

## **General Meeting Minutes Pine River Boat Club**

**September 3, 2017**

At the Lurgan Beach Clubhouse of the Pine River Boat Club

**Attendance:** 14 members

1) **Call to order** 10:31

2) **Commodore's Remarks:** Don Voll in the chair

Don reflected on the kind of summer we had had.

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

The Secretary reviewed the minutes of the Spring 2017 General Meeting and Director Minutes held since.

**BIRT the minutes of the May 21, 2017 General meeting be approved**

**Duly moved and Seconded      Carried**

4) **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer provided a verbal report and offered to respond to questions.

It was reported that in 2017 income was 16,177.66 while expenses to date have been 7070.79 producing a surplus however there are tax, hydro and other expenses not yet received.

**BIRT the report of the Treasurer be approved.**

**Duly moved and Seconded      Carried**

It was reported that the Board has made several changes to our relationship with the Bank, BMO. The Treasurer now has the authority to pay bills with only his own signature which gives him access to on line banking. There is now a savings account as well as the checking account and the treasurer will be able to make IC investments in the club name with access on line.

The Board felt that we now need to establish an audit process as the treasurer now can act on his own. After discussion the following motion was put.

**BIRT Gordon Cale be appointed to audit the 2017 books of the corporation and report to the Spring General Meeting.**

**Duly moved and Seconded      Carried**

5) **Officer's Reports**

a) **Vice Commodore:** Bill Johnson

Bill acknowledged the contributions of many volunteers.

b) **Rear Commodore:** Doug Baier was absent so the Commodore reported  
The channel lights have been repaired and now have a switch to turn them off  
in the off season.

New members were approached with information on tying up their boats in the  
river.

The clubhouse has been cleaned up and awaits the repairs planned.

Thanks to Mike McCourt, Renzo Marcone and the many other members who  
made the cleanup day a success.

It is very important that members not leave materials around at season end,  
particularly not on neighbours property. There are areas on both sides of the river for off  
season storage.

c) **Fleet Captain:** vacant

Don reported on the BBQ. Again there was much appreciation of the many  
helpers and particularly the donation of entertainment by Parry Miller and the donation  
of some food. The event provided a positive balance of \$548.

## 6) **Harbour Masters:**

**South:** Paul Buttinger: Paul noted that he was finding himself  
having to remind members that access is for members. If there are non members who  
are permitted to use the facilities then the member must see to it that the fee is  
collected. As well this should be limited to no more than twice a year.

**North:** Howard Madill absent

Don reported for Howard that Elliotts would be removing any contracted  
docks on or about October 15.

## 7) **Elections**

The Secretary took the chair to conduct the elections. The bylaws for elections were  
reviewed. The list of Directors who are recommended were read.

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Gord Cale, Bill Johnson, Klaus Jorritsma, Howard Madill, Mike McCourt, Dan Sevcik,  
Don Voll.

Further nominations were called for.

Parry Martin was nominated

There being no further nominations Parry Martin was added to the slate of names  
proposed for election to the Board.

The members were asked if they would serve and they agreed.

The following motion was put.

**BIRT the Board of the Pine River Boat Club for the year September 2017 to September 2018 be Doug Baier, Paul Buttinger, Gord Cale, Bill Johnson, Klaus Jorritsma, Howard Madill, Mike McCourt, Parry Martin, Dan Sevcik, Don Voll.**

**Duly moved and Seconded      Carried**

Directors at large.

Directors at large are members who are invited to attend and speak at Board meetings but have no vote. There is no formal limit to the number of Directors at large.

After discussion the following motion was put.

**BIRT the following member be identified as Directors at large, Barry Cress, Bill Flesch, Robert Kieswetter,  
Duly moved and Seconded      Carried**

## **8) New business**

**a) Shares** The Secretary reported that there have been 655 shares earned since incorporation of which 244 are active. Twenty eight members have earned shares in either 2016 or 2017 however the secretary has run out of certificates. The members will be advised this fall and will receive the certificates as soon as a source can be found for new share certificates. Paul Buttinger offered to assist the Secretary in obtaining new certificates.

