

26-April-2023

MINUTES

Burrard Civic Marina Community Association - <https://www.bcmca.org/>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

DATE: April 26, 2023
LOCATION: Marina Members Lounge
QUORUM: 4 executives and 4 members-at-large present, comprising a quorum.
NOTICE: Notice was posted on April 14, 2023

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Joao Carlos D’Almeida (“JC”)
Sean Smith
Dragan Stankovic
Ken Christie

REGRETS: Peter Derviller (Secretary)

AGENDA: 1. Motion to Approve 2022 Minutes
2. Financial Report
3. Election of Directors
4. Swap Meet
5. Shoreline Cleanup
6. Promoting and recruiting new BCMCA members
7. Possible parking lot layout changes
8. Discussion on crane, dinghy transport wagon
9. Other new business

1. MOTION TO APPROVE

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed: Ken C.
Seconded: Dragan
Passed: Unanimous.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT:

OPENING BANK BALANCE	\$1,683.04
INCOME	\$420.00
EXPENSES	\$191.00
BANK CHARGES	<u>\$21.00</u>
NET INCOME	\$207.10
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$1890.14

JC said there were currently 54 members in the list, of which at the present time 19 were paid up.

MOTION TO ACCEPT

FINANCIAL REPORT: Proposed: Rob S.
Seconded: Dragan
Passed: Unanimous

3. **Election of Directors**

There are five (5) Director positions to be filled. If there are more than five volunteers for Director positions, an election will be held, or per the Society Act, Part 5, 25(2), the membership may approve having more than 5 directors.

Directors for 2022-2023 were:

- JC d’Almeida (Spokesman)
- Sean Smith (Spokesman)
- Dragan Stankovic
- Ken Christie
- Peter Derviller

There are no nominations and all directors have agreed to serve another term.

DISCUSSION & MOTIONS

4. **Swap meet and BBQ**

Date set for Sunday May 28, 9 to noon. Sean and JC to donate their boat BBQs to the effort. Club to cover expenses for smokies and pop/juice. Some posters to be put on the bulletin board, and notice sent out to members by email.

5. **Shoreline cleanup**

It was agreed that mid-September is a good time for this, as low tides are generally in the middle of the day. JC to organize, with BBQ to follow.

6. **Promoting and recruiting new members**

Discussion around reviewing and improving the website, making it more friendly and positive for potential interested parties. A QR code could be a handy feature to put on posters or business cards. Peter D. said he would work on a poster. Dragan said that Google Groups is soon going away, and something will have to be done to keep an online forum going.

7. **Parking lot, possible changes to layout**

Some boat trailer parking has been shifted to the west, opening up an area for general parking closer to the gate. This seems to be a good idea. Discussion about suggesting to the marina office that more boat trailer parking could be shifted westward. Generally these do not move very often. The bike lane remains a source of conflicts and potential hazards. Many close calls due to the fence blocking the line of sight just when one wants to leave the lot by car, or on foot. Keeping small children from running into the path of speeding bikes can be a concern. No clear solutions, but concerns should be raised with Parks Board.

Some discussion as well about the new parking system, some pros and cons, and confusion about how the visitor pass system works. Windshield stickers no longer required, as EasyPark now simply scans license plates, which must be registered. Downside is only one vehicle can be registered. This makes it difficult if people use more than one vehicle, even though they may only be bringing a single vehicle into the lot at a time. The parking pass hangar was much more versatile for this use.

8. Crane and dinghy wagon

Still no valid reason why we no longer have a functioning launching crane. This was also the best method for dinghy launching. Trying to use the dinghy wagon on the ramp, when it is slippery with mud and seaweed, is dangerous.

The desire to express concerns, and pose questions to Parks Board, sets the stage for a request to resume the annual “Open House”, which had been cancelled due to COVID. This had been widely appreciated as the single opportunity for marina patrons to have open discussions with Parks Board staff. A request to resume the Open House program will be made.

9. Other New Business

- a. Discussion around what to do with some of the money we have in the bank. Suggestions:
 - I. Ken C.: Host educational courses, and offer some financial reimbursement for instructors. Most instructors do not work for free. A questionnaire could be made up, asking marina patrons what kind of courses or seminars they might be interested in.
 - II. Mike D. suggested possible cruise events, like renting Camp Artaban, he has some connections there.
- b. It was noticed that there have been some improvements to docks at the marina, some missing/broken fingers have finally been restored, and old warped or rotten walers on some docks are being replaced. This is a pleasant surprise, and a most welcome development. Some discussion about whether this may be due to the new ABC dominated City Hall and Parks Board. It was suggested that a “Thank You” letter be sent to councillors and commissioners. A similar letter could be sent to Eric and the marina office staff. This would be a good way to signal that the BCMCA appreciates good outcomes at the marina, this is after all one of our core goals.

10. Meeting Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

AT 9:06 PM:

Proposed:	Rob S.
Seconded:	Dragan
Passed:	Unanimous