



# Regina Sailing Club

*Saskatchewan Beach, at the  
Last Mountain Lake Sailing Centre*

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## Annual General Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2016

Telephone Pioneer's Activity Centre, Regina, SK

Attending:

Ryan Dodington  
Jim Goldie  
Daniel Ingram  
Jamie Ingram

Rick Kotowich  
Sandy Lauder  
Charles Morgan  
Steve Weild

Ric Witham  
Dwight Wooley  
Sharon Wooley

### 1) Call to order

At 13:19 Commodore Ric Witham declared a Quorum present, called the meeting to order and welcomed club members to the RSC 2016 annual general meeting. Ryan Dodington appointed minute secretary.

### 2) Honours and Awards

Dave Ramnaraine (not present) was presented with the Harry Sweetman "Just Do It" award. Ric presented the award in recognition of the enormous efforts put forth by Dave in 2015 to coordinate and assist in the efforts to remediate the clubhouse, to carry out his duties as Harbour Master, and for the many occasions when he prepared and served food to assembled members at the clubhouse, ensuring all were fueled for the work at hand.

### 3) Approval of agenda

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and discussed.

Motion: to accept the agenda as proposed. Moved by Sandy Lauder, seconded by Rick Kotowich. Carried.

### 4) Approval of minutes from 2015 AGM

Commodore Ric reviewed the minutes.

Motion: to accept the minutes as read. Moved by Sharon Wooley, seconded by Charles Morgan. Carried.

## **5) Business arising from minutes**

- a) Sandy asked if there was a plan for the club's Facebook page. Ric advised there was no plan to change the manner the page is used. Ric explained the page is a good way to reach out to new members on social media. Sandy asked if Ric will continue to administer the Facebook page. Ric advised he preferred to wait until the elections portion of the meeting to discuss roles and responsibilities.
  
- b) Insurance was brought up, specifically the fact that the insurance policy number on the club lease was not associated in with the Resort Village of Saskatchewan Beach's insurance policy - meaning the RSC was not covered under the Village's policy as previously thought. Ric explained he discussed coverage with a new insurance broker in 2015 and the RSC now has a new policy which dovetails with the Sask Beach policy and covers liability.

## **6) Reports**

- a) Commodore's report:
  - Ric presented his report, indicating that 2016 might by necessity be a year where the club must focus on dinghy sailing. He indicated the RSC is well positioned to support dinghy sailing, with a fleet of 3 lasers, 3 laser-2s, a Flying Junior, and an Enterprise.
  
- b) Treasurer's report:
  - Jim presented his report, explaining that the website cost \$450.
  - Sandy asked if there were a balance sheet. Jim answered that there was and shared information on the RSC's opening balance in 2015 and as it stands today entering 2016.
  - Ryan asked if the club has ever prepared a budget. Ric and Jim explained that traditionally the club has not, offering as a reason that until 2015 season, the club's finances have been very stable.
  - Sandy commented that accounting for depreciation could show the types of capital costs expended in 2015 across a few years and lessen the financial impact in any one fiscal year.
  - Ric commented that he would like to see the club budget an amount each year for club dinghy maintenance and repair (suggested \$1,500).

### Questions posed by membership:

- Dwight asked if the club could waive the right for audit and review indefinitely.
- Jim advised that the club could do so every year, so long as the club followed procedure.
- Jim advised that the club saved approximately \$1,500/year by resolving not to review the financial statements.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Moved by Jamie Ingram, seconded by Ric Witham. Carried.

Motion: be it resolved that the Regina Sailing Club waive the audit requirement for the 2015 financial statements. Moved by Jim Goldie, seconded by Sandy Lauder. Carried.

Motion: be it resolved that the Regina Sailing Club not appoint a person to review the 2015 financial statements. Moved by Jim Goldie, seconded by Jamie Ingram. Carried.

c) Membership report:

- Jamie presented her report.
- Ric advised the new membership form will have new age categories to line up with the SSCA's requirements. This includes a portion for self-declaration of status.
- It was noted that the club must continue to pay \$24/year to the SSCA on behalf of its lifetime members.
- Dwight commented that the club should work with the SSCA to ensure that multiple clubs were not paying the same \$24 registration fee.
- It was concluded that the updated 2016 membership form would be posted online one week after the next board of directors meeting so that members could print, complete and send it in with the new age and self-declaration portions completed.
- It was clarified that the cut off for members to be considered financial is May 31, 2016. Late fees apply if memberships paid after June 1, 2016.

