



Battlefords Sailing Club

P.O. Box 1751 North Battleford SK. S9A 3W2

Annual General Meeting 2008

May 4th, 2008, Venice House, North Battleford

(Change of venue and time due to sewage system upgrade underway at BSC Clubhouse)

In attendance: Mark Barclay, Noreen Barclay, Mike Ritchie, Patty Coulson, Jackie Pittman, Jason Wood, Joe Gerlinsky, Bob Woloshyn, Kris Graupe, Shane Fluney, Brian Milley

Regrets: Brad Kowerchuk, Doreen Griffith, Keith Griffith, Lana Abrahamson, Christa Watson, Jocelyn Ritchie

Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m., May 4, 2008.

1. Selection of Recording Secretary - Patty Coulson - Motion by Patty Coulson. Seconded - Mike Ritchie. Carried.

2. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Mike Ritchie to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mark Barclay. Carried

3. Minutes from previous meeting read by Kris Graupe. Motion by Jackie Pittman to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded -Kris Graupe. Carried

4. Business arising from minutes of previous meeting:

a) Pearl Hawkins Community Dinners - Pearl would like to go ahead with the weekly dinners this year. Last year she was travelling when we held this meeting so it was never followed through on. There was a general consensus that a weekly dinner would be very beneficial for the club. The membership is not interested in a nightly event. *Motion by Mike Ritchie that the Club pursue a relationship with Pearl, rent the building to her for the weekly supper. Rent to be negotiated. Seconded by Mark Barclay. Carried.*

b) Open House - Mike Ritchie - Last year the Open House took place on June 23rd. Doreen has the rental schedule so we will need to take bookings into account. Last year we made an exception to the early bird rate (discount of \$40) deadline for new members who purchased a membership on this date.

Motion by Mike Ritchie- The Open House will occur on Saturday, June 21, 2008 from

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The discount will be offered to new members as was the case last year. Seconded by Patty Coulson. Carried.

*c) Disposal of Tumbleweeds - We would like to maintain a variety of boats. The boats are high maintenance. The membership discussed options for decreasing
Motion by Kris Graupe - We disburse of two more Tumbleweeds, leaving the Club with three. Seconded by Shane Fluney. Carried*

d) Sailing School - The school did not occur last year because the SSCA could not recruit enough Instructors. This year the SSCA Training Officer is an ex-Sea Cadet. The only dates available from the SSCA Instructors is late in August or the August long weekend. If we could conduct the training on our own terms (contract our own certified Instructor), we could begin the training earlier in the season and this would be beneficial for membership recruitment. Free lessons will help the membership increase. We did provide free lessons for new members year ago but this is not the case in recent years. Last year we scheduled an Open House style for lessons - Wednesday evenings - "Come out and Learn". If we hire an SSCA Instructor, we will need to recover our costs. We may stand to lose approximately \$1,000.00 if we hire an SSCA Instructor. We may want to discuss with SSCA, the option of hiring an Instructor for three days vs. five days.

Mike decided to brief the membership on the Club financials at this point to help the group put the subject of lessons in perspective.

Motion by Mike Ritchie - That the Club hire the SSCA mobile school beginning the August long weekend at a cost of \$2,000.00 plus mileage for five days. Seconded by Jackie Pittman. Carried

5. Committee Reports

Treasurer Report - Now that we have eliminated the mortgage, the Club is in a better position to initiate repairs. Jocelyn Ritchie contacted Sask. Liquor and Gaming to ask if the funds raised from the Bingos could be used for the repair of the septic system. We were advised that if the repairs are necessary for the operation of the Club, we would be able to use the Bingo funds. The financial statements are not complete.

Motion by Mark Barclay - We accept the Treasurer's report as provided by Mike Ritchie. Seconded by Jackie Pittman. Carried

Motion by Joe Gerlinsky - We defer acceptance of the financial statements until all information is included. Seconded - Noreen Barclay Carried

Regatta Report - The committee chair was unable to attend the event due to a personal injury. A committee of volunteers were able to carry off the event without incident except for the septic system failure. The 2007 Regatta was successful. We try to meet early on the Regatta to ensure that everything is in place well in advance of the event. This has worked very well and the committee chair would like to continue the practice for the 2008 Regatta. Many of our members who have worked the Regatta in years past will be unavailable to run the event this year. Kris identified the boats that will be needed for the event. We will need various people to volunteer as a Manager on the ground, score keepers, rescue workers in the rescue boats. The SSCA can

provide the key individuals to take responsibility for the technical jobs at the Regatta. The SSCA asked if the BSC would host Sail West in August. Kris advised that the number of volunteers will be required for this event is much higher than for our own Regatta. Washroom facilities were an issue the last time that the Club hosted this event (We had a very long lineup immediately prior to the commencement of the race). The SSCA will also provide support in the form of race officials and boats for the coordination of the 2009 event.

Motion by Kris Gaupe - To accept the committee report. Seconded by Jason. carried
Motion by Mike Ritchie - The Club run the Regatta again this year. Seconded by Jason Wood. carried

Bingo Report - We really had a lot of difficulty getting volunteers for the last Bingo. Jocelyn will continue to manage the Bingos for the coming year. She is now a Director on the Bingo Association. It was suggested that when we have the dates for the Club Bingos, we ask each member to select three dates and if the member is unable to attend, we ask the member to secure a replacement volunteer. Patty Coulson volunteered to assist Jocelyn Ritchie with soliciting the Bingo volunteers.

