

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2015

Held at

St. Thomas Anglican Church,
28 Church Street, Shanty Bay, Ontario

1. Call to order.

Having established a quorum was present, the President called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. (Per by-law #4 Section VIII -8.10 - Quorum is 25 persons)

A total of 42 members were in attendance in person and 2 votes submitted by proxy. Notice of the Meeting, the agenda and proxy and AGM Minutes from 2014 were e-mailed on, October 18, 2015.

Recording secretary: Karen Robinson

HYC Board Members for 2014/2015 in attendance:

Bill Reynolds	President
Stan Mathewson	Commodore
Karen Robinson	Secretary
Marc Brenner	Social
Craig Stubbs	Property
Brian Bosman	Membership
Stephen Hall	Harbourmaster
Bob Guenther	Communications
Becky Masterson	Treasurer

2. Appointment and approval of scrutineer.

Motion to accept Tina Muzzin as the scrutineer proposed by Hans Juffermans and seconded by Jim Boyes. There was a show of hands to appoint Tina Muzzin as scrutineer. **Motion carried.**

3. Reading and Approval of 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes.

Motion to forgo reading of Minutes by and seconded by . There was a show of hands to forgo reading as copies were provided to members. A motion to approve the minutes was proposed by Richard Tielen and seconded by Jorge Genth. All agreed. **Motion carried.**

4. Business arising from 2014 AGM

- Code of Conduct presented and passed last May Special Meeting. Bylaw 7.07b change.

Paul Grudzien asked about process for complaint being a face to face meeting about bringing an issue to a complainant in a meeting in front of the board. He is concerned

about the person feeling intimidated. Legal advice dictates that there be a face to face 'discussion'. Joan Juffermans agrees and suggests that a board member be present. Bill explained that the Board or member from the Board would be present at all discussions. The process is in steps that have been laid out in the Bylaw. Joanne has requested the ability to have some representation when the meeting takes place with the accused.

Richard Cousineau wondered if 50%+1 wouldn't be enough. Bill explained that the legal advice was 2/3 of membership in favour was appropriate.

Bill recommended that we accept the Bylaw modifications as it is with the ability to amend it later. **There was a motion to accept by Becky Masterson, seconded by Richard Tielen. Motion carried.**

- The moratorium for the CLUB on not participating in the LSIS was revisited and discussed.
A motion to continue a moratorium was made by Tina Muzzin and seconded by Dave Lawrence. Vote by a show of hands. Motion carried.

5. REPORTS OF DIRECTORS

➤ **President's report: - Bill Reynolds**

As I step down from the Board, I am happy to report that our Club is in good shape. I thank everyone for your encouragement and support over the past years. Our harbour is as close to full as we can expect given the narrow size of some of our slips. We are in good shape financially. We have paid off our debts and over the course of the last few years have been building up our reserve fund which was hit hard by the legal issues. We have dealt with the legal challenge from former shareholders that resulted from organizational restructuring and worked hard to bring our bylaws in line with the Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act. We continue to look for economical solutions to the restrictions our harbour layout imposes on new and bigger boats coming to HYC. This will take some time and ingenuity as the target is constantly moving with members leaving and new members arriving.

HYC provides us with a great harbour, first rate facilities, convenient sailing waters and anchorages, excellent social activities, and all at a good price. It is no surprise that many of our members have invested their time and effort into improving the Club's infrastructure and ensured that we have opportunities to get together for fun and enjoyment. The time we spend together working around the property, cleaning, improving, repairing, building, or contributing to the social venues including racing, cruising, banquets, dances, and just sitting around with friends and acquaintances talking, joking and laughing together all contributes to the character and strength of this community. This community atmosphere is what distinguishes the Club from other harbours and marinas. It is something we must all work to maintain and grow.

I have enjoyed my terms on the Board over the past six years. I have learned a lot. I know the history of this club. I understand the strengths and needs of this organization to a much deeper extent than I could have had outside of the Board. Hopefully, I contributed to the growth and strengthening of this Club. I have had the privilege of working with some wonderful and knowledgeable people, making many friends with folks whom I have met through my job as a Board member. I won't kid you, it was work and there were days when I wondered what I was doing here, but in the end, I figure the hard work we all did helped make HYC the kind of Club we can all enjoy.