Motion: the incoming board approach the SSCA to clarify procedure and ensure there is no double payment for lifetime members. Moved by Ric Witham, seconded by Rick Kotowich. Carried.

d) Harbour Master's report:

- There was no report as Harbourmaster Dave Ramnaraine was absent.
- Ric summarized the year: most work at the clubhouse in 2015 revolved around restoring the clubhouse.
- Charles provided input as the Fleet Manager, advising that there is an inventory list and the fact that we have not liquidated boats as planned.
- Charles outlined the need to rig dinghies early in the year and have them in the lower compound, as they are completed, so they are ready to sail.

- Ric suggested that boat repair materials and parts be moved to a location in the lower compound to be in closer proximity to the dinghies. He advised lighting in the lower compound structure may have to be improved.

*Motion: all director's reports be accepted as presented. Moved by Dwight Wooley, seconded by Sandy Lauder. Carried.*

## **7) Approval of motions carried by the Board of Directors since the 2015 AGM**

*Motion: all motions carried be accepted. Moved by Sharon Wooley, seconded by Charles Morgan. Carried.*

## **8) New business**

- a) Proposed Club schedule of main events for 2016 season
  - Proposed schedule of events for 2016 was accepted. Schedule is intended to show that RSC plans events and submits to SSCA and to be posted publicly on website.
- b) Requirement for proper registration of members with Sail Canada and Sask Sports.
  - Executive to provide list of members to SSCA, (addresses cannot include P.O. boxes,) in order to receive benefits of MAP grant.
- c) Proposal to maintain Membership Fees for 2017
  - Sandy suggested fees should be raised as it is expected the club's lease rate will be raised, also cautioned against using funds in savings to subsidize membership fees for current members.
  - Steve supported concept of raising fees, citing fact that before 2015 fees had not be raised in several years.
  - Dwight advised RSC had one of, if not highest, rates for membership of all sailing clubs in Saskatchewan.
  - Discussion followed, many differing opinions were voiced.
  - Ric asked if those assembled would like the vote to be recorded – answer was no.

*Motion: fees to remain same in 2017 as in 2016. Moved by Jim Goldie, seconded by Charles Morgan. Carried.*

*Motion: work credits to remain same in 2017 as in 2016. Moved by Charles Morgan, seconded by Jamie Ingram. Carried.*

d) Clubhouse Lease and Infrastructure

- Ric advised that the land the clubhouse is situated on is not suitable for development due to land slumping.
- Sandy commented that it was completely unacceptable for the club to first see the lease proposal from the Village at a public session.
- Ric advised the Board of Directors had done what was in its power to kick-start discussions, but was ultimately subject to the process as initiated by Sask Beach.
- It was resolved the RSC would send representatives to the Village of Sask Beach's meeting concerning the lease and report back to the Board of Directors.

9) Any other business

- a) Ric identified the club's biggest failing, which he feels is the lack of promotion of the club to create new membership

10) Election of offices and directors-at-large

Vacancies in 2016:

Commodore  
Vice-Commodore  
Treasurer  
Director-at-large  
Director-at-large

The following members stood for election. All were elected for the following positions and terms:

| <b>Position</b>   | <b>Name</b>    | <b>Term</b>                       |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Commodore         | Ryan Dodington | Two year term, expiring Feb. 2018 |
| Vice Commodore    | Sandy Lauder   | One year term, expiring Feb. 2017 |
| Director-at-large | Rick Kotowich  | Two year term, expiring Feb. 2018 |

Note:

Jim Goldie did not put his name forward for election as Treasurer. Treasurer's function to be completed by Jim Goldie until such time as a member of the RSC is willing to serve in this capacity.

The following members remain in their positions:

| <b>Position</b>   | <b>Name</b>     | <b>Term</b>                      |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Harbourmaster     | Dave Ramnaraine | Year two of term, exp. Feb. 2017 |
| Director-at-large | Charles Morgan  | Year two of term, exp. Feb. 2017 |
| Director-at-large | Dwight Wooley   | Year two of term, exp. Feb. 2017 |

*Note: there are 7 members on the new Board of Directors, 6 elected and 1 on a temporary basis.*

*Note: Ric Witham will serve as the RSC's liaison to the SSCA, currently serves as the SSCA's director of communications, and will remain available to the current board of directors as the Past Commodore to advise as needed on club issues.*

**11) Motion to adjourn**

Charles Morgan moved for adjournment at 15:55. Carried.

**NOTES:**

- 1) At a morning clinic, prior to the business meeting, Ric Witham provided a session on Basics of sailing and trim/balance held between 10:00 and 12:00.
- 2) Jim Goldie organized the meeting room, lunch and coffee for the day.