**b) Amendments to the bylaws** A committee of Don Voll, Dan Sevcik, and Gordon Cale were tasked with bringing the bylaws up to date. The amendments were attached to the Spring newsletter and membership was reminded of them at the Spring General Meeting. Being on time the bylaws require a vote of 50%.

BIRT the motions from the Constitution Committee numbered 02 to 35 be voted on on bloc.

Duly moved Seconded and Carried

No members requested motions withdrawn from the block, A request was made to highlight any changes that were more than housekeeping.

The following motions are identified as the contents of the bloc

02**BIRT** Any reference to the Township of Huron be amended to read Township of Huron-Kinloss.

03**BIRT** By-Law 3 be amended by substituting "Fall" for first before the words annual meeting.

04**BIRT** By-Law 5 and 7 be amended by substituting "Commodore" for President and "Vice-Commodore" for Vice-President where they appear.

05**BIRT** By-law 10 be amended by the addition of "Rear-Commodore, Fleet Captain" after Vice-Commodore in the third sentence.

06 **BIRT** By-law 10 be amended by the addition of the word “Fall” between the words “annual” and “election”.

07 **BIRT** By-law 11 be amended by the deletion in the third sentence of the words “Commander with the”.

08 **BIRT** By-law 12 be amended by the deletion of “attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and”

09 **BIRT** By-law 15 be amended by the deletion of “and by the Secretary” following or Vice-Commodore.

10 **BIRT** By-law 15 be amended by the deletion in the second sentence of “Vice-Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary” after the words “Corporation by the Commodore”.

11 **BIRT** By-law 15 be amended in the third sentence by the deletion of the words “Commodore, Vice-Commodore, the directors, Secretary or the” before the word “Treasurer”.

12 **BIRT** By-law 17 be amended by substitution to read “Application for membership will be made to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall report applications to the Board of Directors.” and maintain **Classes of Membership** subject to further amendment.

13 **BIRT Classes of Membership** be amended by substitution of “Only Class A members shall have voting rights.” for the words “Both Class A and B members shall have voting rights.”

14 **BIRT Classes of Membership** be amended by deletion of the words “or class C” after the words “to a Class B” and before “membership”.

15 **BIRT Classes of Membership** be amended by the deletion of the words “or snowmobiling”.

16 **BIRT Classes of Membership** by the addition of the words “but may be continued by the child of a member” after the the words “No membership shall be transferable”

17 **BIRT** Class A Member (active boating) be amended by deleting the words “or snowmobile member” as they follow “boating”.

18 **BIRT** Class B be amended by substitution to read “Associate or social member (no voting rights).”

19 **BIRT** Class C (honorary) be amended by substitution to read “The Board or general membership may recognize the contributions of a long serving member with an honorary life membership. Honorary members shall have the same rights as a social membership.”

20 **BIRT** Class E, Class F and Class G membership categories and the related descriptions be deleted.

21 **BIRT 18 Right to Vote** be amended by substitution of subsections 1, 2, 3 with the following “Class “A” members shall include a vote at meetings of the corporation and shall be entitled to the entire privileges of the corporation.”

22 **BIRT 19. Quorum For Membership Meeting** be amended by substitution to read “The only persons entitled to attend any meeting of the corporation shall be Class “A, B, and C” members and any persons admitted on the invitation, consent of the meeting. A quorum will constitute Class “A” members of the Corporation present at a meeting given proper notice of the meeting which shall be a minimum period of two weeks by email. The Commodore or in his/her absence, the Vice-Commodore, or in his/her absence, the Rear Commodore shall take the chair and preside at all meetings of the club.”

23 **BIRT By-law 25 Standing Committees** be amended by the substitution of “may” for “shall”.

24 **BIRT By-law 26 Membership Default** subsections 1, 2, 3, be amended by substitution to read “Only fully paid members are in good standing. The Board of Directors shall establish penalties for delinquent memberships. New members are exempt from late fees.

25 **BIRT By-law 27 Discipline** be amended in the last sentence to read” The Directors will report to a general meeting of the membership of the Corporation for consideration of the case at which time the decision of the Board of Directors can only be reversed by a majority vote in excess of two-thirds of the membership of the Corporation present and voting.

26 **BIRT By-law 28** be amended to read “There shall not be “ to replace the first 4 words “There shall be not”.