Volunteering for work parties and social events is a good start but this Club needs people to take responsibility for decision making, management and its daily operations. For that reason I strongly encourage all of you to consider service on the Board as something you can do and SHOULD do. HYC will continue to thrive only if we all do our part.

Thanks again to all of you for your help, encouragement and support over these last six years. I especially thank my wife, Gale, for listening to my frustrations and offering her support when the pressures of the job got to me. I am proud to be a member of this family – HYC.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Reynolds

➤ **Commodore – Stan Mathewson**

In my August Telltales report I mentioned the energy in the Club and I still feel that energy. From the Board meetings throughout the winter and into the summer and the great member attendance and member leadership at all our wonderful events, on and off the water, at the small gatherings around picnic tables, at the Clubhouse, on various boats around the harbour and at work parties there is a great feeling of engagement and involvement throughout the Club. We all just love this Club and it shows.

This is indeed the best little sailing club on the lake and I am honoured to have been Commodore during 2015.

In addition to the energy and engagement of the members with the club and each other, I am also pleased with the business state of the Club. While Sophie and I are relatively new as members, our association with HYC is at least a decade old and we are aware of the tough times that the Club has been through during part of that decade. However, the tough times, both financial and emotional are behind us now and the Club has emerged strong and vibrant and I would like to personally and publically thank our Boards during this time for their strength and leadership and especially Bill Reynolds for the past 6 years of unwavering determination to do the best for this Club as President.

The Commodore's Ball, with almost 100 members and guests celebrating the end of another great season, is behind us now and we find ourselves at the 41st Annual General Meeting and the business of the club; which I am pleased to say is in good shape and has the promise of getting better in the coming years.

The 2015 Board has shaped a strong view for the future and I am confident that future Boards will be able to continue to build on the current foundation. The Board needs and values the input of the members and the AGM is our opportunity for dialogue and discussion about our collective future and I look forward to your input.

In closing I find myself thinking about 2016 and the promise of seeing the majority of skippers and crews participating in Sail Past to begin our 42nd sailing season with even more energy and engagement than 2015. May you all have fair winds and see you next year.

➤ **Secretary – Karen Robinson**

This is my third and final AGM as Secretary and to be honest, I am relieved. Although I love sailing and love being a member of Hawkestone Yacht Club, I am not a computer savvy person and am relieved for you all that you will have a new Secretary starting today.

It has been a privilege to get to know and work with a group of enthusiastic, fun and hardworking people on the Board these past three years. The amount of time and effort that has gone into the organization and running of our amazing Yacht Club has been eye-opening for me; an experience, I feel, we could all benefit from.

Jim and I have decided to give up our slip and sail in Georgian Bay next year. We'll miss seeing everyone here on the weekends but will remain Members at Hawkestone and hope to see you at some social functions.

Thank you for your encouragement and patience with me as your Secretary. It's been a pleasure getting to know many of you! Who ever gets our slip, are lucky to be tied up between Neil (watch what lands in your cockpit) and Jim, Cheryl and Murphy!

I wish you fair winds and following Seas!

➤ **Membership & Safety – Brian Bosman**

2015 had some more changes take place within the club. Some members have left HYC, but we have also gained new members. There is continued interest in membership, and slip availability at HYC. The following is a list of goodbyes and hellos.

Goodbyes:

Colin and Maureen Ralph-Edwards

Valerie Hathaway

Bob and Ros Hesser

Andrew and Stephanie McGuinness

Allison Steele

Mark and Joanne Scharf

Peter Kaczanowski

Hellos:

David Warren

Ron deGroot

Veso Tijanac

John Bamford

➤ **Harbourmaster – Stephen Hall**

2015 started out as a great year for sailing and ended in sadness at the loss of one of our members, Drummond McKerrow. In true Hawkstone fashion members stood up and assisted where needed in looking after the boat for Drummond. This was also the case when one or more of our club was sick or injured, it was heartwarming to see folks step up and do something nice to help another club member. In seeing this I was proud to be a part of this club and it made my decision to come to HYC as well as volunteer to be a member of this board all the more enjoyable and rewarding.

