

Cowichan Wooden Boat Society
Annual General Meeting
Monday November 25, 2013 @ 7:00PM

Present: 54 members and guest

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm Questions were invited after each item.

1. Agenda: Motion: To approve the Agenda as presented
(M) Peter Edgar Motion Carried

2. Minutes 2012: Two items from previous Minutes were discussed. A suggestion from the floor to alter the wording of Motion 7g was proposed and defeated.

Motion: To approve minutes of the AGM held on 13 November, 2012
(M) Charles Rowley Motion Carried

3. Business arising from the minutes

None

4. Financial Report

Gerald Cross Chartered Accountant, volunteer accountant for the Society, presented the Financial Statements (Balance Sheet and Statement of Operations). This financial report encompassed August 31 2012 to August 31 2013. An audit was not required and waived. Gerald Cross affirmed that the financial statements are unaudited and are not a stability indicator. The full Gaming Grant had been rejected but a partial was received. The HST rebate covered 2012 and had just arrived.

Peter Holmes (Treasurer) presented an overview of the Society's financial activities for the year ending 31 August, 2013.

There was a tight rein on expenses this year with low boat sales, delayed HST rebate and no Gaming grant money but now with our fundraising efforts and HST rebate we have managed to fund the pod roofs completely.

There is as of today a cash in hand balance for the new board to work with to develop some great events. This amount is approximate due to some receivables not yet in and some deposits to make.

Chq. Acct. \$36,133.14

GIC's \$22,191.21

Gaming acct. \$35,918.95

\$94,243.30 From this balance there is still +/- \$16,500 to pay to the roofers.

The HST rebate came in earlier this month and the gaming grant of 34k came in last Friday

The P&L comparisons Sept. 2012 to Aug. 2013 are difficult to compare for many of the acct. numbers as the inputs vary from source and are unverifiable in the past. In 2013 we have spent much time simplifying the accts. They require ongoing diligent management by the new board.

Note: as of August 31st we were running a loss of -\$27,590.00 but we are now in November showing a profit of +\$16,392.58 due to our HST rebate and Gaming grant.

There was some discussion about changing the year end to allow for a better picture of the financial activity over the busier months. Discussion raised concerns about the effect a change might have on charitable status. A change to year end must be approved by Revenue Canada.

Motion to give the Directors the direction to investigate the possibility to change the year end to October 31st and do so at their discretion.

(M) Chris Banner Motion Carried

Motion: To accept the financial report

(M) Chris banner Motion Carried

5. Reports

A) President's Report – Gloria Craig

This was truly a year of change, a year of restructuring. The intent, always, to safeguard the viability of the Maritime Centre. Our review was comprehensive and included a change to the responsibilities of the Board Members. Each was more involved in the day to day operations and had responsibilities beyond the traditional. The staffing model changed to one of two key employees, Facilities Manager and General Manager. Our model allowed for the off hours support of our Ways operator and it also provided shipwright services where required, a distinctly unique opportunity for our members. Our staff were independent of each other but worked closely for the full benefit of the Centre. They were diligent, resourceful and committed to making this the good year that it was. They energized the community in its support of the Maritime Centre and they were resourceful in finding solutions to our financial restraint. They made us proud.

We had several great events, and we partnered with the community on Cowichan Bay events. The feedback from members of the community was clearly in favour of the traditional Annual Boat Festival with all the aspects including the races and Fast and Furious Boat Building. The merchants were overwhelmingly supportive of all events and demonstrated strong support for the Maritime Centre by donating prizes, sponsoring musicians and events and sponsoring teams in the Fast and Furious Boat building. They love the energy that the event brings to the bay.

The Speaker Series continued to be popular. This year we had a broad range of speakers, several of our own members presenting on what is their special interest. We thank them.

Bob has almost singlehandedly created order and a positive environment in the library and he has named it the Crow's Nest. We have an amazing collection and amazing view in the library. The interest in our library continues to grow from members and groups and donations of rare books and of course magazines continue to arrive.

Our museum in the front building continues to intrigue visitors. We look forward to the completion, once again of our pods and the end pavilion as we feature many of our heritage pieces there. The ongoing happenings in the back shop and motor corner are for many of our visitors, the most intriguing aspect of the Centre. Our shop, our Ways and the people they meet here in our Centre all contribute to the experience. Visitors love the Maritime Centre in large

part because of who they meet here. This year their donations exceeded \$13,000. Thank you to everyone.

B) Facilities Manager - Tony Owen

Tony is presently overseeing the pod and pavilion re-roofing which is moving along well.

