

# **Minutes WSC AGM – 20th Sept 2025**

## **@Wildwood Sailing Club**

### **A. Commodore's Welcome**

- **Discussed efforts to clean up the WSC grounds, focus of dock repair next year, requested ideas from the general membership to improve grounds**

### **B. Motion to Accept Minutes of 2024 AGM**

**Motion - Erik van Oosten**

**Seconded - Dennis Bell**

### **C. WSC Executive – Elections of Board Directors**

**- Director Nominations – returning Directors**

- 1. Commodore - Curtis Irvine**
- 2. Vice Commore - Paul White**
- 3. Treasurer - Les Leonhardt**
- 4. Information officer - Richard Green**
- 5. Social Director - Lori White**
- 6. Racing Director - James Zegers**
- 7. Harbour Master - Phil Christie**
- 8. Security Director - Dennis Bell**
- 9. Grounds Director - LJ McKenna**
- 10. Dock Master - Joe Ertel**

**\*all nominations ran unopposed**

**Motion - Donal O 'Conner**

**Seconded - LJ McKenna**

### **D. Director Reports:**

**i) Treasurer: Les Leonhardt**

**a. Annual Financial Report**

- **Les described increasing expenses in rent and in insurance. Rent has been increased approximately \$300 as has our insurance to increase our liability to \$5 000 000  
Les summarized our overall finances. There was a recommended correction to move \$6000 to a different row (to be held in trust)**
  
- **Motion made to increase membership fees next year by \$20**
  - **Motion - Les Leonhardt**
  - **Seconded - Dennis Bell**
- **Motion made to accept the Annual Financial Report**
  - **Motion - David Wright**
  - **Seconded - Pat Donnelly**

**ii) Information Officer – Richard Green (Not Present – Written Report below, read aloud by Curtis Irvine)**

- a. Lease Renewal – the lease was renewed this year but with a rent and admin fee increase that almost doubled the rent, and was only extended until December 2025 (as opposed to the normal 5 year lease). Our expectation from informal discussions with Fanshawe SC is that UTRCA are trying to raise revenue by moving lease agreements to a more commercial footing. We expect to further discussions with UTRCA about what this means for the club in coming months. We will update members once we discover if there are implications for 2026 Fees.**
- b. Articles and By-Laws – we have identified that our historic constitution and by-laws are not compliant with current legislation and must be replaced. As of October 19, 2021, the Ontario Non-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) is in force and many of its provision overwrite our by-laws automatically. One of the key tasks for the Board this winter will be to agree new Articles and By-Laws that are compliant with ONCA. We will share the draft with the members in the Spring for comment and input, and present the new Articles and By-Laws for adoption by members vote at the 2026 AGM**
- **Motion made to accept the information officer’s report**

- **Motion - Pat Donelly**
- **Seconded - Dennis Bell**

### iii) Grounds: LJ McKenna

#### a. Property Report

- **LJ described a smooth year with no unexpected issue with an appropriately sized work crew. No concerns regarding to quality of their work or maintenance of the grounds were voiced**
  
- **Motion made to accept the Grounds Director's report**
  - **Motion - Donal O'Conner**
  - **Seconded - Dennis Bell**

### E. Any Other Business

- Growth of Membership / Planning for the Future - Curtis
  - Was briefly discussed in Commodore's welcome
- Peter Case Awards
  - Awarded to Dennis Bell and Rick Thompson for their efforts maintaining and improving the club, and going above and beyond their required hours
- Discussions were had regarding gate use and historical precedent when at the club.
  - **Motion made to keep both gates closed and locked whenever possible**
    - **Motion - Don van Galen**
    - **Seconded - Hans Rosch**
- Discussions were had regarding parking boats on the grass over the winter. Concerns were expressed regarding damage to the grass and grounds, fair treatment when it comes to preferential storage locations and general aesthetics of the property
  - Motion made to designate 2 days per year to help members with boats (launching, raising masts, rigging)
    - **Motion - Lj McKenna**
    - **Seconded - Evan Petronik**
- Discussions were had regarding early procurement of passes at the rates of 2025 if purchased early. Will require further investigations if this is possible. Will procure 30 passes if possible
- Discussions were had regarding general recruitment and new members and

possibly allowing high school students to perform their required hours of community service at the club. Concerns regarding liability were expressed. Will require more investigations before any motions can be made

- Discussions regarding trimming trees were briefly discussed, branches catching on masts/rigging when removing boats. Will require a lift (bucket truck) without the use of chainsaws. No decision was made
- Discussions were had regarding the number of old boats and trailers on the property. Efforts are being made to categorize every boat and trailer and attach it to a current or past member of the club and contact owners of unkempt boats/trailers to have them removed or remove them by the club if no efforts are made by the owner in 3 years

## **F. Close of Meeting**

**Unanimous**