27 **BIRT By-law 29** second sentence be amended by substitution to read “At the annual Fall meeting, in addition to any other business that may be transacted, the report of the Directors, the financial statements, and any report of the auditors shall be presented, and a Board of Directors elected and auditors appointed from the general membership who are so qualified, for the ensuing year.”

28 **BIRT Bylaw 29** be amended by deleting “prepaid mail or telegraph, 10 days in the last sentence and replacing the deletion with “email, 14 days”.

29 **BIRT By-law 33** shall be amended by deleting subsections 1, 2, 3 and substituting “The signing authority for all cheques, bills of exchange or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other

evidences of indebtedness issues in the name of the Corporation, shall be the Commodore, the Secretary, or the Treasurer.”

30 **BIRT By-law 35 Notice** be amended by substitution to read “Whenever under provisions of the by-laws of the Corporation, notice is required to be given, such notice may be given personally or emailed to the Secretary of the Corporation. A notice or other document so sent by post shall be held to be sent at the time when the same was deposited in a post office or public letter-box. For the purpose of sending any notice the address of any member, Director or officer shall be his/her last address as recorded on the books of the Corporation.

31 **BIRT By-law 38 Special Duties Of The Treasurer** be amended by substitution to read In addition to the duties hereinbefore set out, the Treasurer shall maintain a membership role to include the names of members and such other and pertinent information as the Corporation may require. The Treasurer shall also process all applications for membership and report them to the Board of Directors. In addition the Treasurer shall also maintain a list of watercraft owned by members of the Corporation and be responsible to keep full and accurate books of accounts in which shall be recorded all receipts and disbursements of the Corporation and under the direction of the Board of Directors. In addition he/she shall be responsible for the safekeeping of securities that he/she shall render to the Board of Directors at each meeting or whenever required, an account of all transactions and of the financial position of the Corporation. In that regard the Treasurer shall arrange to have his/her accounts submitted annually for audit.

32 **BIRT By-law 40 Elections** be amended by substituting Secretary for Past-Commander before the words “usually takes the chair for the elections.”

33 **BIRT Bylaw 41 Addendum \*Fleet Captain** be amended to delete the number “four”.

34 **BIRT By-law 41 Addendum \*Rear Commodore** be amended by the deletion of the number “four”.

35 **BIRT By-law 41 Addendum \*Harbour Masters** be amended by substitution to read “Harbour Masters are to be in charge of marking out dock spaces to members. They are to check the river on Thanksgiving weekend to ensure all docks and stakes are removed, and if not, are required to notify said members of the requirement to remove all docks and stakes, on shoreline and in the water, and that any liability for resulting damage will be charged back to the offending member. They also have the authority to remove them (with assistance) and bill the offending members.”

**Procedure for amending.** The Block motion will be moved. Members present will be able to request any motion they want discussed and voted on separately removed from the block. The block will be discussed then a vote taken. Any motions removed from the block will be moved, discussed, amended if necessary and put to a vote.

**BIRT the bloc be approved  
Duly moved, seconded Carried**

**c) Dues Increase** The Directors have recommended an increase in the dues from \$200 to \$250

**BIRT the dues for regular membership in the Pine River Boat Club be \$250  
starting for the 2018 season.  
Duly moved Seconded Carried**

**d) Clean Up Day**

Given the success of cleanup day the chair designated June 9, 2018 as a cleanup day for 2018.

**e) Donations**

**BIRT the treasurer is requested to make a donation of two hundred fifty dollars to each of the following charitable groups. Pine River Watershed Initiative Network, Lake Huron Fishing Club.**

**Duly moved and Seconded      Carried**

f) The floor was open to member concerns or questions.

It was asked what the policy of the club was about boats parked in the trailer park area over the winter.

In reply it was noted that it had happened in the past by some members. It had not been identified as a problem at this time however it was noted that

- i) the gate is not locked through the winter
- ii) there was no winter supervision
- iii) the wind off the lake can cause damage unless the boat is properly stored
- iv) the area was not available to a non continuing member
- v) Should it become an issue the Board would respond and bring a policy to a General Meeting

9) Adjournment The business of the meeting being concluded the meeting adjourned  
11:29 am

Gordon Cale Secretary