My mission at the beginning of the spring was to ensure that all the boats at the club were launched safely into the harbor. With assistance from the previous harbor master, Dave Jewett, I was guided through the planning process to a successful launch. Dave also was instrumental in helping me through the fall lift out planning as well and I want

to thank him for his assistance among others who helped throughout this learning process.

As most of you found out during lift out the water level in the harbor has dropped significantly over the summer and although there are some concerns about the levels I can assure you this a controlled lowering of water levels which occurs every year at the same time and is referred to as "drawdown". The conservation authority has assured all concerned that they are managing the levels as best as they can. That being said until most recently the water levels within the harbor have been consistently 6- 6.5 feet or higher throughout. One reason for this success I believe is the bubblers that have controlled the growth as well as other factors and we will continue to monitor the levels and take action where needed. In the end what this means is that we did not need to dredge the harbor in 2015 and most likely may not need to do it in 2016.

In the spring prior to launch we will be doing some repairs to the mooring posts within the club. Currently there are three that need repairs as well as one or two that will need to be reinstalled. In consultation with the property director and others we will also be embarking on an engineering review of the harbor wall and developing a plan to repair/replace as needed to ensure our club is safe and secure for years to come.

2016 promises to be another year of transition at HYC with at least three new boats coming to our club and two or more moving on and or changing hands. The plan for this transition is already in place and although it may need some or a lot of adjusting I believe we will have a full harbor with very little upheaval if any to current sailing members.

As you harbor master I want to thank those that assisted with all the club activities this past year. Your knowledge experience and willingness to help support you fellow club members made a challenging job easier and very rewarding. I look forward to working and sailing with you all in 2016

➤ **Social – Marc Brenner**

I inherited the social portfolio last year from Bob Hesser. He did an amazing job and I have tried to scramble just to maintain what he did.

I'd like to start by saying that it has been a lot more enjoyable being your Social director than I ever imagined, and for two reasons. The first is the people on our board. We should all feel privileged and grateful to have this group of people guide our club. I know I do. The second is our membership. I belong to other groups and sit on other boards and the main problem most groups experience is a lack of volunteers. Not so at Hawkestone. So many of you give your time and expertise to the club, way beyond the required minimum hours. It is a great comfort to know that when something needs to be done willing hands are available.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who help out at our Social events and encourage those very few of you who don't, to come and enjoy the parties.

You may remember that at last year AGM part of Bob's report was presented as a poem.

I enjoyed it so much that it inspired me to try my hand at versifying. I apologize if I inadvertently leave out your name.

So here goes.

The year started briskly with our lift ins two.
Catering by Sherri and Karen and crew.

While Craig and Steve put the cradles to bed
Alice saw to it that movers were fed.

Our Sailpast was magnificent
Thanks to Paula the Beneficent
and Stan the Omnipotent.

Our Boat and Art show happened in June.
Margie Pat and Dave were singing in tune.

The Shanigans rocked for more than a few.
Thanks to Paul and Joanne for a wonderful do.
Though none involved can still be called "youngster"
They did a great job serving us Lobster.

For me perhaps the most fun all year
Were the Beer Can races, full of good cheer.
Every Friday we raced, wind permitting it must be said.
While Marisa and team kept us well timed and well fed.

The torch was by Paula again taken up.
In August the beef was surely not tough.
The dancing went on well into the night.
But by morning light the beach was a sight.

The Dixons fed us a feed the following day
While hangovers were nursed, Oy vay.

We had our regatta, too bad: no wind
But pasta and coffee went well with poutine.
Kudos to Thrump cap's marvelous crew
We capped off the weekend with a tasty strong brew.

With vittles served by Cathy, Paula, and Pat.
We lunched by the harbour cuz that's where it's at.
And once more we put our dear vessels to sleep
To dream until spring of sailing the deep.

Our gambling addictions were well fed by Stan.
The party was hearty so let's thank the Man.

Today is the day we plan for a future sans debt.
But we must not forget to thank Sandy and Rhett.

And now I am here to thank one and all.
This couldn't have happened without y'all.

This brings to an end these couplets that match.

Adieu pour l'hiver , then again, down the hatch.

