture Connect SCS as a combination able-sailing and skills development (e.g., trapeze, asymmetrical spinnaker, etc) boat; the target is to secure the funding (~\$52k) by December 2020 (some of which is already committed) and launch the boat at club opening in 2021;
  - Graham is looking for some volunteers to support him, Jan, and Carol Moogk-Soulis who have been leading the effort so far;

f) Race Captain's Report – Dave Meijer

- Dave gave a brief summary of the racing season, including the addition of an additional Wayfarer regatta in July;
- Wednesday races were very well attended this year, and there were some positive experiences offering some informal race training sessions for adults;
- The Wellington Cup has provisionally been proposed for Father's Day at Belwood Lake;

g) Shore Captain's Report – Stephen Mercer

- Stephen provided a brief review of the many projects that were completed around the club from opening in April through to closing in October;
- Future projects in the preliminary planning stages include replacing / relocating the sail shed, and building an improved lower walkway to the boat park;
- Stephen is looking for volunteers to help with planning and designing projects for 2020;

h) Commodore's Report – Jan d'Ailly

- Jan offered his compliments on all of the good work that was done around the club in 2019, especially the work of volunteers who helped to share the workload;
- He spoke about his desire to carry financial successes forward;
- Jan mentioned that the club is seeking additional members to serve on the board;
- Jan reiterated the need for volunteers to serve on the committees that were identified in the executive reports;
- Jan reminded the membership that 2021 will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club, and there will likely be events and projects targetted to that milestone;

5. Other Business

- Representatives from the cities of Kitchener and Waterloo offered their greetings and support for the work of the club;

6. Election of new board members

- The seven current members of the board have offered to continue in 2020;
- There were no nominations from the floor;
- Motion to approve the membership of the board (moved by Neal Moogk-Soulis,

seconded by Tania Bechard); carried

### **Sailing Camp Award Winners**

Session 1: Cansail 1-2, Matthew Hulme; Cainsail 3-4, Jean Dugan;

Session 2: Cansail 1-2, Quinn Fitzgerald; Cansail 3-4, Sophia Ruffolo;

Session 3: Cansail 1-2, Sagan Goertz; Cainsail 3-4, Jakob Stirbet;

Session 4: Cansail 1-2, Bree Olijnyk; Cansail 3-4, Seamus Alexander;

Overall: Cainsail 1-2, Bree Olijnyk; Cansail 3-4, Sophia Ruffolo;

Most Improved: Joshua Stirbet

Inspired Sailor: Justin Neufeld