57 boat hauls this past summer with ways helper Jim Burden and glad to report with no mishaps. Weekly maintenance and upgrades have helped keep things on track. Equipment and tools need to continually be organized and maintained. The Shop is increasingly busy with projects, for example a member is busy milling wood to build 3 kayaks. Maintenance and rebuilding is continuous. The result is that 4 rowboats are now in great shape with the newest addition being a 2 station Whitehall rowboat.

We held two group courses: Lapstrake dinghy, 6 participants under the tutelage of Eric Sandilands and we had one Paddle Making course.

Our summer students Alice and Dan were supervised resulting in many tasks getting done, tasks such as pier painting. Our two Exchange students, one from Quebec and one from Mozambique are enjoying their experience here and will go home having a newly built paddle. Our Outboard Motors division has had some good donations. They will be ready for sales next spring. Donations are appreciated.

It has been a positive year and I thank the volunteers who donate their time and skills around our facility.

C) Halcyon II - Lew Penney The Halcyon II team has maintained it in top form. The Halcyon II team attended the Ladysmith Heritage Event and the Classic Boat Show in Victoria. The Halcyon II continues to draw attention and bring credit to the Maritime Centre. Next year the maintenance needs will be greater.

D) Wednesday Knights - Dave Knott & Arlene McPherson

The Wednesday Knights are a group that meet every Wednesday evening and work on some sort of boat project. Pictures were on display.

Currently the Wednesday Knights are working on a second Snipe sailing dinghy to go with the first, with the idea that they can be used for a learn to sail program. The first restored snipe was built as one of six, for the 1980s Can-am games. After sailing it, it was obvious why this class was chosen as it can be an exciting dinghy to sail but still be safe enough for three to four novices.

For a future project the Wednesday Knights are looking for a clinker or carvel hull that needs restoration, about 16 feet, with the idea of making it into an open launch with an inboard motor and having some decent freeboard. Anyone who knows or has such a project that they would like to donate please let Dave Knott know. All projects become an asset for the society, to be either used or sold.

Anyone who is a current member can join this group. Every week at least 4-5 turn out on a regular basis, sometimes more but rarely less. All are from different walks of life and have different skills that the others can learn from. They have fun and most important it's all to do with boats.

The Wednesday Knights generally meet at the pub at 6 for supper and then start at the centre soon after 7. Dave encouraged everyone to join the group on Wednesday evening.

The number in the Wednesday Knight group continues to grow. One of our newest members, Arlene is an experienced cabinet builder and general manager of Gillingham cabinets. Arlene spoke of her involvement in the recent project and encouraged others to come out.

E) Duncan Dabber Bingo Society ☒ Len Mayea As CWBS representative to the Duncan Dabber's Bingo Society Len attends quarterly Duncan Dabber Bingo Society Meetings. He reported that as a result of the high costs of running Cowichan Chances the revenue is down and the workload for the directors of Duncan Dabber Bingo Society has been horrendous resulting in decreased donations to CWBS and other charities. Previous revenues from DDBS ranged from 5-6,000 yearly. The \$2012-2013 fiscal year realized \$1000 -1500. There are changes occurring in the Society that might see the organization sold. In the event of a sale, the CWBS is a shareholder and would receive 1/64th of the selling price.

6. **New Business:**

A) Consider the following motion.

Motion: that the appointment of an auditor for the ensuing year be waived and that the Board of Directors are authorized to appoint an accountant for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year.

Some discussion about when and why our organization might consider a full audit.

(M) Gloria Craig Motion Carried

B) Recognition of Volunteers

Volunteers have donated almost 4000 hours of their time to support the work of the Maritime Centre. Volunteers do a variety of work: clean, paint, build, repair, erect tents, sell raffle tickets, serve as techie, maintain our web site, do office work, and set up events. They bring skill and expertise and the gift of time. They are a most valuable resource for the Centre.

Tonight we honour all our volunteers with a small token of appreciation to say Thank You.

7. **Election of Directors**

Glenn Terrell declared that the meeting was properly constituted, the notice was sent out to members in accordance with the Society Act and a quorum was present. The number of available positions was determined to be six. There were five nominees for six positions. There were no declarations of interest or impediments from the nominees.

As there were 5 nominees proposed and no more nominees from the floor, the five nominees will stand.

Glenn Terrell declared the Board to be Jorg Langewitz, Chris Banner, Victor Lironi, Len Mayea, Tim Doyle with current Directors Bob Weinberg and Lori Fasullo, starting the second of their two year term and Gloria Craig serving an additional year in her capacity as past-president. The new Board may appoint an additional Director whose term would be for one year.

8. Adjournment was at 9:05

Social: Light refreshments