For those of you who would like to be a convenor next year, there's openings available on the bristol board. It's not that hard to manage an event. All it takes is a bit of spare time and a desire to see the club have a successful event. Many past convenors kept excellent notes and they make it as easy as following a recipe. Remember, there's lots of help to be had.

Again, thanks to my all my hard working fellow board members, Bob Hesser my predecessor, and most of all Pat my wife for making this job the pleasure it is. Thanks also to all the convenors and volunteers who can't all be named. Without you this club would not exist as we know it.

➤ **Communications – Bob Guenther**

Ongoing Club Communications continued in 2015 through our web site blogs and data storage the newsletter "Telltale" and the email message system that was upgraded in 2014 to meet new government anti-spam regulations. These communication systems will continue to keep you in the loop into 2016.

2015 brought a few more infrastructure changes. The email communication list was expanded as well as changes on the web site, mostly internal access/usage by the members. The WiFi was reconfigured and with it came increased coverage of the club grounds.

With the network infrastructure now in place we started to install more operational/safety features to the backbone. The first was the installation of environmental sensors in the clubhouse that allow us to monitor temperatures in a couple of the rooms when no one is at the club. An additional sensor was installed in the outside septic tank area to monitor the temperature beside the septic tank as well as outside the box.

Next year we will continue to expand the monitoring for other areas as well as investigate the use of security cameras, door locks, etc.

Thank you for your continued support, your ideas, feedback and contributions. It has been a pleasure to serve HYC. Please continue to send me new ideas and input for the Communications portfolio.

➤ **Property – Craig Stubbs**

It has been a very busy year for me, learning the inner workings of HYC both as a club, and the various systems, and maintenance of the club property itself. I would like to thank everyone for their continuous efforts at looking after various projects with and without me present.

This past year has seen members, both long time and new, continue to improve the grounds, cleaning up brush, the gardens, etc. The pride people show in keeping HYC beautiful is wonderful, and I am happy to be a part.

We have installed sensors to monitor temperature in the clubhouse, as well as improvements to internet service.

The apartment stove was replaced, chest freezer, faucets, harbour faucets, kitchen faucet, as well as an addition to the bubbler system. The system appears to helping

with the weed growth in the harbour, and will hopefully reduce our long term dredging expense.

Numerous improvements to the water system have been made over the years. This year saw the addition of a manifold to isolate various water lines, and a large compressor to aid the winterization process. Once again, hats off to everyone involved!

Moving forward, we will continue to improve the grounds, docks, and parking. The clubhouse will be getting a face lift with new flooring. The washrooms will also see new counters, sinks and mirrors.

The ongoing battle against brush, falling trees will continue, as well as the removal of some trees to improve boat positioning on the hard. The transition from lawn to docks will be levelled around the harbour as well.

We will be obtaining an engineering study on options for replacing the harbour wall, and associated cost.

We will be looking at generator power to supply essential emergency power to the apartment, and clubhouse to prevent freezing of pipes.

We have also purchased 4 new carts to make moving personal effects from car to boat easier. (Fuel excluded)

My goal as Property Director is to continue the efforts of many great past directors at HYC, who still continue to contribute. The efforts of all, past and present members, and directors have made this a beautiful place to be, and I hope to continue the tradition.

➤ **Treasurer's report – Becky Masterson**

To All HYC Members:

Here we are again at our AGM! It's November and we have our boats all ready for another winter, had a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends and a fun filled time at the Commodore's Ball. I can't believe we've done all this three times while I was on the Board of Directors!

You should all have received your invoice for next year. If you haven't, please let me know ASAP and I will get a copy to you. Just a reminder that this is due by November 30, 2015. This year we will be enforcing the late payment fee unless you have made previous arrangements with me.

I have attached a copy of this next fiscal year's budget for us all to review. We have some large expenses coming up with the largest being a dredge of the harbour. I have also attached a copy of the updated Prescribed Rate Schedule. Once again we have some small increases to keep up with the rising costs of running our Club. This has again been kept to a minimum due to the hard work of our members.

This year I have asked Trent Tunstall, our Accountant to present the Review Engagement for our last fiscal year. Please let Trent know if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

As I leave the Board of Directors for Hawkestone Yacht Club, I would like to thank all of you for the encouragement and support you have shown me over the last 3 years. I certainly wouldn't have made it through without it. I wish you all a healthy and happy holiday season and hopefully spring will be here before we know it!