Motion by Mike Ritchie - That the Bingo report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Kris Gaupe. Carried

Harbour Master Report - A very big thank you to Mark and Noreen who were present at the club daily and were present when the septic system problems occurred. We secured another refrigerator for \$100. We would like to rotate members again to take a weekly lawn-cutting chore. The sewer continued to be a major problem this past year. Some functions were jeopardized because of the sewer problems. We are moving ahead with repairs. The winter storm has delayed the repairs but they should be completed this weekend. Keith Griffiths has managed this very well and we thank him for that. Traditionally we have an annual cleanup before the annual general meeting. We have kept the facility in good order so Kris did not believe that a formal cleanup will be necessary. The possibility of purchasing a new lawn mower was discussed. Mark Barclay has offered to repair the damaged portion of the wood railing and to repair a door hinge. We plan to complete the repairs on the Laser.

Motion - Mike Ritchie - The Club release the funds necessary to purchase the lawn mower, repair the Laser sailboat and for the materials to repair the damaged railing. Seconded - Mark Barclay - carried.

Motion - Kris Gaupe - We accept the Harbour Master Report as provided - Seconded - Mark Barclay. Carried

Social Committee - Noreen reported that we continued with the practice of the last Saturday of the month as a Social Evening and this appeared to be a success.

Motion - Noreen - We accept the Social Committee report as presented. Seconded - Jason Wood

Membership Committee - Mike reported that the memberships increased to 39 last year. Last year the membership fee was \$160 with a \$40 discount if paid before the

end of May.

Motion - Mike Ritchie - The membership fee remain the same for 2008.

Motion - Mike Ritchie - That the report be accepted as presented. Seconded - Joe Gerlinsky

Sailing Schools Report - no school last year.

Commodore Report - We have some members who have gone above the call of duty for members and Committee Chairs. The Commodore mentioned several members (Mark and Noreen, Kris and Laurie and Keith and Doreen) who have anchored the Club with all of their extra efforts. Kris thanked the Commodore and his wife, Jocelyn for their work, as well.

Motion - Mike Ritchie - the Commodore's report be accepted. Seconded - Jackie Pittman.

6. No unfinished business

7. New Business

a) *Regatta 2008 - see above*

b) *Sail West - discussion notes under Regatta agenda item.*

Motion by Kris Graupe - We host the 2009 Sail West event. Seconded by Jason Wood. Carried.

c) *Septic System - see Harbour Master report.*

d) *Membership rates for new members.* Mike suggested a discount be offered to new members based upon the date that the member joined - prorate the \$160 - June/July - \$120 and \$80 for August & September. The membership discussed the definition of a new member.

Motion - Mike Ritchie - Membership rates be changed for new members to \$120 until the end of July and \$80 for August and September. Seconded - Shane Fluney. Carried

e) *Boat Storage - charging a nominal fee for storing a boat in the parking lot and on the beach. It was agreed that we defer the decision on this item for another year.*

f) *Club house rental fee - Kris suggested that we review the rental fees for the clubhouse. Mark suggested that we also consider a damage deposit.*

Motion - Kris Graupe - We change the fee for rental of the clubhouse to \$200.00 plus \$200.00 damage deposit and that we update the rental agreement. Seconded - Noreen Barclay. Carried.

Election of Officers –

Motion - Mike Ritchie - That the current executive retire. Seconded Joe Gerlinsky Carried.

Jackie Pittman conducted nominations and presented a slate of nominees provided by the nominations committee.

The following were elected by acclamation:

Commodore: Mike Ritchie

Vice Commodore: Jason Wood

Rear Commodore: Shane Fluney

Harbour Master: Kris Graupe

Executive at Large: Joe Gerlinsky and Jocelyn Ritchie

Committees

The following members volunteered to head up committees for 2008

Sailing School: Brad Kowerchuk

Rentals: Doreen Griffith

Bingos: Jocelyn Ritchie and Patty Coulson

Treasurer: Bryan Milley

Secretary: Recording at executive meetings

Regatta: Joe Gerlinsky, Bob Woloshyn

Member Keys: Noreen and Mark Barclay

Social Committee: Jackie Pittman, Noreen Barclay, Mark Barclay

Webmaster: Shane Fluney

Safety Officer: Brad Kowerchuk

Canteen: Lana Abrahamson

Appointment of Treasurer

Motion by Mike Ritchie – that the Club graciously accept Brian Milley's offer, and appoint Brian as Treasurer for 2008, and that bank signing authority at the Credit Union be change to any two of the three officers and directors: Mike Ritchie (Commodore), Jason Woods (Vice-Commodore), and Brian Milley (Treasurer).

8. Next meeting date - Sunday, May 3, 2009, Battlefords Sailing Club

Motion by Mike Ritchie that the next Annual General Meeting bet set for Sunday May 3, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the Battlefords Sailing Club clubhous. Seconded by Kris Graupe Carried..

9. Motion to adjourn by Mike Ritchie. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