With sincere thanks,

Becky Masterson

Treasurer – Hawkestone Yacht Club

6. Statement For Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2015 and 2016 Budget

- Becky presented the 'Final Budget for 2016' line by line and there was a general discussion of the financial statement:
- Trent Tunstall gave a presentation to the members about the Statement of Financial Position.
- Jim Boyes asked about the ability to invest money that is being held for repaying any members that chose to leave the club and receive their 'Pay-Out' (Membership Subscriptions)
- Frank inquired why we haven't put aside more funds for 'Major repair reserve'.
- Lengthy discussion about 'Reserve Fund' with concerns from Jim Boyes and Frank B. Trent spoke to it; Bill also discussed reasons for having a 'Reserve Fund' for future large expenditures. Stan M. discussed that over the winter the Board is going to organize how Reserve Fund will be used.

Frank expressed thanks to a well-organized Financial Statement and presentation by Becky and Trent Tunstall.

Motion of Approval of Financial Statement as presented by Trent Tunstall by Jim Boyes, seconded by Frank B. Motion carried.

Motion of Approval of Actions of the Board by Richard Tielen, seconded by Dave Lawrence. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Accountant, Trent Tunstall by Becky and seconded by Frank B. Motion carried.

- Bill discussed moving the year end so that there is time to have the Review Engagement completed before the AGM. For a Not-for-profit corporation it is recommended that Financial Statements need to be available to membership twenty-one days before AGM. Therefore, we won't be in a big rush to change things now as this Law will not be changing until 2020. An audit every year would cost \$10,000/year. We are in –line with Not for Profit Organization.

7. Election of Members to the Board of Directors.

Nomination of Candidates for election to Board for a three year term.

Three candidates have been recommended by the nominating committee:

Susan Keeping

David Lochhead

David Lawrence

No candidates were nominated from the floor.

Moved to close nominations by Jim Boyes and seconded by Richard T. Motion carried.

Declare the election by acclimation.

New Directors for the 2015-2018 Term are:

Susan Keeping

David Lochhead

David Lawrence

8. Other Items of Business

- Received letter from Colin Bolden re: budget and finances. Will be reviewed at first Board meeting.
- Frank would like a nice roof over the patio in front – lakeside – from the clubhouse – so an event can be held in the rain.
- Hans brought to attention the wet area on the West side of the Harbour – near slip 29. People have slipped and fallen on docks as well as too shady to grow very much grass.
A solution could be possibly to clean out some of the trees to allow sunlight.
Craig mentioned a rubber product that can be used on dock to prevent slipping.
- Mary Ann suggested a commercial refrigeration to allow better refrigerated storage for large events that we have at the club.
- John Logrippo asked about Engineer report looking into all options for ‘the Wall’. I.e. Concrete or steel for the wall.
- Mike Masterson wondered about widening the entrance to the harbour to allow more unimpeded traffic.
- Joan J. asked about security for the entrance gate. Show of hands interested in an electric gate or a more secure entrance. Joanne said Barrie YC has had a gate with a key card. If you lose the key card you pay to replace it. She says they have had success with it.
- David Lochhead mentioned that the angle of the entrance may cause some problems with key pad.
- Brian Bosman suggested a keypad on the washrooms – a lot of uninvited visitors are there to use the washrooms. After a year, people will stop coming down to use the washrooms once they cannot be entered.
- Bob Guenther discussed Security Cameras on property. Perhaps even ‘fake’ ones.
- Kim G. asked members to pick up anything they have left in freezer or fridge or it will be thrown out next week.
- Stan presented Bill Reynolds with a Ship’s Bell thanking him for six wonderful years of service as President of Hawkestone Yacht Club on behalf of the membership.
- Richard T. and Ron Marsh presented Bill Reynolds with a Davis Mark 5 Sextant in appreciation of ‘Navigating the Club through some Stormy weather.’

9. Adjournment.

Hans J moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Frank Bellchamber. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Minutes approved per:

Karen Robinson, Secretary

Bill Reynolds, President